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Comments: My comments for the rewrite of the Cimarron and Comanche Grasslands Plan Revision.

How can we include wording which would allow the grazing permit holder to maintain two track roads on the forest service land? We have hunters, recreationists, etc. who travel these roads, tearing them up when it's wet, plus erosion. We need to be able to maintain them as we see fit.

When prairie dogs are allowed to create large towns they keep the dirt broken up and exposed to the elements. This allows the wind and heavy rain to erode the country and we lose the top soil. We need to be allowed to control the prairie dogs so we don't lose all the top soil which heavily restricts recovery of the land in the future.

Ranchers have concerns about hunters camping too close to water sources for their cattle. When camping close to the water source, cattle and wildlife are hesitant to come for a drink. This effects the health of animals especially when this is the only source of water available in the pasture. Maybe there should be a quarter mile buffer from tanks and ponds to allow animals unrestricted access to water.

Remember most ranchers are generational stewards of the land. Our family now has the seventh generation living on the ranch. Most ranchers take care of the land whether it is deeded or forest service as our lives depend on it. We want to leave it in better shape than we found it for the next generation so we manage it for the future.

Thank you,

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