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Route To:

Subject: Management Area Allocation to Acquired Lands - Administrative Change to the 2001 Dakota Prairie Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan - Public Notice

To: Interested Public

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands is making an administrative change to Chapter 3. Management Area Direction (beginning p. 3-1) of the 2001 Dakota Prairie Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan. The purpose for the change is to allocate Management Areas to approximately 5,179 acres of acquired lands located on the Medora Ranger District. This change will increase the acres of each Management Area reflected in the 2001 Dakota Prairie Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan.

The administrative change does not change desired conditions, goals, objectives, standards, or guidelines in the grasslands plan. The administrative change does not change the monitoring plan. Management area allocations are considered an administrative change per the Land Exchange regulations at 36 CFR 254.3 and Planning Regulations at 36 CFR 219.13.

Pursuant to 219.13(c)(2), documentation of this administrative change is being posted on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/dpg/landmanagement/planning>

The administrative change is provided in the table below and displayed in the associated map titled: *Administrative Management Area Designation for Acquired Elkhorn Ranchlands*. This administrative change is effective immediately.

The following adjacent management areas have been selected:

- 3.51b Bighorn Sheep with Non-Federal Mineral Ownership
 - These areas are managed to provide quality forage, cover, escape terrain, and solitude for bighorn sheep.
- 3.65 Rangelands with Diverse Natural-Appearing Landscapes
 - This management area emphasizes maintaining or restoring a diversity of desired plants and animals and ecological processes and functions. It also provides a mix of other rangeland values and uses with limits on facilities to maintain a natural appearing landscape.
- 4.22 Scenic Areas, Vistas, or Travel Corridors
 - This area is management to protect or preserve the scenic values and recreation uses of scenic areas, vistas, or travel corridors.





1. Administrative Change: Management Area allocations and associated acres.

Management Area Code	Management Area Description	Acres
3.51b	Bighorn Sheep with Non-Federal Mineral Ownership	2,249
3.65	Rangelands with Diverse Natural-Appearing Landscapes	2,434
4.22	Scenic Areas, Vistas, or Travel Corridors	496
Total Acres		5,179



