



National Grasslands Visitor Center | April 2026



The US Forest Service - National Grasslands Visitor Center will be hosting a Black-footed Ferret Poster Contest to celebrate the reintroduction of the endangered Black-footed ferret on US Forest System Lands.

Once thought to be extinct, North America’s Black-footed ferrets have made a comeback on protected prairies. This member of the weasel family is very charismatic and vital to grassland ecosystems. Help us in celebrating the Black-footed ferret by creating art of them in their natural habitat.

Contest Information

Students from kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate in a Black-footed Ferret Poster Contest to help promote the conservation of this endangered species. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the importance of grassland wildlife through their original artwork of a Black-footed ferret. School districts, homeschools, youth programs, scout groups, and other informal education, community, or youth organizations can submit entries from school-aged children are encouraged to participate.

Email SM.FS.nnf_info@usda.gov or call **(605) 279-2125** with any questions



National Grasslands Visitor Center, Wall, South Dakota
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The Poster Contest consists of four divisions:

1. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade
2. 3rd Grade through 5th Grade
3. 6th Grade through 8th Grade
4. 9th Grade through 12th Grade

Winners will be chosen from each division. Each winner will have their artwork displayed at the National Grasslands Visitor Center in Wall, South Dakota. Winners will receive a Black-footed ferret prize basket provided by Black Hills Parks and Forests Association.

For complete contest rules, and how to submit your poster, see the event website:

