PROHIBITION

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) in the Wall Ranger District of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland, described in detail below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Appendix A, hereinafter referred to as the “Described Areas”:

Hunting of prairie dogs. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(v).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons in possession of Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48, Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order, specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).

2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting service in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREAS

The Described Areas include the following NFS lands located in Pennington and Jackson Counties, South Dakota:

1. Scenic – The NFS lands around Scenic, South Dakota, starting at the boundary of Badlands National Park in the southwest following the Buffalo Gap National Grassland boundary to the east and north, then west along the northern Buffalo Gap National Grassland boundary, and then south and east following fencing and natural features until ending at the boundary of Badlands National Park in the southwest.

2. Imlay – The NFS lands west of Imlay, South Dakota, starting at the boundary of Badlands National Park in the southwest, continuing along the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and Buffalo Gap National Grassland boundary east and north, and then
following the Badlands National Park boundary and Buffalo Gap National Grassland boundary west until ending at the intersection of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Badlands National Park, and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation boundary.

3. **Conata** – The NFS lands surrounding Conata, South Dakota, starting at the boundary of Badlands National Park in the northwest and following the Buffalo Gap National Grassland boundary south-southeast to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation boundary, then east toward the town of Interior, South Dakota, and meeting the boundary of Badlands National Park northwest of Interior, South Dakota, and then following the Badlands National Park Boundary west and ending at the boundary of Badlands National Park in the northwest.

4. **Northcentral of Badlands National Park** – The NFS lands starting at the southeast boundary and following NFS Road 7116 to the north, turning west following fencing and natural features, and then turning south back to the boundary of Badlands National Park.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on ________________ at _____ and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded.

2. A map of the Described Areas is incorporated into this Order as Appendix A. For a digital version of the Order and Exhibit A, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/ /alerts-notices.

3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.

4. A violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals and $10,000 for organizations, by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Wall Ranger District Office in Wall, South Dakota, (605) 279-2125, and at the Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands Supervisor’s Office in Chadron, Nebraska, (308) 432-0300.

6. This Order supersedes Order Number NNFG-2022-19.

Signed in ______________________, __________, this ________ day of ______________, 2023.