

Stakeholder Summary of Major Comments by Interest Group:

Agricultural landowners: Representatives of the agricultural community raised concerns with the process and content of the draft plan. Agricultural landowners are concerned about the impact that prairie dog management could have on farming and ranching operations. While they support the goal of preventing the species from being federally listed, they are concerned about land use restrictions or other regulations that would impact their livelihood. Finally, they are concerned with the level of involvement they received in the development of the plan and wish to have a greater role in future planning and implementation activities.

- Colorado Cattlemen's Association
- Gunnison County Stockgrowers' Association
- Individual citizen comments

County Governments: County governments are concerned about the impact that prairie dog conservation could have on local economies and land use decisions. The counties have raised concerns about both the process and content of the plan. Some counties have disputed the characterization of the status of the prairie dog and the relative severity of specific threats. They also have raised concerns about the need for more data to inform management decisions and criticized several specific data sources used in the plan. Finally, the counties voiced concerns about the lack of engagement they received in the development of the plan.

- Gunnison County Board of Commissioners
- Moffat County Board of Commissioners
- Saguache County Board of Commissioners

Conservationists: Conservationists believe that the proposed conservation actions will not go far enough to conserve prairie dog populations. They believe that the plan understates the impacts of issues to prairie dogs. They argue that the plan does not have clear enough implementation priorities: that it is simply a menu of possibilities.

- Center for Native Ecosystems
- WildEarth Guardians
- High Country Citizens' Alliance
- Individual citizen comments

Energy Companies: Energy companies are concerned about how energy and utility infrastructure impacts are characterized in the plan. They suggest that it is premature to categorize energy development as a significant impact. They believe that more data are needed on prairie dog populations and energy development impacts.

- BP
- Questar
- Colorado Rural Electric Association

Recreational Shooters: Recreational shooters believe that prairie dogs populations overall are doing ok and recreational shooting plays an important role in protecting local landowners.

- Individual citizen comments