

Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, South Dakota Reintroduction Site Profile

Date: February 2010

Location: North Central South Dakota

Species of PD: Black-tailed Prairie Dog **Acres of PD:** 50,000

Land ownership: Mixed: Tribal/Individual Indian/Individual Non-Indians

Years of ferret reintroduction: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004

Number of ferrets released to date: 201 (15 were translocated from Conata Basin)

Estimated population size: 42 kits 18 adults

Research activities: spotlighting and monitoring, prairie dog population counts and densities

Site challenges: no permanent funding source

Volunteer or visitor opportunities: open-door policy for those interested

Education staff and activities: not currently, lack of funding

Future plans: The population has always fluctuated up and down and it is hoped that it is now on an upward trend.

Other information: The tribes are doing this without consistent funding.