



Conata Basin View

## Conata Basin South Dakota Reintroduction Site Profile

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Date Updated: February 2010

Location: Southwestern South Dakota

Species of PD: Black-tailed Prairie Dog      Acres of PD: 15,000

Land ownership: Forest Service

Years of ferret reintroduction: 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999

Number of ferrets released to date: 146

Estimated population size: 185

Research activities: ferret population ecology, plague, badger interactions, prairie dog interactions with other species, prairie dog movement, F1-V vaccine efficacy, ferret ectoparasites, prairie dogs and vaccines

Site challenges: multi-use land, plague, political and social pressures, ATV use, hunting, rock collecting

Volunteer or visitor opportunities: [Grasslands Visitor Center](#) in Wall, SD

Volunteer Opportunity: help to build boundary management zone fences

Education staff and activities: [Grasslands Visitor Center](#) and Outreach Lectures by field biologists

Future plans: provide ferrets for translocations

