



UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge Montana Reintroduction Site Profile

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Location: Central Montana

Species of PD: Black-tailed Prairie Dog **Acres of PD:** 1,300

Land ownership: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Years of ferret reintroduction: 1994-1999, 2003, 2005, 2009

Number of ferrets released to date: 235 (245 wildborn since 1995)

Estimated population size: 18

Research activities: enzootic plague disease research; effectiveness of pre-conditioning; has been a hub of ferret, prairie dog and disease research

Site challenges: small size, plague, minimal prairie dog expansion potential, general landowner intolerance for prairie dogs

Volunteer or visitor opportunities: minimal

Education staff and activities: no one dedicated to education but scientists often cooperate with schools to give talks

Future plans: continue monitoring, keep working with neighbors to expand, stay involved with research

Other information: none