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Date: February 2010

Location: Southwestern South Dakota

Species of PD: Black-tailed Prairie Dog Acres of PD: 2,800 acres

Land ownership: National Park Service property (federal government)

Years of ferret reintroduction: 2007

Number of ferrets released to date: 49

Estimated population size: 16-20

Research activities: none

Site challenges: Invasive plant: white horehound taking over large areas within prairie dog towns – plan to begin treating this invasive plant with herbicide in 2010; limited staff

Volunteer or visitor opportunities: In September & October a limited number of volunteers can get involved with spotlighting (on foot) to help the park determine minimum population estimates.

Education staff and activities: Yes, Wind Cave has education staff
Activities: Summer Night Hike Program
<http://www.nps.gov/wica/parknews/pr07092008.htm>; “Connections” environmental education program <http://www.nps.gov/wica/forteachers/connections.htm>

Future plans: snow tracking and spotlighting

Other information: This site needs help with dusting for plague

