

Proposal to Develop a Prairie Dog Management Plan for Top of the Pines Property

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Scope of Work

Work with TOP Board and Ouray County officials to develop a Prairie Dog Management Plan for the Top of the Pines property. The Plan may include:

- Review of Gunnison's prairie dog biology
- Conservation significance and regulatory status
- Current occurrence and recent management on the property
- Ecological and public benefits
- Potential threats to public health or use of the property
- Statement of management goals
- Review of management options
- Selection of preferred option(s) and the parameters that trigger management actions
- Adaptive management scenario: periodic prairie dog monitoring, assessment of management actions, adjustment to goals and actions

Schedule

August-October 2024

Cost

Costs will be billed on a time and materials basis, approximately monthly. I estimate the total cost will be in the range of \$3,500-4,500, subject to the following assumptions. I will not proceed with work that would exceed this stated amount without contacting the TO Board for authorization.

Assumptions

This Proposal is based on the following assumptions:

1. No travel outside of Ouray County, CO will be required.

2. My attendance will not be required at any public meetings. If requested, I can attend public meetings at additional cost.
3. Work under this proposal is limited to developing a draft and final management plan through October 31, 2024. If the plan requires further development or amendment after that, additional cost may be required.