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the present time or the Forest Service is having input statements into their...into their program that they're trying to implement or going to implement, these were parts that they would incorporate into their management plan or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did they say that they would incorporate into their plan anything the state adopted, or you're assuming or hoping they would?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. As we put this forward, this is what they want, is the input from it. And somewhere along the...I've been told, and I haven't looked up the law, not, but if some of these plans are adopted, the federal government has to...has to recognize them, is my understanding. I've been told that, yes, if we have a prairie dog management plan then there is something some places that the federal government has to recognize it. Now, having said that, that was part of the reason that we started forwards with this prairie dog management plan way last summer, is because while they were working on theirs and were still under the federal guidelines that they couldn't manage their prairie dogs, they kept telling us that Nebraska didn't have a management plan so there was nothing that they could coordinate from the state of Nebraska to control or manage their prairie dogs,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now...

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...because that was part of the reason that this bill was brought forwards and that was part of the reason that we've written it in such a manner that it's optional for counties that don't have prairie dogs and that the federal government would have...play a part in it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. I didn't want to cut you off, but I have another question I want to ask you. Could you have your staff find for us whatever federal law or binding regulation says that whatever plan a state adopts must be incorporated into anything that the federal government comes up with and the federal government is bound by the state law in this area? If you could get that information for me then I'll accept it as being the case,...