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you? Should we be, you know, maybe waiting a little bit with this? Or give me a little update on that.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, yes, the federal...the National Forest Service is working on their impact statement. Like I mentioned to Senator Schimek, it...the input deadline is April 18, which is this coming Friday. And then after that they study the input that they got till they make up a plan, and then I think that has to be in by the 1st of June. And then, of course, they probably, the Forest Service, probably won't do anything till in the fall because their guidelines are they don't do any eradication or anything until I think the 1st of September or something like that, for whatever reasons. Where that I don't know is holding this up any, because if this bill passes, which I presume it will, it doesn't take effect till 90 days after the session ends, so it will set it up pretty much the same time as what the Forest Service, the National Forest Service, will be going to work on their program. Now at the present time, South Dakota passed bills and theirs was an eradication program and they didn't fool around with it. They didn't manage them or nothing. They want them eradicated and they want the National Forest Service to do the same, especially on their Buffalo Gap National Grasslands. There's 26,000 acres of prairie dogs up there and the state of South Dakota wants them eradicated. And my understanding is they're probably going to go to court to see if they get the National Forest Service to carry out that order.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Well, thank you, Senator Louden. Also, you know, if we do get this, you know, the federal government with their impact statement, with their plan, if they do enact that, do you feel that ours is going to be a lot greater, or are we doing something now already that we wouldn't necessarily have to be doing? And would we be putting an additional burden on county commissioners or supervisors, you know, to try to develop something that would hopefully be passed down from the federal government?

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, I don't think so, because we're talking about mostly private lands and state-owned lands or something like that. What the National Forest Service is doing, they're talking entirely about the land that they're responsible for,