

Bluestem Prairie Open Space Management Plan

Community Meeting

December 8, 2105

Verbatim Individual Response Form Responses

Do you have any comments about any of the preliminary management strategies presented and discussed today?

The following comments were submitted by one individual:

- Would like you to focus on noxious weed removal/containment in order to preserve the integrity of the grassland.
- The prairie dog community seems to have waxed and waned over the years, and has basically kept itself in check. Prairie dog towns can provide habitat for burrowing owls. The owls are now nesting on the site, and at least 16 were seen this year.
- Please try to spray early in the season, if you must, before nesting begins, and be particularly mindful of ground nests. April-May would be optimal.
- Please use “best practices” when it comes to any actions/policies regarding birds.
- Consider asking Aiken Audubon to help with bird surveys, nest mapping, etc.