

**The Tony Dean Cheyenne River Valley Conservation Act of 2010**  
Section-by-Section Analysis

**Section 1. Title.** This Act may be cited as the Tony Dean Cheyenne River Valley Conservation Act of 2010.

**Section 2. Definitions.** This section provides definitions for terms used within the bill.

**Section 3. Wilderness Areas and Administration.** This section identifies lands within the Buffalo Gap National Grassland for designation as wilderness areas and components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The designated wilderness areas consist of approximately 27,500 acres of land in the area referred to as the “Indian Creek Wilderness,” approximately 16,007 acres of land in the area referred to as the “Red Shirt Wilderness” and approximately 4,518 acres of land in the area referred to as the “Chalk Hills Wilderness.”

This section also provides for the administration of these wilderness areas. Livestock grazing and maintenance of existing facilities related to grazing in the wilderness areas shall be allowed to continue, consistent with the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the congressional grazing guidelines for the National Forest System Lands.

This section states that nothing in the legislation diminishes the State of South Dakota’s jurisdiction with respect to fish and wildlife management in the wilderness areas and that management activities to maintain and restore fish and wildlife populations may be carried out in the wilderness areas.

This section states that the Secretary of Agriculture through the U.S. Forest Service may control and prevent fire, insects, invasive species and diseases on lands in the wilderness area in accordance with the Wilderness Act and may coordinate with a State or local agency on these activities.

This section states that nothing in the Act precludes low-level overflights of military aircraft over the wilderness areas, designation of new units of special airspace over the wilderness areas, or the use or establishment of military flight training routes over the wilderness areas.

This section states that nothing in the Act diminishes the rights of Indian tribes to access the wilderness areas for tribal activities.

This section states that the Secretary shall provide any owner of private property within the boundary of a wilderness area, including the State, adequate access to the private property.

This section states that the Secretary may acquire from willing sellers land or interest in land within the boundaries of the wilderness area by purchase, donation or exchange.

Finally, this section states that designation of a wilderness area does not create any protective perimeters or buffer zones around any of the wilderness areas or restricts conduct of non-wilderness activities or uses outside the boundary of the wilderness area.

**Section 4. Prairie Dogs.** This section states that nothing in the Act diminishes the existing authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to manage prairie dog habitats on public land.