

WARNING

Public Safety Alert

The National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service have confirmed plague to be the cause of a prairie dog die off in the Conata Basin ecosystem. Although the risk to humans is low, please follow these precautions:



Keep distance from prairie dogs and their burrows.



Wear insect repellent while recreating outdoors.



DO NOT feed prairie dogs or other wildlife.



DO NOT walk pets in or near prairie dog towns.



DO NOT touch or pick up dead or sick animals.

Plague Symptoms:

If you develop fever, chills, or swelling at the site of an insect bite or nearby lymph node, seek immediate medical care and inform the doctor you may have been exposed to plague.

For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/badl/learn/news

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