I am writing this because of my concerns with draft for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests draft for Rangeland Management. I have had a cattle permit on the Black Mesa for 19 years. This has been how I have raised and supported my family of 6 children. Through the years I have worked with the Forrest Service on several projects on improvements on the National Forrest from installing springs for both wildlife and Cattle also maintaining trails and roads used by everyone. My main concerns:

* Chapter 5: The Potential Changes have using Stubble height as a trend indicator and this is NOT an accurate trend measurement. What should be done is have an adjustable plan that can change depending on the plant recovery and what has worked in the past.
* Chapter 1: There are no comments on how grazing has on public lands about how the vegetation has improved were grazing has occurred. How much time and effort that Permities put into improving public land for everyone threw maintaining roads, trails, water tanks and numerous other things that everyone get to benefit from. Permities are the first to help and take care of problems on these public lands and most the time using their own tools, equipment and time to solve problems.

In Conclusion I want it to be heard that grazing of public lands need to be of equal or higher concern on this report because the huge economic value it brings. This plan needs to be built on proven facts and methods that have worked in the past. Permities need to be a part future problem solving on these areas not only because they are far more knowledgeable and have spent countless more hours in them. The facts also support that in areas where proper management of livestock use on the land has resulted in healthier vegetation.

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