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USFS Gunnison Ranger District
Attn: Dayle Funka, District Ranger
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RE: North Valley Allotments Environmental Assessment

I would like to submit the following comments regarding the North Valley Allotments, most specifically, the Butte North Allotment.

I agree with the proposed actions because:

The Butte North Allotment involves the grazing of private and public lands concurrently. Butte North adjoins the Gothic C+H Allotment, which are grazed consecutively. The Flexibility for Livestock management component is key to protecting this Logical Sequence.

Butte North Allotment serves as a place in which to acclimate calves and hold the herd until the vegetation on the higher Gothic C+H Allotment is mature enough to graze with respect to the resource.

Additionally, I feel that to continue grazing of the Butte North Allotment contributes to reduction of fuel loads, thus reducing potential of fire for the many structures which neighbor next to and above the Butte North Allotment.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the North Valley Allotments.

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