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Comments: Hello

My name is Terry Miller I have been a rider, manager, and cowboss on ranchs for 35 years or so. Most of them have had public lands (BLM, Forest, and state lands. I have trained in range management with some of the best people in the field, Floyd Reed, Dave Bradford, and Kirt Godzie (hrm trainer). I took low stress animal handling with Bud Williams. I would like to comment on the Forest Draft Assessment for GMUG. I think that the use of stubble height is not a good indicator of range health or usage. It does not take in the timing or length of grazing on the plants. A rider needs to be able to move their animals as soon as it is needed to prevent over grazing. Over grazing is not the amount of forage taken but the amount of time that a plant has to recover with out being ate on again. The number of animals is not a big factor as long as they keep moving. I believe that most of the permeants in the GMUG are under stocked and need to be increased. The health of the range could be improved by doing so. My life and my families life has been tied to the land and its health for over 100 years in this area. For some to say that we are not taking of the land is unfounded, it is a renewable resource that has to be taken care of. Most people have no idea how much work it takes to keep the range healthy, or what over grazing looks like. I have to move cows in their rotation, put out salt, fix fences, work on water improvements, cut out trails and many other things that are good for the lands and public. The whole valley is benefited by ranching here and the use of grazing on the forest

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