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My name is Travis Shiflet. My family is a multi-generational ranching operation located in Mesa, Colorado. I drive truck on the operation which is integral to the success of the ranching enterprise.

Ranchers who graze on public lands also serve as stewards for that land. Ranchers' commitment to effective stewardship includes ongoing efforts to preserve the resources. We also maintain habitat for wildlife. On our ranch we maintain fences to manage rangeland grazing to acceptable standard. Our ranch has improved several watering areas for livestock grazing and use by wildlife.

According to the Department of the Interior, grazing on public lands contributes a minimum of \$1.5 billion annually to the National economy. Livestock in Mesa County contributes over \$43 million to the local economy. Many of the producers, including Nichols & Discourse Sons hold grazing permits on the GMUG. We support continued multiple use on the Forest, including grazing.