Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/6/2020 7:41:18 PM

First name: Nuri Last name: Pierce Organization:

Title:

Comments: Dear. Sirs,

When are we going to have a Forest Service that really serves the long term interests of the Forest and of all of us that do not profit from cattle grazing.

I am deeply distressed, as a botanist, when I constantly see that the whole ecology of the land is being destroyed by cattle grazing and, more than that, largely for the profit making of cattlemen. Prairie dogs are necessary for many other animals for their livelihood. Insects, plants, birds and many others need the prairie dogs burrows and what they do for the ecosystem.

Enough is enough. Protect the forest and let cattlemen graze their animals in just some select places and if prices increase or profits diminish so be it. At present they are impoverishing all of us by destroying the forest.

DO NOT place the interest of meat producing over a healthy ecosystem. We will badly need it forever and ever. The animals that make their home in these lands must be protected and not destroyed. They should come BEFORE cattle that trample and destroy so much. Public lands belong to ALL of us, not to the private interests of cattle owners. I hope you will not push ahead with destructive plans.

Thank you