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Comments: I strongly support the ability of the USDA Forest Service to restrict or suspend grazing during drought, after fires, or when uncontrolled grazing damages the National Forest (NF) Lands or to NF adjacent lands from cattle trespass occurs. I eat beef, have seen cattle used appropriately as a management tool, and have cattle on my property so am generally supportive of grazing. However, as a former EPA, NPS, and USFS employee, and as a current employee of a forest management and investment company I've seen extensive damage to stream systems, water quality, fisheries habitat, riparian habitat, and meadow ecosystems. Currently, on property the company I work for owns (EFM), cattle trespass from a grazing allotment on Klamath National Forest has impaired aspen and wet meadow restoration efforts that EFM and local partners are undertaking. While we've raised the issue of trespass damage to KNF several times the trespass damage continues. We've curtailed grazing on EFM's property to allow aspen and wetland habitats to recover but continued trespass has required us to install expensive fencing on remote portions of EFM's property next to the Marble Mt. Wilderness. Please include a provision in the new rules to deal with cattle trespass, either through suspension of grazing permits or a requirement for grazing permittees to control trespass. thanks