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Comments: I have lived on an inholding in the Carson National Forest for 25 years and I can bear witness to the fact that the cattle grazing that goes on around me on thousands of acres of forested land continues to absolutely devestate the vegetation each summer as the drought gets worse and worse. I see miles long swathes of thimbleberry, twin berry, raspberry, red elderberry and other wildlife food and habitat species nearly wiped out long before they fruit, the few remaining leaves and stem struggling to keep the plants alive. Entire riparian areas trampled and denuded, aspens being destroyed faster than they can regenerate the aspen forest, parched land exposed to the scorching sun by the removal of the grasses and plants that should be shading it. I could go on and on. It is absolutely criminal that these huge animals are allowed to cause such destruction.It is a disgrace. It should be considered an emergency and private grazing on public lands should be halted immediately. Partial measures will not work.