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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I am not a rangeland-policy expert, but it is my sense that there are too many cattle and sheep on public lands. As a person who has previously experienced the pain of E.coli, I am very concerned about some of the muddy scenes that I've witnessed near streams, springs, and stock ponds. Wild animals do not create these problems, short legged cattle are mostly responsible. Certainly, grazing fees ought to be greatly increased, because, as has been proven elsewhere, ranchers do not even come close to covering the cost to administer grazing programs, let alone the enormous environmental damage that they have bestowed upon decent people; Welfare Ranchers. It might also be added that unnecessary and damaged fences should be removed from the range, and more cattle-free Wilderness Areas established. Against your instructions, I will identify myself by my real name, Tom Gagnon, Rock Springs, Wyoming