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Comments: I have nothing against ranchers, but there are good ones and not-so-good ones here in our SW NM community. I'd like to see some language to protect public lands from the not-so-good ones in the future.

What I'm talking about is:

Overgrazing - those who abuse the public land they use should not be given access to new public lands to overgraze. They should also be expected to show evidence of improving grazing practices when grazing rights are passed down or otherwise conveyed.

And those who propose to build back numbers should show evidence of improved grazing practices and containment before they are allowed to expand.

Containment - several here do not care if their cows escape their allotments and let their cows foul riparian areas and protected wilderness. Some do not even repair their fences after numerous escapes.

In general, I urge you to include some language to:

- require and encourage responsible containment of cattle and other livestock
- require and encourage sustainable grazing.

Thank you!