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Dear Forest Service,

For fifty years I have spent considerable time camping and hiking in National Forests in Colorado, Utah and Montana. I have seen first hand the incredible environmental destruction and loss of biodiversity that occurs when an area of national forest is opened up to cattle grazing. And it takes a long time for an area to recover; the greater introduction of invasive plants due to grazing means it never does recover fully. I bet you have been hiking in these areas, and you have seen first hand the intense degradation that I am talking about. The bottom line is that the environmental damage is great -- and hugely disproportionate to the benefits per head of cattle. And climate change is exacerbating the impact.

We are running out of time to save our national forests. Please do more to take into account the interests of current and future generations who are counting on you to put an end to a practice that puts the interests of a tiny number of ranchers over those of millions and millions of other Americans.

Yours sincerely,

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