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Comments: I practice "leave no trace" (LNT) when backpacking on our public lands. But so often I encounter damage due to livestock, especially on our national forests and even in wilderness areas. Cattle are responsible for most of the microbe contamination of water (not giardia as the USFS would have us believe). Livestock damage riparian areas and represent a very poor utilization of the land.

Therefore the USFS proposal to expand grazing is really an outrage that demonstrates how completely moneyed interests have captured the agency. The hypocrisy is stunning: The USFS preaches LNT to campers, hunters, and backpackers and then turns around to encourage the land to be trashed by entrenched powers. The fact that the USFS is pushing ahead with this Trump era idiocy shows how badly in need of reform (or replacement) the agency is. Clearly the leadership of the USFS should be replaced by 21st century personnel.