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Comments: I am writing to you from Montana, R1. Please drop your proposed Rangeland Management Directives. Livestock grazing is at odds with the mandate of the Wilderness Act, negatively affecting the untrammeled quality of wilderness character. Current livestock grazing on national forest lands in designated wilderness negatively impact these lands and waterways, and puts undue pressure on apex predators who are seen as the enemy to those who have grazing permits in some designated wildernesses. An example I provide is grazing rights on national forest lands adjacent to Yellowstone National Park. Those with grazing rights put pressure on the bison who leave the park in the winter seeking forage. Then they're shot or removed. If these grazing rights were retired then this problem would be reduced dramatically. There are also other T & amp; E species that are negatively impacted, making it difficult for their recovery. If you want to amend your directives regarding livestock grazing on national forest lands you are legally bound to conduct a more comprehensive rule making that complies with NEPA. Please don't keep trying to apply categorical exclusions to sidestep NEPA. We the public land owners are not stupid and know this is overused. If there are any revisions to FS grazing policies I encourage you to prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing with wilderness. Thank you for your consideration.