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Comments: Grazing in designated Wilderness Areas should be phased out and any unused and unallocated allotments should be removed. Grazing is inconsistent with the purposes of the Wilderness Act and we now know the negative impacts of allowing domestic animals to graze in these areas. They destroy water quality and riparian vegetation, spread invasive flora, and displace native wildlife.

Rather than expand grazing throughout our National Forests, we need to terminate any vacant allotments. This will help protect the wilderness and other important forest values, allow natural restoration of wildlife habitat and stop what is often overgrazing of our public lands.

We should no longer sacrifice our public lands to the commercial livestock industry, but instead protect the lands for wider public benefits. In sum, do not enact the Rangeland Management Directives proposed by the Trump administration.