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Comments: I strongly object to the Rangeland Management Directives which is fundamentally at odds with the mandate of the Wilderness Act that Wilderness remain "untrammeled." Revisions to Forest Service grazing policies need to encourage and prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the National Forest system, including within Wilderness, so as to protect Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife. Conditions in our wild lands cannot support increased, or even current, grazing levels. Forest Service policies must ensure the agency will maintain authority for grazing management decisions and hold grazing permittees accountable for the impacts their livestock has on public lands. The recovery of imperiled or threatened species needs to be prioritized on National Forests and livestock grazing managed so as not to jeopardize species' recovery.

If the Forest Service wishes to amend its directives, the Forest Service must undertake a more comprehensive rulemaking process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act and drop its proposed Rangeland Management Directives.

Thank you for taking my comment.