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Comments: Dear Forest Service:

I am 77 years old and during the last 45 years I have hiked, climbed, and camped in many of the wilderness areas of the American West. During many of my adventures I have witnessed substantial damage done to native species by extensive grazing. As we move toward an American diet with less meat and simultaneously see increasing use of our outdoor wilderness and parks, it is essential that we now place severe limits on where cattle can graze in what are supposed to be "natural" environments. No wilderness anywhere should be subject to extensive grazing, and now is the time, under a new, more ecologically balanced administration, to remove all wilderness areas from grazing and install permanent protection from such destructive abuse. Thank you.

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