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Comments: Being that cattle are actually an invasive species to North America, do not come from an environment that the western US offers them, and are largely kept incorrectly by ranchers i.e. in herds way too large to be sustainable, allowed to destroy riparian areas and wildlife forage, drink copious amounts of drought-land water, support invasive plants that completely dominate native species, we as a nation need to strongly rethink the way certain individuals and families are allowed to keep and run cattle. For one, maybe if ranchers don't own enough private property of their own, they need to lessen the amount of cattle they keep, and all ranchers need to keep them on their own land, not public property.

I love hiking in the mountainous regions around the US, mainly in WA state, and it is a disturbing feeling, when, after walking for hours through forest and alpine meadow, I suddenly smell The Cow. My mind takes a few seconds to comprehend the smell, and then, it can take 20 minutes walking time after said fact, before I view either cattle in a meadow that should have deer or elk in it, or the manure or hoof prints of said non-native bovines.

They truly are highly destructive animals and have caused a lot of completely altered landscapes in the American West. It is time for Americans to change their romantic perspective on what cattle, and the handful of people who keep too many of them, have done to the western landscape.

Thank you for your time and energy on this important topic.