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Comments: I am writing to urge the U.S. Forest Service to drop the proposed Rangeland Management Directives. I am a long-time resident of New Mexico and a frequent user of national forests and other public lands. I live adjacent to both national forest and wilderness areas. The system of grazing on public lands has long been a weak point in the U.S., resulting in degradation of vegetation and waterways, with negative economic consequences for much of the Western U.S. It is long past time to thoroughly review the policies regarding permits for livestock grazing on public lands, and to implement steps to limit and reduce the extent of livestock grazing and improve its management to ensure full accountability and following of responsible and science-driven conservation best practices.