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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam:

The Rangeland Management Directives will likely significantly affect millions of acres of public land, including Wilderness, where livestock grazing is counter to what wilderness is all about, according to the Wilderness Act. These are supposed to be "untrammeled," but the effect of grazing is to break down stream edges, pollute steams with both mud and excrement,trample fragile crust, and destroy natural ecosystems. All of this significantly degrades our public lands--for laughably insignificant rents paid (if paid at all) to the Treasury.

Any revisions to Forest Service grazing policies should be viewed through the lens of climate change and require a NEPA review. Revisions should encourage and prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the National Forest system, including within Wilderness, in order to protect wildlife and Wilderness. Earlier grazing levels were extremely harmful, and at this point, more and more people are realizing the health and environmental harm of eating large quantities of meat. So the need for grazing herds on public land is much diminished.

Further, we taxpayers would very much like to see policies in places that ensure permittees actually do pay their rents and pay for the damage their private herds inflict on lands that belong to us all.

This administration has shown in many ways that it understands the crisis of this century--climate change, species loss, potential ecological collapse. New directives must reflect the times we are in, not the times of a hundred years ago.

I urge you to reject this leftover Trump administration proposal to increase grazing, and write directives that preserve wilderness as envisioned by the Wilderness Act. The Forest Service must do the right thing for Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by dropping its proposed Rangeland Management Directives. Any amendments must follow established procedures for rulemaking and comply with NEPA.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.