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Comments: Our public lands should not be open to livestock grazing, period. Livestock grazing and the heavy land traffic that goes with it decimates the natural landscape. In designated Wilderness, livestock grazing is diametrically opposed to the purpose and intention of protecting Wilderness as wild and undefiled. It is very well documented that livestock grazing significantly degrades our public lands and that many decades are required to repair this damage-if it can even be repaired.

The Forest Service must adopt a more comprehensive process for rulemaking that honors and complies with the National Environmental Policy Act. The proposed Rangeland Management Directives do not align with protecting our public lands, wildlife, native plants, and the larger environment.

The Rangeland Management Directives are misguided, unscientific, politically motivated giveaways to special interests who have been feeding at the public trough for far too long. The Forest Service must hold grazing permittees accountable for the destruction and degradation of the land they have been and are causing.

Sound science should be used in drawing up all Forest Service policy, ensuring that decisions that affect millions of acres of public land do not add to the problems we already suffer from, such as loss of biodiversity and climate destabilization. Livestock grazing contributes significantly to both of these monumental problems. The Forest Service knows this but refuses to do the right thing for wildlife, for the general public, and for our Nation. It is time to fix that by dropping the Rangeland Management Directives.