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Comments: he Rangeland Management Directives will affect millions of acres of public land, including wilderness areas where lands should remain "untrammled." Arkansas Valley Audubon represents 500+ members in southern Colorado who agree that public lands should be protected.

As a birder, I have often come across cattle destroying riparian areas, polluting rivers and streams, and generally being a nuisance. Livestock grazing on National Forests and wilderness areas will magnify the problem and degrade our public lands. Impacts from grazing must be fully examined and addressed through a transparent, public process that complies with federal laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act.

Let's not forget that Forest Service grazing policies should encourage and prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the National Forest system, including Wilderness areas. Rather than permit more grazing, the Forest Service should consider reducing it maintaining authority for grazing management decisions, and holding grazing permittees accountable for the impacts their livestock have on public lands.

This proposal runs directly counter to the Biden Administration's 30x30 land conservation agenda. No special interest group's desires should overshadow the general public's concerns.