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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to reject and to permanently drop the ill-considered and destructive proposed Rangeland Management Directives, for the sake of the public good and of the national treasures that the Service is charged with protecting and preserving. The proposed Directives invite degradation and destruction of millions of acres of public lands, where expanded livestock grazing would plainly be incompatible with conservation and with the long-term public interests in those public lands, including areas designated as wilderness. In fact, the public would be better served by a Service program that promotes significant reductions in livestock grazing over time, while holding grazing permittees responsible for all damages that their grazing inflicts on our precious public lands and on the protection and recovery of species that have become threatened or imperiled. Put simply, any further consideration of the proposed Rangeland Management Directives would be inconsistent with the Forest Service's mission and mandate.

Thank you for considering these points.