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Comments: It is common knowledge that these expanded Rangeland Management Directives are a latter-day land grab, supported by lawless activity like that of the Bundies, who were supported by our anarchist-in-chief, Donald Trump. That era is long over, or should be, as we are now aware of the damage grazing has done, and expanded grazing would do. It's time to close those lands to such exploitation, for minimal gain, and begin to move our "wilderness economy" to a more stable and sustainable footing.

It is estimated that, unless close to 50% of the world's land mass is devoted to wilderness--true wilderness--we will not be a viable species either. E.O. Wilson, among others, supports this base-line estimate, as human encroachment is the chief cause of habitat loss and degradation, and that will only get worse with measures like these enacted. It is madness to consider such regressive ideas many decades after it became clear that we should be going in the opposite direction. Ranchers in these areas have only been active for a few generations, and represent a tiny, and easily absorbed portion of the "human economy" whose claim to be stewards of the land now depends on their willingness to step back from discredited practices, not to press forward for their narrow--and temporary--interests (not the interests of their grandchildren, much less the 7th generation.) The "wilderness economy" will quickly and sustainably absorb them, if they--and we, the "U.S."--give it a chance...

Thank-you, in advance, for your wise resistance!