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Comments: Perhaps the best thing about the recent change in Federal Administration has been the opportunity to reconsider the anti-environment, anti-nature and anti- health initiatives of the Trump Administration.

And again, probably the most important among them, are the ones that affect our public lands, the so called: Rangeland Management Directives. As a botanist with extensive experience in the West and more than 10 new plants discovered, I know too well the tremendous destruction and harmful effects that grazing imposes on our public lands, from proliferation of invasive plants, destruction of native ones, water quality and disturbances to native wildlife. The effects are extremely bad now, so any increase would just make it impossible for these valuable ecosystems to ever recover. Frequently I find only one plant or none of native plants that were so abundant when I started to botanize.

Livestock grazers enjoy a free resource that belongs to all of us and pay nothing either to use it or to repair it once they have spoiled it. We still pay for their meat. Giving more of it away would be reckless! On the contrary, they should be made responsible for restoration to reverse the harm to the land that continues for generations. Who of us wouldn't like a free gift of public lands to perpetuity with no questions asked and no liabilities?

Please oppose these un-scientific and destructive proposed new rules. They will only take us further unto unhealthy ecosystems.