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Comments: I have several objections toward this proposal.

If the Forest Service wishes to amend its directives, the Forest Service must undertake a more comprehensive rule-making process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act. This would allow more discriminating comments by local experts regarding the impacts of any policy changes. This was not done!

The recovery of imperiled or threatened species needs to be prioritized on National Forests and livestock grazing managed so as not to jeopardize species' recovery.

The Forest Service must develop policies that ensure the agency will maintain authority for grazing management decisions and hold grazing permittees accountable for the impacts their livestock has on public lands. Historically the FS allowed grazing to excessive levels in the 1960s. Currently when it is clear that conditions often times cannot support increased, or even current, grazing levels they must be individually managed rather than lumped into some automatic group approval process.

Lastly, livestock grazing in National Forests, including millions of acres of Wilderness, significantly degrades 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.