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Comments: The Rangeland Management Directives contradicts the mandate of the Wilderness Act which says that Wilderness remain "untrammeled." Instead of increasing livestock grazing on public lands, the agency should allow vacant allotments to be permanently closed and should protect Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife, including endangered species, by limiting, rather than increasing, inappropriate livestock grazing in National Forests. Increased grazing would not only fuel livestock grazing's contribution to the climate and biodiversity crises, but opposes the Biden Administration's 30x30 land conservation agenda by sacrificing what could be protected lands to the commercial livestock industry. The Forest Service should undertake a more comprehensive rule-making process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act. If the Forest Service wishes to amend its directives, the Forest Service must undertake a more comprehensive rulemaking process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act.