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Comments: I am writing out of a general concern about how Federal lands are managed for grazing. In general I've been concerned about the failure to respect wilderness areas. Grazing is fundamentally incompatible with wilderness, plus it's jarring to be hiking wilderness and hearing cowbells the whole time you're out in wilderness. I am bothered by the historical prejudicial treatment of grazing rights for Native Americans vs white ranchers. I also am very upset when I see the rise of organized scofflaws in the West who feel entitled to Federal lands that they want to graze or their family had had access to in the past. Federal lands should be managed to protect the future value of land, and that should not be calculated entirely on the basis of their value for grazing and lumbering. And violence against federal land managers should never be rewarded with relaxed enforcement. We are facing an extremely daunting problem in climate change, and one aspect of fighting it includes preserving forests and diverse grasslands for their ability to capture and hold greenhouse gases. We also should value more ranching operations that are not associated feedlot-finished meat production. I realize that much of what I suggest will not be popular with the more traditional and conservative ranchers and their backers, but they do not own Federal lands any more than I did when I grew up in Delaware many years ago. It's time to manage Federal grazing rights for the future, not for the 19th century.