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Comments: Please drop The Rangeland Management Directives, which have the potential to significantly affect millions of acres of public land, including Wilderness, where livestock grazing is fundamentally at odds with the mandate of the Wilderness Act that Wilderness remain "untrammeled." The public's benefit and interests must always take priority over private commercial interests on our public lands.

The interests of our federally protected, iconic, heritage wild horses and burros must be prioritized on National public lands, so that the mustangs and burros can remain, humanely managed, on their ranges, for the benefit and enjoyment of all Americans. More than 80% of Americans of all political affiliations support that wild horses and burros remain on our public lands. Indeed, the mustangs symbolize our spirit, and we as a people are inspired by these magnificent creatures and the social bonds of their herds. This public interest must not be threatened by private commercial interests such as livestock grazing, which has threatened to edge out wild horses and burros in many areas.

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

Livestock grazing on 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.

Any revisions to Forest Service grazing policies should encourage and prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the National Forest system, including within Wilderness, so as to protect Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife.

The Forest Service should not return grazing to the excessive levels permitted in the 1960s when it is clear conditions oftentimes cannot support increased, or even current, grazing levels.

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.

This leftover Trump administration proposal to increase grazing would not only fuel livestock grazing's contribution to the climate and biodiversity crises, but runs directly counter to the Biden Administration's 30x30 land conservation agenda by sacrificing what could be protected lands to the commercial livestock industry.

The Forest Service must do the right thing for Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by dropping its proposed Rangeland Management Directives.

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.