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Comments: The more than 300 members of our organization, Grand Valley Audubon, in Grand Junction, Colorado are surrounded by grazed public lands. Increasingly, these lands are more degraded. Barchans are forming in areas where within recent memory grass grew. Burrowing owls, once common, are now almost extirpated from our area.

These rangeland updates are inadequate to address what is happening with respect to climate and with respect to the many recent years of neglect.

Directives need to be updated to address rangeland health first. We applaud greater flexibility in addressing and accepting conservation oriented changes but these need to be expanded.