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Comments: The Forest Service must drop the proposed Rangeland Management Directives. If adopted, this proposal would undermine all efforts to conserve wilderness and protect wildlife. The commercial livestock industry should not be allowed to plunder our public lands for their profit.

The National Environmental Policy Act was enacted so due diligence would be taken to ensure policy changes would undergo a comprehensive process. If changes are desired, the Forest Service must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and demonstrate their obligation to follow the law. Any changes must be carefully considered through a public, transparent process. These are Public Lands, and the public must be consulted.

I have personally witnessed the profound damage that is caused by grazing in our National Forests and other Wilderness public lands. The scientific evidence demonstrates that grazing tampers with the natural ecosystems, putting wildlife, plant species, soil, and waterways at risk. At a time when conservation of our Public Lands is tied so closely with our ability to combat climate change, it seems critical to reduce grazing, not increase it.

Grazing has been an historic aspect of public land management. At this point in history we know more about the impact grazing has on the environment, and we also know that the commercial livestock industry has a different agenda than a small private rancher. Effectively understanding and managing grazing in the present and for the future, requires new practices.

I fully support the Biden administration's 30x30 land conservation agenda, and the proposed Rangeland Management Directives proposed by the Forest Service directly, and outlandishly, oppose that agenda. Please, drop the proposal completely, and in the future, only proposals in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act should be considered.