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Comments: For the past approximately 50 years I have been traveling from my home to various western FS Wilderness Areas to enjoy extended backpacks (a week or so, usually). In the early years I did hike in some W Areas that still had active livestock grazing. The sight, smell, destruction of grassland habitat, not to mention being challenged by aggressive cattle, made it clear to me that livestock grazing has no place inside actual Wilderness Areas. In recent years I have hiked and camped in W Areas where long ago livestock grazing was common, and there's little doubt that the flora has still not recovered, wildflowers especially.

I realize the political pressure that local ranchers put on the FS, but these lands belong to all Americans by law, and very clearly so. Please do the right thing and protect these areas with a full Environmental Impact Statement, per NEPA requirements.