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Comments: The proposed directives update Forest Service Manual 2200, "Rangeland Management", Chapters Zero, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 70; Forest Service Handbook 2209.13, "Grazing Permit Administration", Chapters 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90; and Forest Service Handbook 2209.16, "Allotment Administration", Chapter 10. AGREED THAT: Grandchildren as well as children can run up to 50% of the older generation's term permitted numbers. After the permit is waived to children or grandchildren, the other generation can continue to run up to 50% of that generation's numbers as they phase out of the family operation. This is intended to help in succession planning and transitions in family operations. ALSO AGREED THAT: The section on Conservation Easements and Agricultural Land Trusts allow ranches to remain in agricultural production (and tax base) in perpetuity. They did not exist or were very seldom used 30 years ago.

Also to allow Non-Use for Resource Protection and increasing the flexibility to build back numbers after destocking herds. Droughts and other severe acts of nature are different and require flexibility in management responses. AND FINALLY IT IS ALSO AGREED THAT: Updates the list of Laws, Regulations, and Executive Orders, and adds to the list, especially to include many more applicable to the National Grasslands after they were transferred to the Forest Service. Updates the policy on excess and unauthorized use very similar to the Bureau of Land Management's policy.