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Comments: I strongly oppose updating the Rangeland management directives to make it easier to increase grazing and to continue allowing livestock to trammel all over public lands, particularly wilderness areas. The Mountain West clearly cannot handle the amount of grazing that is already available to ranchers. They are already reaping many benefits with very drawbacks given the cushy relationship between USFS and ranchers. The rules should updated to bring them more in line with the science, which says historic mega-droughts are increasing and cattle, and other livestock are contributing more to the climate and biodiversity crisis we are already facing. The rules should NEVER allow LLCs to obtain grazing rights that were meant to stay within families. LLCs are already shady and obfuscated enough. Given the rangeland management rules already receive little attention, more dark dealing should never make his easier. USFS rules should be in place to benefit ALL the animals that live on the land and not just those humans deem reasonable or inoffensive (e.g., cattle). Wilderness areas in particular should NOT be open to grazing at all. That goes against the letter and spirit of the law--to maintain untrammeled tracts of land. Any changes to USFS rules need to encourage more public oversight and more stringent audits that are in line with the best available scientific evidence. The West of today is NOT the 1960's, and the rules need to be updated to reflect that. Make rules that will help us fight climate change and biodiversity loss. It should never benefit cattle at the expense of nature.