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Comments: The Rangeland Management Directives have the potential to significantly affect millions of acres of public land, including wilderness, where livestock grazing is fundamentally at odds with the mandate of the Wilderness Act. Livestock grazing on National Forests, including millions of acres of wilderness, significantly degrades our public lands and contributes to the climate and biodiversity crises. Impacts from grazing must be fully examined and addressed through a transparent, public process that complies with federal laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act.

Revisions to Forest Service grazing policies should prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the National Forest system, including within Wilderness. The Forest Service must develop policies that ensure the agency will maintain authority for grazing management decisions and hold grazing permittees accountable for the impacts their livestock has on public lands. Recovery of imperiled or threatened species should be prioritized in National Forests and wilderness areas, therefore livestock grazing should be managed so as not to jeopardize species' recovery.

Please don't allow our public lands be degraded by sacrificing any remaining wilderness to the commercial livestock industry.