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Comments: Instead of increasing livestock grazing on public lands, you should allow vacant allotments to be permanently closed and should protect Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by limiting, rather than increasing, inappropriate livestock grazing in National Forests.

Drought, fires, water scarcity, and carbon sequestration need to be addressed with wilderness protection, not extraction. Sure, cattle ranching families want these lands--they've had nearly free use (15 cents/acre I've been quoted by ranchers) but that is not equitable or fair to the rest of the nations population, The wWilderness Act was legislated to protect. Please drop the proposed Rangeland Management Directives entirely.