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Comments: Using wilderness or quasi-wild areas for grazing has multiple negative environmental impacts, primarily being the loss of natural habitat and promoting increased methane in the atmosphere. This comes at a time when wilderness is increasingly threatened by encroachment and the climate is dangerously warming. Promoting consumption of beef in itself has well known health consequences that negatively impact any society. Now is an opportunity to hold back on expanding grazing and put in place measures that will minimize the harmful effects it causes. We have only to look at Brazil and the Amazon basin to see how deleterious farming and grazing can be on the environment. Government has an obligation to protect the interests of the public and future generations of Americans and to not favor special interests such as wealthy ranchers who have already claimed so much of our wild lands for their personal gain.