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Comments: Dear Madams and Sirs:

I am a concerned citizen who wants to protect public lands today and for future generations of humans and animals.

The Forest Service should not return grazing to the excessive levels permitted in the 1960s when it is clear the lands cannot support increased, or even current, grazing levels. This leftover Trump administration proposal to increase grazing would not only contribute to the climate and biodiversity crises, but runs directly counter to the Biden Administration's 30x30 land conservation agenda to benefit the commercial livestock industry.

The Rangeland Management Directives have the potential to significantly affect millions of acres of public land, including unspoiled Wilderness lands, where livestock grazing is fundamentally at odds with the mandate of the Wilderness Act that Wilderness remain "untrammled."

Livestock grazing in National Forests and in Wilderness areas significantly degrades our public lands. 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.

Any revisions to Forest Service grazing policies should encourage and prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the National Forest system and Wilderness to protect public lands and wildlife. 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.

The recovery of imperiled or threatened species needs to be prioritized and livestock grazing managed to avoid jeopardizing species' recovery.

The Forest Service must do the right thing, today and tomorrow, to protect Wilderness, other public lands and wildlife by dropping its proposed Rangeland Management Directives. And, should the Forest Service wishes to amend its directives, the Forest Service must undertake a more comprehensive rulemaking process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Thank you for doing the right thing to be good stewards for us and for future generations.