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Comments: Protect our beautiful earth. We are in the sixth Great Extinction and it is imperative to protect and preserve Federal lands and National Forests. The Forest Service must protect Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by dropping its proposed Rangeland Management Directives.

Please consider including the following points:

The Rangeland Management Directives significantly affect millions of acres of public land. This includes Wilderness where livestock grazing conflicts with the mandate of the Wilderness Act. Wilderness remain "untrammeled."

Livestock grazing on National Forests, including millions of acres of Wilderness, significantly degrades our public lands. Impacts from grazing must be fully analyzed 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 must encourage and prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the National Forest system. This includes protecting Wilderness, other public lands, and native wildlife.

The FS should not return grazing to the excessive levels permitted in the 1960s when it is clear conditions cannot support increased, or even current, grazing levels.

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 on National Forests. Livestock grazing must not jeopardize species' recovery.

This Trump administration proposal to increase grazing would increase livestock grazing's contribution to the climate and biodiversity crises. It conflicts directly to the Biden Administration's 30x30 land conservation agenda by sacrificing protected lands to the commercial livestock industry.

The Forest Service must protect Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by dropping its proposed Rangeland Management Directives.

If the Forest Service amends its directives, it must implement a comprehensive rulemaking process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Thank you for protecting the natural ecosystems on our beautiful earth.