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Comments: I was disappointed to learn these changes expand grazing on FS land, completely backwards to any logic in this day and age. Ranching on public lands is degrading million upon millions of acres in the West, killing innumerable species, conflicting heavily with hunters, hikers, campers, anglers, and most any other use of FS land. We should be phasing out grazing on FS land, removing fences, and buying out and retiring allotments.

The public is also subsidizing all of this topsoil erosion, stream and river fowling, and wildlife killing with our tax dollars. Public Lands should be for the public to enjoy, not just a hand-full of mostly wealthy ranchers to control and degrade, nearly for free.

We are in the midst of a mega-drought. Cattle on public land is the last thing we need exacerbating drying and death to animals and vegetation. Even ranchers themselves are suffering due to drought, now is the perfect time to offer allotment retirement and give struggling ranchers some cash to facilitate change.

We need to reduce cattle's impacts on endangered and threatened species. We need to reduces impacts to public enjoyment of the land. We need to remove fencing and infrastructure that hurt wildlife and make using public lands a nuisance.

Most ranching on FS land should go the way of the dinosaur, buy out ranchers to help them out, retire allotments for good. It's what the West needs.

Thank you for your attention.