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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

You should plan to phase out grazing on public lands, especially National Forest and Wilderness lands. Grazing livestock is incompatible with preserving the ecology of these lands.

Any lands not currently in use should be retired. Retirement should be prioritized. Livestock grazing degrades public lands and harms wildlife. The Forest Service should definitely not return grazing to the rate of the 1960s. This caused overgrazing. The lands could not support this grazing level.

Please develop policies that hold permittees accountable for the impacts their livestock have on public lands. The recovery of threatened species should be prioritized and public lands should be managed so that any livestock grazing does not jeopardize their recovery.

This leftover Trump administration proposal to increase grazing would fuel livestock's contribution to the climate and species diversity crisis and runs counter to the Biden administration's proposals on the environment and land conservation. Please drop the proposed Rangeland Management Directives. Instead, the Forest Service should undertake a proper, more comprehensive rulemaking process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act.

It is important that NEPA is followed. Taxpayers own public lands and our opinions and expertise should be heard and considered. This taxpayer believes they should be managed to benefit wildlife and wilderness ecology, not livestock grazing.

Thank you for considering my comment.