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Comments: Please drop the recent proposed changes to Rangeland Management Directives.

Commercial livestock grazing on public lands, especially wilderness areas, amounting to millions of acres, should decrease and not increase. This activity is damaging to the environment. Any commercial use, including harvesting of timber in national forests, must be sustainable,

I suggest that additional studies be performed to verify the carrying capacity of affected lands, in order to prevent substantial overgrazing, as may have occurred in the 1960's. Recovery of threatened species must also be taken into account.

Further, the forest service should adopt a transparent rulemaking process in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and allow sufficient time for the public to become informed and to comment, and not rush through regulatory changes that may further damage the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Minnick