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Comments: I am an ecologist and educator in NC. I am very concerned that Trump's rangeland policies will end up permanently damaging rangeland across the US. Overgrazing by livestock can severely damage vegetation and wildlife, causing biodiversity loss, erosion, and other harm to our lands--livestock grazing is diametrically opposed to your mandate to protect wilderness. Forest Service grazing policies should encourage and prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the National Forest system, including within Wilderness, so as to protect Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife. Please do the right thing and amend your directives to adopt a more wildlife and ecosystem-friendly approach, limiting livestock grazing.