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Comments: I'm writing to express my opposition to the Forest Service's Rangeland Management Directives because of the negative impacts they would have on millions of acres of public lands, including Wilderness. The following proposed revisions by the FS would have huge implications for wildlife and Wilderness and go against the mandate of the Wilderness Act of 1964 that Wilderness remain untrammeled.

1. The FS's revisions would expand grazing across our National Forests and Wilderness by re-stocking vacant allotments and returning grazing to the excessive levels allowed in the 1960's. In stead of increasing grazing, vacant allotments should be permanently closed.

2. Domestic cattle and sheep are presently allowed to graze on approximately 8 million! acres of Forest and Wilderness areas in the lower 48 mostly in critical watersheds unsuited for grazing. The negative impacts of cattle grazing include degraded water quality and soils, spread of invasive weeds, destruction of riparian habitats and reduced forage for and displacement of native wildlife like various deer species, mustangs, and wild burros.

3. This leftover Trump administration proposal to increase grazing would not only fuel livestock's contribution to the clmate and biodiversity crises, but runs counter to President Biden's land conservation agenda.

I'm urging the Forest Service to abandon the Rangeland Management Directives in favor of more transparent management process under NEPA that would allow for public input and that would prioritize conservation over catering to the demands of the cattle and sheep industry.

Thank you for considering my comments.