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Comments: Thank you for providing this opportunity to speak up for better management of Wilderness and other

public lands.

The proposed Rangeland Management Directives have the potential to significantly affect millions of acres of public land, including Wilderness, where livestock grazing is fundamentally at odds with the mandate of the Wilderness Act that Wilderness remain "untrammeled." Livestock grazing in National Forests, including millions of acres of Wilderness, significantly degrades America's public lands. Impacts from grazing must be fully examined and addressed through a transparent, public process that complies with federal laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act.

The FS should not return grazing to the excessive levels permitted in the 1960s when it is clear conditions oftentimes cannot support increased, or even current, grazing levels. The FS must develop policies that ensure the agency will maintain authority for grazing management decisions and hold grazing permittees accountable for the impacts their livestock has on public lands.

The FS must do the right thing for Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by amending its proposed Rangeland Management Directives to comply with the NEPA.