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Comments: I am opposed to the proposed updates to the rangeland management directives. First and foremost, if the USFS plans to amend its directives, a comprehensive process that complies with NEPA is required, still. NEPA compliance is the law and should not be ignored or diminished, please.

Grazing permits have been mismanaged enough for quite some time and expanding them and weakening related enforcement will increase the ecological damage grazing causes. Allowing ranchers and their livestock to roam over public lands for ridiculously low amounts of money has been counterproductive and degrades the land the public wishes to preserve. USFS grazing policies should prioritize voluntary grazing permit retirement to reduce permitted livestock grazing across the system, not expand the life of permits to include future generations of one family. USFS must do more to hold grazing permittees accountable for the damages their livestock cause on public lands.

Current levels of rangeland grazing are damaging and no more should be allowed. Conflicts between native species and invasive species seem to allow ranchers to request the slaughter of the native fauna species. Biodiversity is being disregarded - livestock in most cases are the invasive species. Flora native species are damaged, as well, and the recovery of some native plants needs to be considered as more important than the right to graze livestock. By prioritizing livestock, the USFS promulgates the mistaken notion than humans are the most important and powerful species on the planet. Humans need to continue to honor protected lands and those lands that should be protected instead of giving priority to the commercial livestock industry. Expanding livestock grazing is counter to the need for more conscientious approaches to environmental protection. Weakening USFS management responsibilities and authorities is the wrong way to go during the climate crisis.

Thank you