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Comments: I have witnessed livestock grazing on National Forests, causing erosion, vegetation damage, alteration of ecosystems - especially for endangered species, in the western states. I have witnessed the theft of public fees by the Bundy family and other armed whites. The impacts of the proposed changes by the Forest Service need to be examined in a transparent public process that complies with established federal law and NEPA. Public lands belong to the citizens of this country, not agencies that propose special treatment for ranchers and/or extractive interests. Protecting endangered and threatened species should be the overriding concern when proposing changes in policy that affect public lands. The legal, ethical, and financial responsibility for damage to public lands and endangered or threatened species has to be included in any permitted use for grazing. And, much like the documented corruption of the Christian church in regard to inherited position, grazing rights should not be treated as an estate, to be a perpetuated "right". Ranchers and others interested at using public land for private gain can avail themselves of the same options the rest of society has: save up your money and buy, rent, or lease private property. Rewriting policy to grant ranchers impunity for the consequences of grazing should not be the solution for a failed business plan.