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Comments: As an avid outdoors woman and naturalist, and frequent user of Wilderness and other public lands for recreation, I strongly disagree with the proposed changes to the Rangeland Management Directives.

Specifically, my comment are as follows:

1. Livestock grazing on National Forests, including millions of acres of Wilderness, significantly degrades our public lands and the enjoyment one gets from recreating on our public lands, especially Wilderness areas.
2. 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.
3. Any revisions to 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.
4. Under no circumstances should the FS allow a return to grazing at the excessive levels permitted in the 1960s, especially since today's forests are under great stress from climate changes, and oftentimes cannot support increased, or even current, grazing levels.
5. The FS must develop policies that ensure the agency will maintain authority for grazing management decisions and most importantly hold grazing permittees accountable for the impacts their livestock has on public lands.
6. The recovery of imperiled or threatened species must be prioritized on National Forests and livestock grazing managed so as not to jeopardize species' recovery.

As you know the proposal to increase grazing would not only fuel livestock grazing's contribution to the climate and biodiversity crises, but runs directly counter to the Biden Administration's 30x30 land conservation agenda by sacrificing what could be protected lands to the commercial livestock industry.

The Forest Service must do the right thing for the American public for whom you hold our public lands in trust, Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by dropping its currently proposed Rangeland Management Directives.

I do not support the current proposed changes to the Rangeland Management Directives. If the Forest Service wishes to amend its directives, and I believe this should be done in a comprehensive and thoughtful manner with the PUBLIC in mind, not private livestock industry. As such, the Forest Service must undertake a more comprehensive rule-making process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Thank you for accepting my comments on this important opportunity for betterment of OUR Wilderness and other public lands!