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Comments: Please do not increase the public land acreage open to livestock grazing. The 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 on National Forests, including millions of acres of Wilderness, significantly degrades our 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.
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.
The Forest Service should implement policies ensuring the agency has authority for grazing management & must not return grazing permits to the ecosystem damaging levels of the 1960s which were unsustainable & damaging to both wilderness areas & wildlife.
Many of our planet's species are endangered or threatened with extinction. Their protection and recovery must be a primary priority. Biodiversity is the foundation of humanity's ability to survive.
Increasing grazing permits on public lands, especially wilderness would also accelerate climate change, which threatens all life on earth, including our own.
The Forest Service protect and preserve Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by dropping its proposed Rangeland Management Directives and must propose a plan that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act and with Biden's environmental agenda.