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Comments: Wilderness is fundamentally in opposition to grazing and intensive agriculture. While bison can graze historic lands and replenish soil, that is based on assumptions that are no longer true, and do not carry over to cattle. Nowadays, grazers and hoof stock carry invasive plants, even ones that are dangerous to restoring bison, into any area that they graze or browse. Hoof stock would be better served grazing sustainably (see the documentary Kiss The Ground for proper techniques that will enrich soils, ranchers, and farmers alike) and healthier for it. Wolves need access and need to exist in any wilderness, yet the rates of killing these animals and other wildlife is at odds with the concept of hoof stock that is owned living in Wilderness Areas and will prompt more requests for taking wildlife such as wolves in order to "protect" owned livestock and erroneously human lives. I've worked in Wilderness Areas and camped for weeks without seeing a single wolf. They don't harass humans. But trapping and poisoning animals to protect animals that don't belong in Wilderness Areas is wrong and inhumane. Wilderness make up such a small proportion of our federal lands and need to be set aside for their original purposes, conservation of nature in its wild state and habitat for wildlife that replenishes hunting stocks in forests bordering the Wilderness. Thank you.