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Too many of the Rangeland Management Directives updates read like retrograde returns to the assessments of the cited 30-year old rules. Thirty years ago not nearly as much was known about riparian vulnerability, the extent of damage to ecosystems by overstocking, compaction of soils, and the irreplaceable wealth of wilderness. By opening vacant allotments to private commercial livestock grazing the FS will be accelerating the degradation of all that above, plus more. Livestock grazing on private real estate can be successfully managed to reduce physical trampling of riparian zones and the excessive loading of manure nitrogen into water drainages; by protective fencing, rotational grazing, and other controlling techniques. That degree of manipulation is not possible on National Forest lands.

All this research, attention, and upgrading is a manifest waste of taxpayer money and another example of subsidizing business interests that are augmenting another 30-year update; climate change. Has your vast empire of land command missed this news? Do you know about the negative wonders of methane gas, the two largest animal sources of which are your targeted cattle and sheep renters? Why should 90-something % of Americans subsidize the minute percentage of livestock owners who take advantage of the Federal common, when they already own their own grazing lands?

Please leave alone the acreage that was proposed for protection, and is now in that category of protection, labeled Wilderness.