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Comments: Grazing is fundamentally at odds with Wilderness and should be curtailed. Today the negative impacts of livestock grazing are much more clearly understood, including degraded water quality and soils, the spread of invasive weeds, destruction of riparian and other important habitats, reduced forage for and displacement of native wildlife, and much more. National forests are there for the protection of wildlife, not animal ag enterprises to profit from.

There is also the factor of global warming:

"Efforts to curb greenhouse-gas emissions and the impacts of global warming will fall significantly short without drastic changes in global land use, agriculture and human diets, leading researchers warn in a high-level report commissioned by the United Nations.

The special report on climate change and land by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) describes plant-based diets as a major opportunity for mitigating and adapting to climate change? and includes a policy recommendation to reduce meat consumption." https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-02409-7

At a time when we should be reducing animal agriculture for reasons of climate change to save our planet, it is imperative that no more land is given to animal agriculture, especially in our National Forests that are National treasures and should not to be used for private enterprise, especially private enterprise that degrades the area and causes more global warming. That should not be supported in any way.