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Comments: *The Rangeland Management Directives have the potential to significantly affect millions of acres of public land, including Wilderness areas. National Forests are not "national pastures" -- livestock grazing is fundamentally at odds with the public interest and most certainly not in keeping with "untrammelled" Wilderness.

*Livestock grazing in our federal National Forests degrades wildlife habitat, aquatic ecosystems, sensitive sub-alpine and alpine forbs & grasses. 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 federal grazing program cost taxpayers millions of dollars to administer over fees collected, spread noxious weed seed and seriously degrades recreation trails, fisheries and huntable species forage. The FS should not return grazing to vacant allotments and not return to excessive levels permitted in the 1960s when it is clear conditions oftentimes cannot support increased, or even current, grazing levels.

*The Forest Service must retain authority over grazing management & leases and hold grazing leasees accountable for the environmental impacts their livestock has on our public lands.

*TES species needs must be prioritized over livestock grazing in our National Forests.

*Livestock grazing significantly contributes global climate change. EPA estimates are livestock grazing contributes about 1/3 of total methane emissions each year. Climate, species extinction and loss of biodiversity are at a crisis point that must be addressed, now. More grazing on our public forests is 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 Wilderness, other public lands, and wildlife by dropping its proposed Rangeland Management Directives.

*If the Forest Service wishes to amend its directives, the Forest Service must undertake a more comprehensive rulemaking process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act.