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Comments: We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed updates to the Range Management Directives. It is important to recognize in the directives that grazing on Forest Service lands is a privilege, not a right, and grazing, if not managed to prevent adverse impacts, can seriously degrade the land and water. In this regard, we are concerned that the proposal to allow grazing on recent allotments to return to 1960s levels might well be a step backward in terms of the health of those lands grazed. Because this can lead to less foliage for wildlife, more methane gas from cattle contaminating the air and warming the climate, such actions should only be taken after appropriate environmental impact studies have been done. Moreover, expanding grazing seems counter to the directions from the Biden Administration for all federal agencies to take steps to address climate change. These directives should also promote the inclusion of properly maintained fencing and livestock oversight requirements (such as range riders and sheep herders and guard dogs) in permittees' operating plans to minimize livestock/wildlife conflicts. In addition, any changes should encourage voluntary conservation efforts by permittees as well as voluntary retirement of allotments no longer used. Finally, because these are public lands it is important that ample opportunity be given for public input and the entire process of proposing, revising and adopting new rangeland management directives be done in an open and transparent fashion.