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Comments: I am providing this one additional comment that I inadvertently omitted from my original submission.

Thank you.

One additional comment I had intended to include in my earlier comments is related to the need to involve the local County Commissioners/representatives in the grazing planning and implementation process. The counties with large percentages of federal lands do not have the benefit of collecting property taxes on federal land as they can on private lands in order to fund infrastructure, etc. Grazing and timber fee revenues collected by the federal government, of which the local counties get a percentage, are intended to help make up for this loss of property tax revenue. Therefore, the counties are important stakeholders in the grazing decision process and the directives should mandate the Forest Service include the county representatives in the processes. This is particularly important if the Forest Service intends to take any adverse action which impacts grazing allotments and permittees, which in turn directly impacts county revenues. County Governments should have a say in any decision the Forest Service intends to make that will affect permittees, ranches and local businesses, since these directly effect the county tax base. This consideration of counties in these processes has been sorely lacking in the past, and must be addressed in the directives to assure the omission does not continue.