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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been reading some of the comments regarding changing the rangeland management directives and I find them disturbing. I am from a family ranch that has a forest grazing permit. Contrary to what is being said in the comments, grazing of forest land is not a bad thing. Grazing increases vegetation production which benefits all wildlife that are on forest lands and there are studies to support this. Ranchers are the pioneers of land conservation and take pride in caring for their own land as well as the forest lands. Many people do not understand what is involved in having a grazing permit and should educate themselves before making ignorant comments about cattle grazing on forest lands. Vegetation is constantly monitored to avoid overgrazing as well as maintaining springs that cattle use for water source.

There was a comment in regards to cow pies everywhere, my advice is watch where you step! Oh and cow pies are a all natural fertilizer.

If you think grazing is detrimental to the forest lands pay attention to the mismanagement of the tree fall on forest lands. The tree fall does not allow for vegetation to grow which limits grass for the elk, deer and cattle populations. Most importantly tree fall is fuel for a forest fire that would wipe out all vegetation for all wildlife!

Cattle graze during the summer months allowing the ranchers to grow grass and hay on their home pastures to feed the cattle in the winter months when the cattle are back home.

I invite any of you liberal tree huggers to spend a day or two with a rancher trying to meet the demands of their job and paying attention to liberal bureaucracies that are trying to put them out of business.

No agriculture equals no food, just remember that!!