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Comments: The Trump Administration did enough damage to the environment. Shelve this Trump era proposal without further ado.

Increasing grazing is antithetical to the Biden Administration's 30x30 land conservation agenda.

Impacts from livestock grazing (e.g., degraded water quality and soils; spread of invasive weeds; destruction of riparian and other habitats; and reduced forage for and displacement of native wildlife) must be fully examined and addressed through a transparent, public process that complies with federal laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

About one-third of the 8 million Wilderness acres authorized for grazing (2.5 million acres) is vacant (unused and unallocated). Given the negative impacts of livestock grazing (see above), now would be an excellent time to permanently retire vacant allotments.

The recovery of imperiled and threatened species must be prioritized over livestock grazing on National Forests.

Any effort to update Rangeland Management Directives must include a comprehensive rulemaking process that complies with NEPA.

Livestock grazing is fundamentally at odds with the mandate of the Wilderness Act that Wilderness remain "untrammelled."

Forest Service policies must ensure the agency will maintain authority for grazing management decisions.

The Forest Service must hold grazing permittees accountable for the impacts their livestock has on public lands.

For these and other reasons, I urge you to shelve the proposed Rangeland Management Directives.