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Comments: The area that I am writing about is the Grand Mesa, that is the area I most use for utving, hunting, camping, hiking and skiing. I will try to make it short and to the point but Can be contacted for detail. The topic is over grazing and the damage that is being done To the whole eco system.

The damage is now getting to a point where it is effecting all wildlife, plant life , erosion , and water Quality. I understand the grazing need, however their is a right way and a wrong way. I have cattle And horses with land that I have to manage to ensure the quality of grass for not only the cattle But the land, and if you lose the health of the land, we'll you lost the quality of health for your animals And all other life that depends on that ecosystem that means insects, animals, plants and water. We have lost that balance on the Grand Mesa.

The overgrazing is so bad that by September all your natural grasses that are good for the environment are gone and all that is left are invasive species. when you have that the cattle have to Travel more to graze. then you have erosion, water quality problems, and feed problems for wildlife And the list goes on and on.

The land never gets a break to recover and as a result, with the help of drought condition, the System is broken on the GM and is effecting everything, all forms of life, hunting, camping and the whole eco system. It is sad to see the changes over the last 5 years and the very rapid damage that Is being done, I would never destroy my land like this why is it being ruined on the GM .

The fix is simple, fewer pairs allowed , recovery time, and not a one plan fits all for different years. Weather has to be considered, (drought conditions), this has to be considered not by year to year, But month by month and we have to be more flexible in our management decisions, which means More corporation from all users in a ever changing environment. Hard to do but has to happen if we Want to save the Mesa.

If we continue to over graze the Mesa we will lose it, the damage that has been done is devastating. You are the keepers of the GM , hard decisions have to be made, but if we don't act the damage Will have irreversible and we will all pay the price, the loss of one of the most amazing environment In colorado and the earth.

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