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Comments: I have lived adjacent to the the National Forest for some 35 years. I have been concerned about over grazing and have voiced my concern about over grazing and destruction of riparian habitat. With the Forest being stressed during the drought the permit holder was finally taken to task and warned about loss of his permit if he did not comply with Forest Service requirements. This has taken 8+ years for the Forest Service to resolve the issue. I do not fault the Range land manager as he covers a huge number of permits and has worked hard to cover his territory.

During these difficult times of climate change we need many more Range Land managers if the Forest is to remain healthy.

The other alternative is to allow private citizens/non profits to contract with a certified range land expert, selected by the Forest Service, to conduct range land inspections and report to the local Forest Service land Manager. This program would be paid for by private individuals or non profits.

The latter would vastly expand the surveillance of range lands and maintain control within the Forest Service.

If we don't have better surveillance of some permit holders our Forests will continue to deteriorate.

I am a great proponent for permits to graze the forest lands if it's done in a responsible fashion.