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Comments: Re: Bridgeport SW
The proposed amendment to exempt Bridgeport SW from the RI-S-06 standard excluding livestock watering from within 0.6 miles of riparian areas is unacceptable. Cancelling allotments for grazing sheep was a good step consistent with a need to restore public lands to serve primarily as wildlife habitat. Overturning standards to take a step backward and introduce cattle grazing is ill advised. Our country is trying to find ways to address climate change, and one key action is to curb methane emissions. Cattle are a significant source of methane emissions and public lands should exclude cattle grazing to the greatest extent possible.