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Comments: As someone who cares deeply about the Los Padres National Forest and the San Rafael Wilderness, I am concerned that the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Porter, Pine Canyon, and South Fork La Brea Allotments Project is woefully insufficient. After 13 years since the project was first announced, the draft EA appears rushed and incomplete.

I ask that your agency go back to the drawing board to analyze additional alternatives to the proposed action. These should include at least one alternative that would have a lower maximum number of livestock allowed in each of the three allotments, especially where they overlap the San Rafael Wilderness and designated critical habitat for the California red-legged frog and steelhead.

Your agency should also commit to releasing all of the environmental analysis documents being relied upon before or at the beginning of the public comment period for a new draft EA. Myself and other stakeholders are unable to fully understand the basis for many of the findings in the current draft EA due to so many referenced documents being withheld from public consumption.

The above comments were written by los Padres ForestWatch. I agree with them entirely.

I am a retired environmental biologist. I have lived within the Los Padres N F (Pine Mountain Club) for 25 years. I am aware from my field experience throughout California of some of the negative effects of livestock grazing on public lands. I firmly believe that what is needed by the US Forest Service is a drive to reduce livestock grazing, not increase this destructive activity.

Thank you for reading this statement.