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Comments: In many areas, wild sheep populations are struggling due to die offs triggered by diseases transmitted to the wild sheep from domestic goats and sheep. Many organizations and governments are spending thousands of dollars to counteract those population losses. The few dollars generated from grazing allotments is not worth endangering the wild sheep populations.

I recommend that the widest possible separation between domestic sheep and goats and our wild sheep populations be a primary goal of any grazing allotment plan. Err on the side of caution, and if there is doubt about possible interactions with wild sheep, eliminate the grazing allotment.

Thank you for considering my opinion.