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Comments: RE: Flat Canyon Allotment Management I am writing in response to the letter I received in the mail about three proposed alternatives to the Flat Canyon Allotment. I strongly urge you to let this allotment be a winter sheep allotment. There are a few reasons why this is the best choice and management tool for this area. The vegetation and feed that is available is best used by sheep. Sheep are unique in the things they will eat and the way they graze. This allotment will not properly feed cows. The water source is minimal, which is not beneficial for cattle. Sheep can eat snow for their water source as well as use the minimal amount that is available. The terrain of this permit is steeper and not easy for cattle. Sheep have grazed here over the last 100 years. This ground is not suitable for cattle. Sheep can maneuver through this steep terrain and take advantage of the feed that is available. There is no reason to convert this permit to use for cattle. The Flat Canyon Allotment needs to stay as a sheep permit. It is better suited for sheep, the feed and water will be used and managed by sheep grazing, and the terrain is ideal for sheep usage. The Forest Service should manage the lands for the best use of the environment and conditions, which is why it has been a sheep grazing permit. These are the findings that have been shown over the last 100 years as it has been used for that purpose. We urge you to keep this as it is currently allotted, for sheep use. Thank you for your time and considerations