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Comments: Livestock grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness should be limited to protect native wildlife from competition, disease, and habitat loss. Grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness is a threat to wildlife, water quality, and the wilderness experience. It should be banned. Killing native predators to protect sheep or cows should be prohibited if domestic livestock grazing is allowed to continue. The SDEIS fails to disclose how many native predators-such as black bears, mountain lions, or coyotes-are killed in the High Uintas Wilderness to protect domestic sheep. The SDEIS also fails to disclose the effects continued sheep grazing has on the potential for recovering native wildlife such as wolves and grizzly bears.

I support the no-grazing option for the High Uintas Wilderness. Grazing is harmful to wildlife, watersheds, recreation, and the wilderness itself. At the very least, the Forest Service should close any sheep grazing allotments that are waived back to them.