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Comments: Dear honorable members of the Forest Service,

I'm writing to offer my comments on the High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis Project #44503. I would like the Forest Service to rule in favor of restoration of this land for the purposes of fostering native wildlife.

I believe livestock grazing should be limited, because as it stands now, we have seen that domestic animal grazing is spreading disease to native species and competing with those species for food and space.

Domestic grazing also pollutes the streams and lakes of the High Uintas, as the animal load on the land is far greater than what it can naturally handle. We're running out of good water supplies in this country, and fecal waste is a major cause of waterway loss.

I think the wilderness here would also be a larger draw for tourism opportunities, more so than the large scale ranch it is now. Every chance I get I try to get out to the west, to engage in some form of outdoor activity that can take me into the wilderness, where I can breath clean air, marvel at the trees and mountains, and enjoy nature at it's finest, un-trammeled by mankind. And lest you think I'm just some dreamer, let me remind you that me and millions of people like me spend lots of money traveling just like this because nature has such an inexplicable and healing draw.

A few final points:

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.

Support the no grazing option as it is best for the wildlife, watersheds, recreation, and the Wilderness. At the very least, the Forest Service should close any sheep grazing allotment if the permit is waived back to the Forest Service.?