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Comments: Please accept my public comment on the High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis Project questioning the ecological wisdom of grazing allotments.

Regionally this is important to analyze given that the Great Salt Lake is now dwindling to a fraction of its former size due to the climate crisis resulting in drought and extreme weather swings. Nationally it is important because everywhere land and water resources are being impacted through climate catastrophe. Globally it is important for these same reasons.

The land management by the USFS is critical in adjusting regimens for resilience of the natural habitat. The basic natural resources of the area include the native plant and animal species. For too many years the balance between native Big Horn Sheep and their predators has been harmed. Domestic animal grazing is now in direct competition with Big Horn Sheep and the native predators who prey upon them. Predators such as cougars, bears and coyotes are being shot and trapped in order to protect a domestic ranch animal. If not in Wilderness, then where can our predators live out their natural destiny?

Global Climate Change is demanding we think differently about the management of our public lands and resources. Native plants and animals must take precedence over ranchers grazing our public lands resources. Mathematically it becomes clear that the handful of ranchers with grazing allotments are disproportionately affecting our public wealth of the High Uintas Wilderness Area by reducing the numbers of Big Horn Sheep, Bear, cougar, coyotes, bobcats. The wealth of a Wilderness Area is measured by the presence of native species' functioning habitat. Domestic grazing also introduces alien and invasive plant species. With pressures mounting from Climate Change, adaptation to these changes are best met through the presence of native species. Here that habitat has been dramatically and perhaps fatally compromised. My public response to your Analysis is to remove all grazing allotments, allowing the Wilderness Area to perform its natural functions for wildlife and wildlife habitat. Please consider my comments as important as those from the ranching community.