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Comments: Please protect and preserve native wildlife and the fragile, high elevation alpine basins of the High Uintas Wilderness from domestic sheep grazing! This area is first and foremost a designated Wilderness area. Grazing by domestic sheep and cows compromises the High Uintas watersheds, fouls the lakes and streams, and severely degrades the experience of visitors seeking a Wilderness experience. Grazing should be curtailed to meet the public's interest in protecting the High Uintas for wildlife, and to enable an authentic Wilderness experience for visitors.

The High Uintas Wilderness should be dedicated to its native wildlife. To the extent livestock grazing is allowed, it should be limited so as to not compete with wildlife for food or space or to spread disease to native species.

The recovering native bighorn sheep population is greatly endangered and imperiled by domestic sheep grazing. If domestic sheep grazing remains in the High Uintas, the native bighorn sheep are doomed to destruction and eradication.

Killing native predators to protect sheep or cows must 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 brutally 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.

Please support the NO GRAZING option. This is the choice that is best for 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.?