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Comments: I am writing to express my full support for the no grazing option in the High Uintas Wilderness. This is an excellent proposal that will finally allow the ecology and habitat to heal and start providing the environment for native plants and animals to thrive, as well as allow for a full recovery of the bighorn and preservation of large predators.

I want to see the High Uintas Wilderness dedicated to its native wildlife, and not to livestock grazing. If livestock grazing is allowed, it should be strictly limited to avoid any competition with wildlife for food or space or to spread disease to native species. Domestic sheep grazing should not be permitted in areas with recovering native bighorn sheep population, to avoid the spread of disease and prevent unnecessary threats to the long-term viability of native bighorn sheep.

Any sheep grazing permits waived back to the Forest Service should be closed out. 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.

I want to see an end to the continual slaughter of native predators, on the pretext of protection of domestic livestock. In a Wilderness area, the native wildlife must be given preference, and livestock interests must adapt to this. 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.

Thank you for considering my comments, and I want to emphasize how grateful I am that the Forest Service is beginning to focus more on protection of habitat and wildlife, especially in Wilderness areas such as the High Uintas. This is vital if we are to recover and protect these precious environments, and stop focusing on them as just an economic opportunity for private interests.