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Comments: As I'm sure other protectors of our nation's proud wilderness resources have articulated, the High Uintas Wilderness should be solidly 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.

Research and anecdotal observations confirm that grazing by domestic sheep and cows compromises watersheds, fouls the lakes and streams, and severely degrades the experience of visitors seeking a Wilderness experience, as it would certainly do in this case. Grazing should be curtailed to meet the public's interest in protecting the High Uintas for wildlife and an authentic Wilderness experience for visitors.

Domestic sheep grazing is incompatible with recovering native bighorn sheep population. Our barely surviving proud native bighorn sheep would likely be doomed by choosing this poorly planned option.

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.

Thank you for support the intention of our country's Wilderness Ethos and allowing no grazing option which is clearly the best in this case 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.?