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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I write as a representative of five voters. We have several wildlife biologists in our immediate and extended family and I have studied and published about predator- prey relations for over 50 years. I hope you will consider our comments.

We find it absurd, in this time of severely declining wildlife populations, for the Forest Service to prop up bighorn populations by killing native predators and translocating bighorn -- all in the service of domestic sheep herds -- and in a "wilderness" which by definition should defend and promote ecosystems in their pre-domesticated state.

As we understand your SDEIS, large amounts of these grazing allotments have not even been used for years. John Muir famously made the point years ago of how destructive sheep are to natural ecosystems by calling them "hoofed locusts." Travel in Scotland and you can see how damaging they are. Like with our meat and food choices, we buy only predator-friendly meats and wool.

Your federal agency should make a clear choice. Grazing should not be allowed in the High Uintas Wilderness at all. All allotments should be cancelled and cleared from the wilderness area to allow the wilderness to be what Americans voted for and expect by definition of the Wilderness Act.

Thank you,  
Susan Strauss