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Comments: The High Uintas Wilderness should be dedicated to its native wildlife. Livestock grazing is should be discontinued so as to not compete with wildlife for food or space or to spread disease to native species.

Wilderness areas should only have native wildlife!

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 an authentic Wilderness experience for visitors. Livestock are a destructive non-native invasive species and have no place in designated Wilderness areas.

Domestic sheep grazing is incompatible with recovering native bighorn sheep population. If domestic sheep grazing remains in the High Uintas, the native bighorn sheep are likely doomed. The only sheep that belong in designated Wilderness areas are those that are naturally native to the area.

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. These native predators are keystone species that are necessary to protect the natural flora and fauna and keep the natural balance in the ecosystems.

Support the no grazing option as it is best 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.