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Comments: I wish to comment on proposals affecting wildlife and ranching operations in the High Uintas of the Rocky Mountains. True, domestic sheep have been raised there for years, but use of that land should emphasize protection of the area's native wildlife, including the bighorn sheep. The ranching displaces not just the bighorn, but bears, cougars, coyotes and other wildlife of that location. You also need to do better work protecting the local water quality and other natural concerns. The domestic operations prevent natural wildlife from thriving there.

Unfortunately, the Forest Service's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) seems far more concerned about supporting the domestic sheep operations than restoring wild species. That shouldn't be the service's main concern. Please rethink you plans for this area.