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Comments: As stewards of the Earth, we must protect our environment and the health and safety of all who live here, including the native wildlife and habitat of the High Uintas Wilderness.

Following are my comments on the project.

Do not permit grazing of domestic livestock. Retire grazing permits that are voluntarily waived back to the agency, giving ranchers the opportunity to seek compensation from conservation interests before permanently closing allotments.

To the extent livestock grazing is permitted, it must not compete with native wildlife for food or space or to spread disease to native species. Grazing of domestic sheep and cows:

- Compromises the High Uintas watersheds by fouling lakes and streams.
- Degrades the visitor Wilderness experience.
- Prevents the recovery of native bighorn sheep by filling the range with domestic sheep carrying disease fatal to the bighorns.
- Promotes killing of native predators, such as black bears, mountain lions or coyotes, to protect domestic sheep.

The SDEIS must disclose:

~~ number of native predators killed in the High Uintas Wilderness to protect domestic sheep.

~~ effects of continued sheep grazing on the potential for recovering native wildlife such as wolves and grizzly bears.