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Comments: High country anywhere in the West looks solid, powerful and strong, but it is not. It is a delicate and fragile environment, truly buffeted by wind, weather and natural hardship. It has to also support not only plant life and tree life and insect life, but the mammalian and avian life forms that have evolved over the millennium. They have no other home. And with the climate changing rapidly and disastrously, other creatures, other plants, other trees and other birds will need to migrate upwards to escape into more stable conditions than what is evolving to be at the lower elevations. This will place more stress on the ecosystem already in the alpine areas. And of course, the same disastrous climate changes will be simultaneously affecting the alpine areas themselves. All in all, this promises to be a time of extreme hardship for these delicate areas. Therefore, to add domestic animal grazing to this mix seems to be the height of irresponsibility management of our natural resources. This is the time to be retiring public land leases in areas already deemed to be damaged, changing for the worst, or rapidly shrinking in proportion, not adding leases.

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