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Comments: The following states the reasons why I support the no grazing option. The High Uintas Wilderness should be dedicated to its native wildlife. I oppose permitting livestock grazing period, but to the extent it is deemed legally required, it should be limited in time and volume so as to reduce to an absolute minimum its competition with wildlife for food or space and to severely reduce the risk of the spread of disease to native species.

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 obligation to protect the High Uintas for wildlife and an maintain an authentic Wilderness experience there.

I believe that Domestic sheep grazing is incompatible with recovering the native bighorn sheep population. If domestic sheep grazing remains in the High Uintas, the native bighorn sheep are likely doomed.

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. This lack of disclosure is unacceptable and such killing should be prohibited and is avoidable if domestic livestock are either removed (my preference) or otherwise adequately protected from predators, the cost of which should be their owner's responsibility. 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.

Please Support the no grazing option as it is best for the wildlife, watersheds, recreation, and the Wilderness.