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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

Wilderness does not include sheep. Human kind removed the sheep from wilderness thousands of years ago. So, they no longer belong there.

When you put the sheep back into wilderness, the animals that used to prey on them begin to prey on them again. So, the predators get shot by the ignorant people that brought sheep into their lands. However, these lands were set aside for their wilderness quality and for the safety and pursuit of happiness for those predators. So, to allow sheep herders to kill these predators with impunity is out and out unconstitutional, immoral and downright sadistic. We, the people spoke of how we wanted wilderness land to be managed and we didn't allow it to be commercialized. But, you did, so you're breaking the law.

Now, you bring domestic sheep back into the high-country and let them rip up the vegetation that is not meant for that kind of grazing, so you damage the wilderness, yet again. Again, you have disregard and disrespect the will of the American people.

Then, the sheep bring diseases along for the ride and you decimate the indigenous animals and you feel that's okay, because you have to get mutton on your plate? Again, you desecrate the American constitution, which is based on American's words, not the dollar bills of the cattle and sheep industry. Don't the laws count for anything to you all? Corruption - out and out corruption is what I see. Are you only out to serve the economy? Do you not see any other value than the dollar bill?

Because of the multiple threats that sheep herding presents to the wilderness and its iconic species and the rest of its ecology, I ask you to not renew any more grazing leases in the High Uinitas Wilderness and to never allow another sheep or cattle graze this beautiful piece of the world ever again. Thank you for your time and for listening.

Sincerely yours, Patrick Smyth