

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/22/2023 8:22:18 PM

First name: Beth

Last name: Cohen

Organization:

Title:

Comments: To whom it May Concern-

I am writing this letter as a concerned US citizen, who enjoys, hiking, bird and other wildlife-watching, backpacking and camping in our beautiful wilderness areas and National Parks.

The High Uintas Wilderness should be dedicated to its native wildlife. To the extent livestock grazing is allowed, it should at least be limited so as to not compete with wildlife for food or space or to spread disease to native species. From many years of research we have seen that 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 interest in protecting the High Uintas for wildlife and an authentic Wilderness experience for visitors.

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

Please support the no grazing option as it is best for the wildlife, watersheds, recreation, and the Wilderness. At the very least, the Forest Service should close any sheep grazing allotment if the permit is waived back to the Forest Service.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter.

Beth Cohen

Albuquerque, New Mexico