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Comments: Grazing by domestic sheep and cows should be eliminated or severely curtailed. It compromises the watersheds of the High Uintas, fouls lakes and streams, and degrades the experience of visitors seeking a Wilderness experience. 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. Grazing should at a minimum be reduced to meet the public's interest in protecting the High Uintas for wildlife and an authentic Wilderness experience for visitors. The health of native wildlife should be the primary focus for the High Uintas Wilderness.

Also, killing native predators to protect sheep or cows should be prohibited if domestic livestock grazing is allowed to continue. 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. 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.