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Comments: I am an 86 year resident and student of this earth and its body politic. I also have a strong broad science background including courses in agronomy, astronomy, botany, chemistry, climatology, ecology, genetics, geology, meteorology, physical geography, physics, and zoology. I earned a bachelors degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, a masters degree from Cornell University, and have done post-masters work at various colleges. As such, I value scientific facts over the use of political ideologies when determining the appropriateness of government policies.

I support the no grazing option. It is the best for the wildlife, watersheds, recreation, and the Wilderness.

This option will end grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness and protect native wildlife, restore the degraded watershed, and enhance opportunities for an increasingly rare Wilderness experience.

The Forest Service can retire grazing permits that are voluntarily waived back to the agency, giving the ranchers the opportunity to seek compensation from conservation interests before the allotments are permanently closed.??

Grazing by domestic sheep will displace native wildlife, lead to persecution of predators, mar the landscape, compromise water quality, and negatively impacted visitors seeking solitude and an authentic Wilderness experience. And, domestic sheep carry disease fatal to the bighorns.