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Comments: I urge you to adopt the no grazing option to protect native wildlife and the fragile, high elevation alpine basins of the High Uintas Wilderness. Grazing permits should be retired and allotments permanently closed.

The High Uintas Wilderness should be dedicated to its native wildlife. Domestic sheep and cow grazing fouls the lakes and streams. It spreads disease to native species. It is incompatible with recovering the native big horn sheep population. It forces native species to compete for food and/or space. Native predators such as black bears, mountain lions, and coyotes, are killed to protect domestic sheep. It can also affect the recovery of native wildlife such as wolves and grizzly bears.

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.?