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Comments: I am pleased to hear that the Forest Service is considering ending grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness, though disheartened to hear that it is not the preferred alternative. I am asking that you select the No Grazing Alternative and put an end to grazing sheep in the wilderness for the following reasons.

Wilderness Areas should be managed with a strong consideration of the natural resources and natural processes of the site. Grazing sheep in these areas is detrimental to the forest and range ecosystems. They are in competition with native animals and remove flora that should be available to native animals to use. Sheep displace other animals placing an undue hardship on this wildlife.

Sheep bring disease to the area that has a negative effect on native bighorn sheep populations. The safety and well-being on bighorn sheep should be a higher concern than grazing domestic sheep. This conflict can only be resolved by removing domestic sheep and keeping them away from bighorn sheep habitat.

Grazing sheep attract predators that are native to the area and important to the overall environmental health of the site. It's not clear how many native predators are killed in order to make the world safe for sheep but any killing of native predators for this reason is too many. Removing sheep from these lands would remove the need to kill predators and for this reason the grazing allotments should be ended.

I understand that one of the allotments has not been used in 40 years. I don't understand why you are wanting to keep this lease in the plan if there has been no interest in it. While I encourage you to end all the grazing the least that should be done is to remove this unneeded lease.

Thank you,

the decision should end grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness in order to protect native wildlife, restore the degraded watershed, and enhance opportunities for an increasingly rare Wilderness experience.