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Comments: As an avid outdoorswoman, I believe that a wilderness should be just that, a place that is wild and exists to support wildlife. As you know, alpine ecosystems are fragile. The grazing of domestic sheep/cows not only damages this fragile ecosystem, but harms the wildlife that should exist on this land by taking and/or damaging natural resources they need to survive. In addition, native predators are being killed to protect livestock. This should not be happening in a wilderness. On a more personal note, grazing of domestic livestock destroys the experience of the wild that people like me seek in our outdoor recreational activities. Please end livestock grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness.

I recognize that ranchers currently grazing livestock on this land will be harmed by this decision. To mitigate this harm, I recommend that the Forest Service 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.