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Comments: Please do not allow anymore domestic sheep grazing in this wilderness area. Past intensive grazing practices have decimated wildlife and the grasslands/meadow ecosystem in this area. As an aside, people who utilize sheep grazing with best practices utilize rotational grazing, not intensive grazing. Sheep can graze in many areas that are hard to mow and can eat vegetation left behind by other species. Their needs are little, whereas the needs of the native wildlife are greater. Let this land heal, and be repopulated by native wildlife. Keep domestic animals out of wilderness areas, whether they be cattle or sheep.

I wish that the Forest Service and other agencies would prioritize the needs of native flora and fauna and stop catering to the ranchers. Ranchers can be considered a special interest, and this land not only belongs to the NATIVE flora and fauna, but the people of the United States as well.