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Comments: I urge you to end grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness rather than continuing with the status quo.

Domestic sheep have an important place in our overall ecosystem, but they do not belong in the High Uintas Wilderness. Their presence will doom the recovery of the native bighorn sheep to the High Uintas due to the diseases they carry. Grazing sheep and cows foul the watersheds in the area and compromise the wilderness experience of visitors. Furthermore, owners want to protect the livestock by killing native predators like wolves, mountain lions, and grizzly bears, which should be protected in this wilderness area.

This country offers plenty of grazing land for livestock outside of wilderness areas. Livestock owners are not entitled to harm wilderness that belongs to all Americans in order to make a profit.

Ending grazing in the High Uintas is the best option 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.

Thank you for your consideration.