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Comments: Hi, As someone with a history of backpacking and bowhunting in the Uinta Mountains, I would like to see the High Uintas Wilderness be dedicated to native wildlife. I would like to see livestock grazing be limited to not compete with wildlife for food or space or to spread disease to native species.

Grazing by domestic sheep and cows degrades the High Uintas watersheds, fouls the lakes and streams, and the experience of visitors seeking a Wilderness experience. Grazing should be curtailed to meet the public's interest in protecting the High Uintas for wildlife (and a more authentic Wilderness experience for visitors).

Domestic sheep grazing is incompatible with recovering native bighorn sheep population. If domestic sheep grazing remains in the High Uintas, the native bighorn sheep are likely doomed by repeat exposure to diseases which is a known long term problem.

Killing native predators to protect sheep or cows should be prohibited if domestic livestock grazing is allowed to continue. The SDEIS fails to disclose how many native predators-such as black bears, mountain lions, or coyotes-are killed in the High Uintas Wilderness to protect domestic sheep. The SDEIS also fails to disclose the effects continued sheep grazing has on the potential for recovering native wildlife such as wolves and grizzly bears.

Please 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.? Please at the very least close off grazing permits when individual permit holders cease renewals.

Thanks - Paul Howard