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Comments: The High Uintas Wilderness should be dedicated to its native wildlife. To the extent livestock grazing is allowed, it should be limited so as to not compete with wildlife for food or space or to spread disease to native species.

Grazing by domestic sheep and cows compromises the High Uintas watersheds, fouls the lakes and streams, and severely degrades 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 an authentic Wilderness experience for visitors. Sheep, in particular, tend to eat plants down to the ground which leaves very little chance for the plant to regrow in times of drought or high temperatures.

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. Plants at higher altitudes tend to be shorter and less dense. Big Horn Sheep require less in the way of plant food to survive. Competition with domestic sheep will make it very, very difficult for the Big Horn Sheep to survive. Again, like the Trump administration, you are trying to kill off an entire species.

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. Ranchers also participate in ridding pastures of native predators...often breaking federal laws. Their favorite eradicator is poison which is non-discriminatory in its victims. Ranchers often fail to use natural protectors like sheepdogs and donkeys.

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 stop killing off endangered species for money as did the Trump administration.