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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to adopt Alternative 1, the Environmentally Preferred Alternative, in order to end domestic sheep grazing in the High Uintas. After all, this is a WILDERNESS area.

The alpine meadows of the High Uintas Wilderness on the Utah-Wyoming border are so overgrazed that a 2020 scientific study shows that ecological damage in the High Uintas, as a result of domestic sheep, is severe, and vegetation productivity is even lower today than it was in the 1960s. In addition, domestic sheep are driven into alpine habitats occupied by bighorn sheep, amplifying the likelihood that wild bighorns will contract deadly livestock diseases that could wipe out the entire bighorn sheep population in the Uinta Mountains.

Thank you,

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