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Comments: I would prefer that sheep grazing in wilderness areas be ceased unless the sheep are wildlife. Not domesticated, but that which was here before man. I think once an area has been designated as a wilderness that it should be consistently managed in the true spirit of that designation. Hopefully there are enough areas on forest lands that can be utilized for livestock grazing so that those enterprises that have become dependent upon these resources can thrive. As a young man I participated in the Boy Scouts. When we went camping in England it was frequently on "commons" areas. Consequently in these circumstances we had to carefully place our encampments, even our tents and sleeping bags, where no cow patties were. I remember learning that the dried ones can be burned for fuel but oh what a stench they generated. It was a joy to come to the western US after that and go on camping and backpacking trips into alpine areas. In the early 1970's it was into areas of the Sawtooth forest now designated as the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Even then there were cattle being grazed in some of those areas which we accepted because, well, it was so. I beseech you for the sake of the young people of today and the future to prevent what I experienced in England from happening in the meadows of the High Unita. Keep livestock out of areas designated as wilderness and have these young people know that the law is the law and it must be respected by all.