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Comments: I am writing to object to the continuation of completely improper grazing of privately owned livestock for the purpose of generating private profits for corporate ranchers. This is a completely improper use of Federal Lands, generally, and Wilderness lands, especially, and must end here.

America is a capitalist, not a socialist, economy, which means that our public spaces and public lands are NOT supposed to be pillaged by extractive industries like Big Energy, Big Ag, Big Ranching, Big Mining, Big Bottled Water and other incredibly destructive private for-profit enterprises to increase their personal wealth. Those lands are meant to be protected and preserved for the benefit US, their collective owners.

The highest and best use of our shared resources is to keep them healthy and intact, providing "ecosystem services" to their collective owners. Water purification, carbon sequestration, biodiversity, migration corridors, flood prevention, you name it - we need our public lands to stay healthy so we can stay healthy.

For-profit industries should purchase or lease private lands at market rates, and build the costs of those purchases/leases into the prices of their products. That's capitalism, and the rest of us all have to live by it, so should they. In the past, there was some mythology that Big Extractive Industry actually provided a public good, but we have all seen through those lies now. There is NO public benefit for oil, gas, minerals, solar, transmission, crops, livestock, bottled water or other industries ruining our lands, and enormous costs. We cannot afford those costs, and don't want to pay them.

The 19th Century, which is where public lands regs seem to be stuck, was a deceptive, mercenary time of socalled "Manifest Destiny," which seriously undermined responsible, sustainable land stewardship in favor of Robber Barons, mercenaries and speculators. Why do you think we are now suffering so dramatically, in the 21st Century, with fires, floods, hurricanes, unprecedented heat and snow and cold and wind, and hot oceans and other disastrous evidence of climate change? That 19th Century mentality. It needs to end here and now, we do not have even one more week to postpone taking action based on 21st Century conditions.

In other words, NO MORE EXTRACTIVE USES ON PUBLIC LANDS INCLUDING GRAZING, ENERGY AND MINERAL PILLAGING, WATER THEFT, BIODIVERSITY DAMAGE OR OTHERWISE. ALTERNATIVE 1 IS OBVIOUSLY THE RIGHT CHOICE.