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Comments: There are several important aspect to consider with respect to approval of domestic sheep grazing. The High Uintas Wilderness is relatively pristine. To the extent livestock grazing is allowed there, it should be limited to avoid competition with native wildlife for food or space and to prevent spread of disease to native species. The presence of large numbers of sheep will inevitably foul the land and waterways so some periodic cleanup provision should be required. Impact to native bighorn sheep living there is likely to be pronounced and deleterious, plus elimination of native predators to protect the domestic sheep ought to be prohibited under all but the most extreme conditions with non-trivial fines for violations.

Therefore, I recommend the no grazing option as it is best for the wildlife, watersheds, recreation by visitors, and the Wilderness. Plus, the Forest Service should close any sheep grazing allotment that is waived back to the Forest Service. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.