

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/25/2023 9:14:20 PM

First name: Mark

Last name: Takaro

Organization:

Title:

Comments: August 25, 2023

I am writing to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the High Uintas watershed. I strongly support the cessation of grazing in the range.

Native wildlife should be left to reclaim the range and the inclusion of ongoing grazing will only hinder this priority.

Grazing is not compatible with the highest and best use of the High Uintas and The degradation of the watershed and to the experience to be had by wilderness recreational users should not be compromised.

Domestic sheep and other grazing livestock are an ongoing problem and the only viable long-term solution is to cease the practice. To continue killing native predators only lengthens the time will be needed for the watershed to recover.

The actual, cumulative effects of the grazing are not adequately addressed in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. At minimum, retired allocations should not be re-assigned and grazing allocations should be reduced to zero with all haste.

Thank you for your consideration of my views on this subject and please do all that you can to maintain the integrity of the High Uintas watershed.

Mark Takaro