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Comments: Please adopt Alternative 1 - the Environmentally Preferred Alternative that would end domestic sheep grazing in the High Uintas. The Wilderness Act mandates that wilderness be managed to preserve natural conditions, and the land "generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable." If you think livestock grazing might conflict with that, you are right.

Livestock grazing substantially trammels and degrades these beautiful landscapes. 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.

Do what's right please.