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Comments: Halt further domestic sheep leasing in the High Uintas Wilderness!

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.

Domestic sheep grazing is already severely damaging the fragile alpine meadows of the High Uintas Wilderness. The domestic sheep are threatening the survival of the native bighorn sheep! That is unacceptable and we do not want that happening on our public lands.

I support Alternative 1, which the agency has designated as the Environmentally Preferred Alternative, which would end domestic sheep grazing in the High Uintas.