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Comments: I agree with Wilderness Watch, that the Forest Service should end grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness in order to protect native wildlife, restore the degraded watershed, and enhance opportunities for a Wilderness experience.

To mitigate impacts to the few affected ranchers, the Forest Service should decide to retire grazing permits that are voluntarily waived back to the agency, giving the ranchers the opportunity to seek compensation from conservation interests before the allotments are permanently closed.??

Wilderness is supposed to be off-limits to human intervention. Sheep are not a native species, and do not belong there. Killing native predators to increase the Bighorn Sheep population is misguided. The predators are part of the natural cycle, and help to keep the Bighorn healthy in the long run.