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Comments: I am writing to disagree with grazing in the High Uintas. Native wildlife and biodiversity are in peril already. We need to move away from animal agriculture to allow wildlife and wildlands to survive. We can do without further domestic animal agriculture, which not only is wasteful but known to be behind nearly every major pandemic on record in history. They don't just contribute to human disease, but they also spread disease to native species.

*Grazing by domestic sheep and cows compromises the High Uintas watersheds, fouls the lakes and streams, and severely degrades the experience of visitors seeking a Wilderness experience. Grazing should be curtailed to meet the public's interest in protecting the High Uintas for wildlife and an authentic Wilderness experience for visitors.

*Domestic sheep grazing is incompatible with recovering native bighorn sheep population. If domestic sheep grazing remains in the High Uintas, the native bighorn sheep are doomed.

*Killing native predators to protect sheep or cows should be prohibited. The SDEIS fails to disclose how many native predators-such as black bears, mountain lions, or coyotes-are killed in the High Uintas Wilderness to protect domestic sheep. The SDEIS also fails to disclose the effects continued sheep grazing has on the potential for recovering native wildlife such as wolves and grizzly bears.

Please support the NO grazing option, as it is best for the future of humanity, helps protect what is left of our wildlife, watersheds, and the Wilderness.

Thank you.