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Comments: The High Uintas Wilderness is no place for domestic sheep or cow grazing. Domestic sheep and cows decimate native plant species, spread invasive plants, degrade habitat, pollute waterways, increase soil erosion, outcompete with native herbivorous wildlife, entice native predators to their doom, spread diseases, and ruin any notion of wilderness for humans and wildlife alike.

Bighorn sheep have finally made their way back to this wilderness. Killing their predators would do them a disservice and cause their population health to decline. The best thing we can do for this ecosystem is to get out of the way! We must let Grizzly bears, Grey wolves and Mountain lions reestablish themselves in this wilderness. That would give these unique ecosystems a chance to sustain themselves through the generations.

At the very least, we must reduce the amount of domestic livestock and grazing allotments in this Wilderness. As you well know, one of these allotments has not been leased for over 40years. Retire this allotment immediately! If you give ranchers the opportunity to receive compensation for relinquishing their claims and waving permits back to the U.S. Forest Service, we can do this gracefully without irreparably debilitating people's livelihoods.

This SDEIS is inadequate and fails to disclose critical information about the stability of this bioregion. If the choice is between continuing to allow domestic animals to wantonly destroy Our wilderness quality landscapes and disallowing this practice, the choice is clear. Please retire all permits for livestock grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness. If possible, permanently remove the option for grazing allotments in this wilderness, so we might rest easy knowing it has a far greater chance at successfully withstanding the human-enduced Global climate disaster. We can do better!

Thank you for your attention.