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Comments: I was a 20-year resident of Uintah County, Utah and a regular user of the Ashley National Forest. I was lucky enough to have a job that afforded me and my husband time to hike, hunt, and travel in the high country and canyons of northeastern Utah and northwestern Colorado. It was not uncommon to see bighorn sheep resting on canyon walls or grazing along the floodplains. Domestic sheep, also common, were more often seen on the high-country plateaus or wide-open grasslands. Fewer sheepherders combined with more restrictive Forest Service leasing requirements will reduce potential herd co-mingling and protect the range. I support the continued multi-use of public lands and the continued effort to restrict damaging direct-effects, cumulative effects, and climate change impacts by the USDA/USFS.