Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/28/2023 10:57:53 PM
First name: Julie
Last name: Lickteig
Organization:
Title:
Comments: Hello. Thank you for considering my comments on this subject of domestic sheep grazing in the Uintas Wilderness area. I hope you will consider some of the facts about domestic sheep spreading disease to the native bighorn sheep that are trying to be re-introduced into this area and also the competition for grass and feeding areas for the native species. Also, please consider the experience of people like me going up into these areas to enjoy the wilderness area and the native wildlife that should normally be found there, to only see domestic sheep everywhere in these areas.
Please also consider reports of how many native species such as cougars, black bears and coyotes that are "removed" (killed) by the Forest Service, to support the few ranchers' extreme numbers of sheep allowed to occupy this area. Native species "removed" for the benefit of domestic sheep, privately owned, goes against what a wild wilderness areas' definition should be, in my opinion. Taxpayers will be footing the bill for the cleanup of the destruction, polluting of vital creeks and lakes, made by these introduced animals.
Thank you for your attention.