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Comments: I am writing to provide my opinion that the Uintas Wilderness should be a haven for native wildlife, such as bighorn sheep -- NOT domestic sheep.

I feel that the years of domestic sheep grazing have done a great deal of damage to the Uintas. I believe that all allotments must be retired immediately, and the land given the time to recover. Please ensure that the record of the decision chooses the NO-GRAZING alternative.

In addition to the degradation of the land and displacement of native wildlife, I am especially distressed by the awful carnage undertaken by the government to eradicate predators - native to the area - all to protect domestic sheep that shouldn't even be there. This is simply wrong and I believe it is time to tell the state wildlife officials "No more slaughter of our native predators in the designated Uintas wilderness.

The purpose of designated wilderness is to protect in their untrammelled condition those federal lands with wilderness characteristics. Although grazing is allowed in our wilderness areas by the Wilderness Act, it is my opinion that slaughtering native animals - predators - to protect the domestic sheep goes beyond what is allowed by law. This is artificially changing the entire nature of the Wilderness to the favor of the non-native sheep. This situation makes it clear that domestic grazing is incompatible with the legal requirements of the Wilderness Act.

The Wilderness Act says grazing is allowed, but not that artificially managing wildlife that is inherent to the wilderness is allowed to enable successful grazing of domestic sheep. To decide otherwise will endanger the protection of the ecosystem untrammelled for future generations.