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Comments: Last year I witnessed hundreds of cattle in the tundra at the head of West Fork. They created wallows, trampled vegetation, completely destroyed the trail and deficated directly into water sources. I have pictures, happy to share when I see a response to this comment. Unfortunately, it's not an uncommon scene on public lands here.

Why are we proposing permits and strict limitations yet allowing this?

These cattle impacts were greater and more widespread than what I've seen at Blue Lakes.

This isn't meant to be a complaint about grazing. It can be done right and is in many areas.

Contaminated water, trail impacts, ecosystem loss, wildlife destruction etc. Each category was worse, just fewer people to see it. I've seen the sheep herds do that same.

Why is the above allowed yet what is happening at Blue Lakes under such scrutiny?

That is not meant to be rhetorical.

Sincerely, Your long term local hermit