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Comments: While considering future forest management goals I urge you to consider the impact of over grazing on wildlife populations. My time in the field over the last three hunting seasons in five western states has shown that over grazing is pervasive on National Forest and BLM lands. Land managers are insufficiently limiting grazing in areas affected by drought. Frankly, many public lands are pounded to dust by cows. In some locations between a quarter and half of the ground surface is bare dirt. Too many cows. Water sources turned into sewage pits. A balance is needed. Please make an effort to improve the balance between reasonable grazing and wildlife habitat.