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Comments: I am writing in support of the continued managed grazing of domestic sheep and goats within the Range of Bighorn Sheep #53257.

Well managed grazing of domestic sheep and goats is crucial to the abatement of wildfire fuels that have plagued the Pacific Northwest with increased intensity since managed grazing has declined. The devastating ecologic impact of these fires is an exponentially larger threat to the bighorn sheep population than a well managed flock moving through the area. The fires kill sheep flocks and destroy their grazing. Not to mention the terrible economic toll on our region.

Ranchers are fully capable of working in harmony with the bighorn sheep population. They are already managing their flock grazing using best practices and have been doing so for generations. I have full confidence that they can continue to do so to the benefit of both the bighorn sheep population and overall forest management.