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Comments: Grazing sheep and goats on national forest lands can be beneficial for several reasons. Firstly, these animals help manage vegetation, reducing the risk of wildfires by keeping underbrush in check. Their grazing habits can also promote biodiversity by allowing various plant species to thrive, which in turn supports wildlife habitats. Healthy habitats support better forage availability and quality for native wildlife. Bighorn sheep typically inhabit rugged, mountainous terrains that are less accessible to domestic sheep and goats. This natural separation reduces direct competition for food and resources.

There is adequate acreage within our public lands to support both native species and domestic animals.