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Comments: To whom it may concern;

I am concerned that current management of Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands does not uphold "multiple-use" in supporting both lesser prairie-chicken habitat and grazing. Both are part of the identity of the grasslands and have occurred for decades side-by-side, but currently few LEPCs can be found on the Grasslands at all. Research from Kansas State University is available on this subject. In my own experience working on and around the Cimarron, the vegetation is sparse and provides little substantive cover. But I am also concerned by the voices looking to oppose or alienate local ranchers who rely on the grassland for a livelihood. I urge the CCNG to consider ways to manage grazing so that there is more robust grass for both cattle forage and for the grouse whose only public lands stronghold was once CCNG, so the lesser prairie-chicken can return with a minimum of conflict or resentment.

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