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Comments: I encourage USFS to adopt precise language regarding goats and sheep on public lands. Specifically, please differentiate packgoats from grazing herds of domestic sheep and goats. Packgoats are fundamentally different from grazing herds because packgoat owners follow the North American Packgoat Association's "Best Management Practices" to ensure that packgoats are properly identified, supervised and controlled, tethered at night, not in direct contact with wildlife, not lost or left behind, and not damaging or polluting the environment.

My family and I use packgoats for hunting, camping, and recreation. Without packgoats my 2 year old son wouldn't have seen so many high lakes, summits, alpine meadows, wildlife, and native plants as he has already. My son has begun a lifelong love of wild places because our packgoats help him get there. Please protect our family's outdoor legacy by adopting precise language that differentiates packgoats from grazing herds.