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Regarding: Comments on the Draft "High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis"
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Dave and Jeff,

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis. After having reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement we would like to share with you a couple of comments on the Socio-Economic impact on Uinta County Wyoming residents.

In the analysis on page 210, it addresses that the most impacted communities within Uinta County are Mountain View and Lyman, Wyoming. We would also like to point out that two of the larger involved sheep-grazing permittees reside in Evanston, Wyoming which is still part of Uinta County and is also widely impacted by the outcome of the decisions involving this Environmental Impact Statement.

Additionally, regarding comments made by visitors to the forest on page 197 of the analysis. We feel it important to emphasize positive comments regarding the grazing of livestock on the forestry and public lands in addition to the negative comments received as well.

Overall, our feelings regarding the alternatives in this Draft Environmental Impact Statement are that Alternative Two is the preferred alternative and should be selected. In consulting with our County Commissioners, planners, and residents it appears that implementing Alternative Two would prevent the loss of nearly \$23 million of economic activity and the loss of over 300 jobs in Uinta County Wyoming.

We appreciate the administrative force of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Forest Service and their willingness to listen to the local residents.

Thank you

Joe V. Hickey
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