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Dear Matt:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding the San Juan National Forest DEIS for the Weminuche Landscape Grazing Analysis project. The project includes lands within Hinsdale County and the Board of Commissioners always appreciates being involved in land-management decisions regarding land within our county. The Hinsdale County Board of Commissioners would also appreciate being included in any objection process that may occur.

As part of the multiple-use mandate of the United States Forest Service, Hinsdale County supports grazing and opposes any unnecessary curtailment of that activity. We request that the SJNF continue to investigate “open-range” science with regards to sheep grazing. The current “penned” science cannot necessarily be applied in open-range conditions. We see domestic sheep grazing as good for the landscape for a myriad of known reasons.

Thank you for working with us to manage the landscape for multi-use and for your commitment to science-based management.

Sincerely,  
Hinsdale Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Cindy Dozier, Chair