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Please accept these comments regarding the above subject.

I am very familiar with the area since I was a Forest Range Conservationist for the Forest and later, Director of Range and Wildlife for the Rocky Mountain Region.

I spent many day afield in the subject area on a number of issues, including range analysis and wildlife analysis.

The statement about range being a multiple use--leaves me a little vacant ,since it's just one of many uses under the Multiple Use-Sustained Act.-

That Act as you well know doesn't give priority to Grazing over Wildlife. What it does is recognize that on any area within the Forest, many uses can occur--that is without saying -- when they are compatible!

Clearly and according to your own professional assessment you are trying to force 2 uses into the same area when one has a very serious impact on the other. In this case when domestic sheep threaten to infect wild sheep with diseases it leaves just one rational--and professional response.

Take the domestic sheep away.

Your Risk assessment clearly shows which path you should follow--not the one you have chosen.

That is not to say that domestic sheep should be removed from the forest-entirely-simply just from the big horn sheep areas.

Those allotments that are vacant should be permanently closed to all future domestic sheep grazing.

Those allotments with any potential risk to wild big horn sheep should be eliminated from domestic sheep grazing-

PERIOD!!

While it is clear to the reviewer that "political pressure" has had an over riding influence on

this recommended decision, I think that many of the founders of the U.S. Forest Service would be dumbfounded by your final decision. Please redeem your professional and ethical responsibilities in this matter!!

DO THE RIGHT THING.

*John W. Mumma*