

Amendment to the Hageman ANS to H.R. 6300
Offered by Ranking Member Huffman

At the end, insert the following:

(c) GAO review.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review on the implementation of the Grazing Improvement Act (as codified in section 402 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1752)) and the current state of livestock grazing management on Federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service.

(1) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall evaluate—

- A. The impact of automatic permit renewal on rangeland health, including the percentage of permits renewed without updated environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and the primary causes of review delays; and
- B. The effectiveness of monitoring standards, including an assessment of how the Bureau of Land Management’s Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring (AIM) indicators compare with protocols used by U.S. Forest Service in providing an overall understanding of rangeland health.
- C. The current status of land health assessments on grazing allotments, including the total acreage identified as failing to meet land health standards due to livestock grazing and the acreage for which no recent assessment data exists; and
- D. The impact of staffing levels, specifically rangeland management specialists, on the ability of agencies to perform oversight, monitor rangeland health, and ensure compliance with permit terms.