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I've tried to hike the kettle crest trail.....we were deep and remote in the Colville national forest when twice we ran into large herds of cattle, blocking the trail. We wasted 45 minutes trying to get them to move while we trudged through cow diarrhea all over the trail. Why these non native animals are allowed to destroy high alpine habitat at a charge to the rancher of....1.35 per cow and calf per month??.....is crazy. Let the wolves roam their native habitat and get the cows out of there....or at least quit screwing the public by giving these ranchers our public land for virtually nothing. How about open bid for grazing rights EVERY YEAR?....or charge the rancher a reasonable amount of money.....how about \$1,000 per cow per month?...if they don't like it, go to a feed lot. This is crazy.