Shouldn’t the New Forest be rewilded?

The landscape of the New Forest is one of the few places where traditional, pastoral land management has survived. Because of this it still supports numerous rare species that were once common across the UK. The environmental success of the area is achieved by striking a careful balance between maintaining its wild character and sensitive land management, including rotational cutting and burning and, of course, constant grazing by herbivores. Places are reported to have ‘rewilded’ have, in fact, adopted systems of grazing and land management similar to those long practiced in the New Forest.

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