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The Role of Alpacas in the Ecosystem

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Healthy grasslands support biodiversity, provide food for many animals, and prevent soil erosion.
2. Removing alpacas could lead to overgrown plants, soil erosion, and a lack of prey for predators.
3. Farmers can use alpacas for natural grazing and manure fertilization instead of chemical fertilizers.
4. Their soft feet prevent soil damage, unlike hooved animals that can compact the soil.

