RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subject: "Tools for Sustainable Management of California's Fire-Prone Landscapes: Grazing for Fuel Reduction"

To Whom it may Concern,

California is facing unprecedented wildfire seasons with record-breaking numbers, sizes, and severities resulting in more destruction and more deaths from wildfires in our communities. Ranchers have long been on the frontier of wildfire prevention in California and continue to contribute to fuel reduction efforts through traditional seasonal range management, targeted grazing, and maintenance of fuel treatments. Expanded use of livestock grazing as part of a diverse and sustainable plan to address California's hazardous vegetative fuel will increase the number of acres treated and the number of acres maintained after treatment.

The California Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) will be co-hosting a workshop with the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Program on September 16th, 2019 in the California Natural Resources Building Auditorium (1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95442) regarding the importance of grazing as a fuel reduction tool in California and current rangeland science. This workshop will cover a variety of topics including, but not limited to: the historical use of grazing, the ecological considerations associated with grazing, opportunities to increase the use of grazing in California and reduce wildfire hazard, and a panel of ranchers and targeted grazers who practice sustainable land management and help reduce wildfire hazard across the state.

Please RSVP (http://ucanr.edu/grazing&fire) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 6th at 5:00PM. Space is limited.

My contact information is listed below and I am available for any questions or concerns. RMAC looks forward to seeing you at the "Tools for Sustainable Management of California's Fire-Prone Landscapes: Grazing for Fuel Reduction" workshop on September 16th.

Kind Regards,

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