BOARD OF FORESTRY RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

Please use a separate sheet for each nominee: Use additional pages to expand upon nominee's background and gualifications where needed. Please type or print clearly.

EMAIL to: Kristina.wolf@bof.ca.gov, or

Board of Forestry, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460, MAIL to: Attention Kristina Wolf

- Name of Nominee: Cole Bush 1.
- 2. Address: REDACTED
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- Check the appropriate representation of nominee: 4.

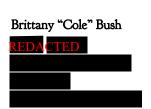
Public Organization CWGA (print org name)

Is the nominee willing to serve: Yes X Not Known 5.

- Brief resume of the nominee's background and qualifications: 6. Mrs. Bush is a member of the California Wool Growers Association and a former RMAC committee member. She has worked in and around the targeted grazing industry and land management field for over a decade as a field professional, project manager, educator, advocate, and entrepreneur. She is the Owner Operator of Shepherdess Land and Livestock Co., a commercial-scale targeted grazing business serving Ventura and Los Angeles Counties in Southern California. Ms. Bush is also the Program Director of the Ojai Valley Community Supported Grazing Program, a multi-stake holder approach with private land owners and regional public agencies to increase the Ojai community's fire safety and ecological health through prescriptive, targeted grazing with sheep PRINT name of nominator: California Wool Grouper Ason. 7. Nominator Address: 25 Casillac Dr. Sacrathophy GA 8. Telephone: (209) 704-1290 Group represented, if any: California Woolgrowers Assn. 9.
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Cole Bush

Shepherdess Land and Livestock Co.



28 DECEMBER 2021

Keith Gilless

Chair, Board of Forestry & Fire Protection

Dear Chair Gilless,

I would like to express sincere interest to serve a second appointment as a California Range Management Advisory Committee member.

I have over a decade of professional experience in the fields of restoration ecology and fire hazard prevention using targeted grazing with small ruminants in both Northern and Southern California. As a Southern California native from the suburbs and a first-generation agrarian, I represent a growing population of new land management practitioners and agricultural entrepreneurs.

As the Owner Operator of Shepherdess Land and Livestock Co., I provide targeted grazing services, training, and consultation for the development and implementation of targeted grazing programs at various scales. We are based out of the Upper Ojai Valley in Ventura County, severely impacted by the Thomas Fire in 2017/18.

In collaboration with the Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council, I am co-directing the development of the Ojai Valley Community Supported Grazing Program, which is a transferable framework for comprehensive fire safety and ecological resilience that engages the public and community stakeholder.

I am encouraged by the great interest from the public and various collaborators for increased participation in impactful, at-scale efforts for greater fire safe communities and ecologically resilient landscapes. RMAC has supported growing awareness of the various tools and opportunities available to do this imperative work. I would be honored to contribute to RMAC's efforts in years to come representing my unique demographic and region in Southern California.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Brittany "Cole" Bush

Cole Bush

Owner Operator Shepherdess Land & Livestock Co., LLC

Bio

Experience

Brittany "Cole" Bush REDACTED

Brittany Cole Bush, AKA Cole is an entrepreneur, educator, and practitioner in the fields of climate beneficial agriculture, land stewardship, and targeted grazing based out of Southern California. As a first generation agrarian and field professional in natural resource management, she has over a decade experience supporting landowners and public agencies to develop and implement targeted grazing programs for fire fuels reduction, ecological restoration, and vegetation management. In addition, Cole is the Co-Director of the Ojai Valley Community Supported Grazing Program, an initiative of the Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council working to increase fire safety and ecological resilience at watershed scale while working closely with regional small ruminant producers in Southern California to support the growing industry of prescribed herbivory at the Wildland Urban Interface.

Shepherdess Land and Livestock Co. LLC / Owner Operator January 2020 - PRESENT, OJAI, CA

Owner operator of a commercial scale targeted grazing business providing services that also include consultation, project management, education & training serving the Ojai Valley in Ventura County and Los Angeles County.

Community Supported Grazing Program (CSGP) of the Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council / Co-Director June 2019 - PRESENT, OJAI, CA

Co-directing the development of a multi-stakeholder fire prevention and ecological enhancement program in the Ojai Valley impacted by the Thomas Fire in 2017/2018. Collaborators include: Ventura County Fire Department, Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, City of Ojai, Ventura RCD, and regional private land owners/managers.

Grazing School of the West / Co-Director January 2018 - PRESENT, MARIN COUNTY & OJAI, CA

Co-directing on-going development of curriculum and training designed for new targeted grazing businesses and vocational training for on-the-ground shepherds.

Star Creek Land Stewards, Inc. / Project Manager January 2012/ October 2016, BAY AREA, CA Founding Project Manager for Star Creek Land Stewards, Inc. responsible for managing commercial-scale grazing programs throughout the Bay Area. Including: East Bay Regional Parks District, Coastside Land Trust, CalTrans, and a number of private landowners, Counties and Cities in Northern California.

Shepherdess Holistic Hides / Sole Proprietor December 2016 - PRESENT, SANTA PAULA, CA

Owner operator of retail/wholesale sheep hide business working within the regional sheep industry diverting byproducts of the meat industry to be processed into finished home goods, as well as working with regional producers with value aligned practices.

University of California Santa Cruz, B.A. Environmental Studies, Agroecology 2009 - 2010, SANTA CRUZ, CA

University of California Berkeley, College of Environmental Design/ San Francisco City College, Cross-enrollment program 2007 - 2008, BERKELEY, CA

Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council Fibershed 501C3 / Southern California Fibershed California Wool Growers Association / American Sheep Industry Society for Range Management Holistic Management International / Savory Institute California Climate & Agriculture Network Hopland Research & Education Center National Young Farmers Coalition Women in Ranching of the Western Landowners Alliance RMAC (Former Committee Member, 2014-2016) shepherdesslandl.co / brittanycolebush.com

Education

Affiliations