

**BOARD OF FORESTRY RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEMBER NOMINATION FORM**

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

1. **Name of Nominee:** Keith Guenther \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

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3. **Telephone Number:** **REDACTED** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Check the appropriate representation of nominee:**

Public  Organization \_\_\_\_\_ (print org name)

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

6. **Brief resume of the nominee's background and qualifications:**  
Guenther's qualifications include: Certified Rangeland Manager license for >20 years; past Board member of Society for Range Management; Certified Wildlife Biologist; and numerous officer positions with wildlife and forestry groups. His professional specialties are livestock grazing to enhance wildlife and botanical habitats, and focuses on facilities inventories, grazing management plans, and monitoring for many private ranches, public agencies, and non-governmental organizations in CA and the west. He established his consulting firm, Wildland Solutions in 1996. He is best known among his colleagues for his long tenure in the US Forest Service as specialists in range management, timber, and wildlife biology. He is also well known across the rangeland management community for his widely used booklet (with Grey Hayes 2008) on practical and photographic guidance to measure residual dry matter in grasslands and savannas, and to develop RDM maps to be readily useful for livestock operators and rangeland management agencies. He would be a valuable addition to RMAC.

7. **PRINT name of nominator:** Lawrence Ford

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10. **Group represented, if any:**

October 29, 2021

Subject: Letter of Interest to Board of Forestry  
Range Management Advisory Committee

To:  
Dr. Keith Gilles,  
Chair, California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Dr. Gilles,

I am interested in being considered for one of the open "Public" members of the B of F&FP Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC).

The attached resume provides an overview of my broad experience managing rangelands in California and other western states. My goal would be to work with other RMAC members to assist managers of California rangelands in their efforts to protect basic natural resources while providing important services associated with those rangelands.

Keith Guenther

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**Professional :**

Certified Rangeland Manager--California License #040.

Served 4 years as Board member of Pacific Northwest section, Society for Range Management

Certified Wildlife Biologist—The Wildlife Society.

Served as Secretary-Treasurer of Washington state chapter of The Wildlife Society

Elected Fellow—Society of American Foresters.

Served as Chapter president for 3 different chapters of SAF in California and Washington states

Served as State Chairman for Southern California Section SAF

**Rangeland/Grazing Management Experience:**

A licensed Certified Rangeland Manager for more than 20 years. Has developed facilities inventories, grazing management plans and monitoring plans for a number of private ranches, public agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Founded Wildland Solutions in 1996. The consulting work has specialized in livestock grazing to enhance wildlife and botanical habitats. Provided surveys, analysis and plans for agencies and organizations including:

The Nature Conservancy 90+ inventories, 19 monitoring plans, 5 management plans.

HT Harvey (HTH) and associates-- 6 wildlife habitat mitigation plans utilizing livestock grazing.

CA State Parks- Andrew Molera State park, Livestock grazing management plan.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District- Palo Corona Park Grazing and Monitoring Plan.

CA Fish and Game- Chimineas Livestock grazing plan.

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority – 4 Grazing plans. 40+ inventories and assessments

U.S. Army – Fort Hunter Liggett, Livestock Grazing Effects Assessment.

Maricopa County, AZ - Vegetation survey

Santa Lucia Conservancy, RDM monitoring plan and 6 annual survey results.

Bureau of Land Management's Hawley Mountain and Crooked Creek allotment assessments in Idaho

Winema National Forest, Antelope allotment survey and assessment, Oregon.

Environmental Analysis for livestock grazing on 3 allotments of the Republic RD, Colville N.F WA.

Extensive practical experience gained while serving with the USDA Forest Service as:

District level Range and Wildlife staff specialist (5 years) Ellensburg, Washington

Forest level Range and Wildlife staff specialist (3 years) Vancouver, Washington

Statewide planning/program mgr. for Wildlife and Range in WA, OR (3 years)

Statewide planning and appeals program mgr. for Wildlife, Range and Timber in CA (5 years)

District Ranger administration (13 years) California

Served as Forest Service Endangered species coordinator for National Forests in Oregon and Washington

Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) manager for development of sagebrush steppe HCP with focus on managed grazing for Foster Creek RCD, Douglas County WA

Recognized as having the best Forest Service grazing program (1984) in California. Key attributes of award included recognition for creative problem solving and rancher/permittee cooperation.

### **Advisory Committee, Interdisciplinary Team experience:**

Served on the Advisory Board of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Department at Cal Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo, CA from 1984 to 1991.

Appointed as a member of the US Forest Service National Forest Health Policy taskforce. Represented Wildlife and Range management interests on the task force. The taskforce was recognized for development of a new National policy incorporating landscape analysis guidelines as part of Forest Health analysis. (Same principles being adopted for rangeland ecosystems)

Served on multiple Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) interdisciplinary teams in several capacities for US Forest Service. Various roles included interdisciplinary development of rehabilitation plans for fire lines and roads, reseeding of burned grassland, chaparral and forested areas. Served as Senior advisor to BAER teams to ensure that the final report met management needs.

Served as Core Team member for development of Interagency riparian analysis system adopted for Oregon. That system has now evolved into the Bureau of Land Management's Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) analysis system. Served as trainer for the Interagency Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) riparian evaluation and monitoring techniques.

As a District Ranger for US Forest Service created and managed two successful multi-agency/organization advisory committees designed to evaluate local public needs and agency management of Trails and Prescribed burning programs.

Served on Sant Maria, CA school district parent advisory committee representing an elementary school that was 80% minority students.

Served two terms on US Forest Service, California region Civil Rights advisory committee.

### **Relevant Publications**

Guenther, Keith S., Glen E. Guenther, and Peggy Redick, 2000. Expected-Use GIS maps *Rangelands* 22(2) 18-20.

Guenther, Keith S., 2008. Monitoring Annual Grassland Residual Dry Matter. *Wildland Solutions publication*.

Guenther, Keith S., 2012. Effective Maintenance for Ranch, Fire and Utility Access Roads. *Wildland Solutions publication*.

Served as lead author and editor for the Forest Service Pacific Southwest (California) Region Range Analysis and Planning guidebook, which was issued in 1997 as Forest Service publication R5-EM-TP-004.

Served as lead author and editor for the development of the U.S. Forest Service Animal Damage Management Handbook for California, Oregon and Washington State areas of the Forest Service. 1978. This handbook was later updated and issued as a Forest Service research General Technical Report PNW-GTR-332-1994.

### **Education:**

M.S. Wildlife Management from the University of Idaho School of Forestry—1971

B.S. Wildlife Biology from Washington State University—1964

### **Contact information:**

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I have known Keith Gunther for over 20 years since we both worked in the US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Regional Office. In addition to Keith's professional work in range and wildlife management, he has provided range management advice for my family's cattle ranch in Western Stanislaus County and I have helped him take range survey plots on the Simon Newman Ranch adjacent to our ranch.

I believe that Keith has excellent qualifications in both policy issues and practical field applications as they pertain to California range land. He works well with diverse groups and individuals and understands the many differing viewpoints of range interests in California and works to resolve conflicts in a professional manner. He is a self-starter and completes his jobs in a timely manner.

Keith shared his Resume with me that he submitted with his application for this position and, from my personal knowledge, I believe that it is accurate and demonstrates his qualifications for this position.

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7. **PRINT name of nominator:** Gerald (Jerry) Jensen, RPF #1036
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10. **Group represented, if any:** I am not formally representing any group, but I am a member of the Society of American Forests (SAF), California Forest Landowners, and California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA). I know Keith would be a welcome member of any of these professional groups