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Colleagues and Clients:

I think you will be interested in the following news about rangeland conservation and grazing management:

1. Society for Range Management annual international meeting in Reno, NV, Feb 11-16, 2007

Registration at: <http://www.ag.unr.edu/srm2007/>

Larry Ford will be presenting two papers at the meeting: (a) Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Developing Rangeland Health Indicators Monitoring System; and (b) Guidelines to be Developed for Grazing Management of Habitat of Two Threatened Amphibians in California Grassland. More information at: <http://www.rangelandconservation.com/>

2. New Science-Based Guidance for Grazing Management of Pond and Upland Habitat of California Red-Legged Frog and California Tiger Salamander

The USDA NRCS will soon release a new "Pond Restoration Design and Plan" specifications. Contact the NRCS in Livermore at 925-371-0154 x. 116

Larry Ford and the Alameda County Resource Conservation District recently won grants to develop grazing management guidelines for the upland and pond habitat of two threatened amphibians. More information at: <http://www.rangelandconservation.com/>

3. Grazing Management Handbook for Sonoma and Marin Counties to be released by the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District

This new handbook by Lisa Bush will be one of the first published references defining grazing management guidance for the many special resources of California rangelands, including grazing management plans and monitoring. More info--contact the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District at 707-569-1448.

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#### 4. Central Coast Rangeland Coalition (CCRC), Rangeland Health Indicators Project

The CCRC, representing seven coastal California counties from Morro Bay north to San Francisco Bay, is developing a rangeland health indicator monitoring system to efficiently measure how different rangeland management sites and operations are achieving the goals of health and sustainability. More information at: <http://www.rangelandconservation.com/>

#### 5. Website--Understanding Livestock Grazing Impacts

This valuable website provides livestock managers a better understanding of how specific grazing strategies can be used to modify plant and animal communities in a manner that achieves desired objectives. Check it out: <http://www.grazingimpacts.info>

Thanks, Larry