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Happy New Year!

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

***EDUCATIONAL / NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES:***

**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. California-Pacific Section of SRM and the California Native Grasslands Association joint annual conference in Santa Barbara, May 17-19, 2007**

Registration is not yet available: Check in at <http://www.cnga.org/calendar.php>

**3. 23d Annual Range and Natural Resources Camp, California-Pacific Section of SRM, Elkus Youth Ranch, Half Moon Bay, June 17-22, 2007**

Registration is not yet available: Contact Jennifer Gabor 559-674-2108 ext. 111 or check out <http://www.casrm.org/CaSRM11.shtml>

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This is an excellent opportunity for young people considering a career in rangeland and natural resource management. Applications for camper and counselor are required.

#### **4. Professional Training Opportunities--Coastal Training Program of the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve**

For several years, the Coastal Training Program has offered free workshops and field trips (including lunch) for professionals to learn about and review the science available on important topics about the management of coastal resources. Past workshops have focused on--coastal prairie, maritime chaparral, serpentine grassland, riparian areas, and tidal wetlands. Under the leadership of Dr. Grey Hayes, they have expanded to include scientific review panels, a website supporting an incredible collection of documents and materials from the workshops, and endangered species "fact sheets." Measures of the program's value are the full meeting halls, and the high attendance rates of consultants and agency officials, who usually can't afford the time. Future plans include customized short workshops and topic synopses for planning agencies at their sites. Larry Ford is a member of the Steering Committee. More info: <http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/>

#### ***NEW REFERENCES AVAILABLE:***

- 1. Yellow Starthistle**--A new publication, "Yellow Star Thistle Management Guide" by DiTomaso, Kyser, and Pitcairn is available from the California Invasive Plant Council (Sept 2006). You can download a PDF from: <http://www.cal-ipc.org/ip/management/yst.php>
- 2. Weeds of California**--A new two-volume book, "Weeds of California and Other Western States" by DiTomaso and Healy is available from the California Weed Science Society (2007). Includes a CD of weed photos. Order from: <http://www.calweeds.com/shop/agora.cgi>

#### ***UPDATE ON THE 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. An Update is available at: <http://www.rangelandconservation.com/>

Thanks, Larry