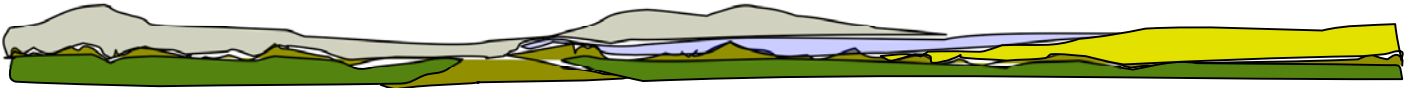


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Colleagues and Clients:

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

NEWS:

1. Devii Rao, New Associate

I am very pleased to announce that Ms. Devii Rao (M.S. Range Management, UC Berkeley; Associate Rangeland Manager) has joined me as an associate consultant. Her specialties include GIS, manure management, horse facilities, and special-species conservation.

2. California Rangeland Conservation Coalition E-Updates

You've heard about the CRCC before (www.carangeland.org). As this popular and effective new coalition gets rolling, you will want to receive their periodic e-updates—about training opportunities, events planned, and progress on CRCC programs. Contact Dr. Pelayo Alvarez (PALvarez@defenders.org) and say Larry Ford recommended you sign up to receive newsletters. The 2009 summit is planned for January 8 in Chico, CA. Got to the website for registration and agenda.

3. Legal Requirement for CRM License

The California Attorney General recently confirmed the requirement for a CRM license to conduct professional rangeland management activities on non-federal rangelands. The Deputy Attorney General's opinion may be found at:

[http://www.rangelandconservation.com/News/DAG CRM Req.pdf](http://www.rangelandconservation.com/News/DAG_CRM_Req.pdf)

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In addition, Eric Huff, Executive Officer – Foresters Registration for the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection prepared a memo describing the CRM program’s history, which may be found with appendices at http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFBOFDB/licensing/licensing_current_docs.aspx

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

4. California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management Fall Meeting in San Diego, CA, November 5-6, 2008

The fall meeting of the Cal-Pac Section of SRM will hold its fall technical meeting in San Diego, November 5-6, 2008. Larry Ford is Chair of Cal-Pac’s Certification Panel and Director. Go to www.casrm.org.

5. Two Important New Reference Books Related to California Rangelands

The UC Press recently published two important reference books that relate to California rangeland ecology and management, and both are featured in their fall book sale:

Terrestrial Vegetation of California (edited by M. Barbour, T. Keeler-Wolf, and A. Schoenherr) with chapters on grasslands, shrublands, meadows and vernal pools (Chp. 7, Northern Coastal Scrub and Coastal Prairie, by L. Ford and G. Hayes) -- <http://www.ucpress.edu/books/pages/10124.php>

California Grasslands Ecology and Management (edited by M. Stromberg, J. Corbin, and C. D’Antonio) with chapters on soils, fire, pest plants, native American management, grazing ecology, and grazing management -- <http://www.ucpress.edu/books/pages/10891.php>

Thanks, Larry