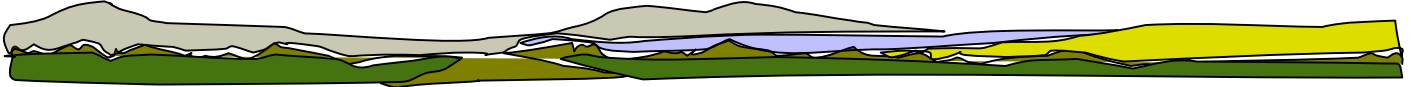


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Colleagues and Clients:

I think you will be interested in the following news about recent and upcoming events related to rangeland conservation and grazing management:

1. California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (CRCC) Rangeland Science Symposium and Summit, January 19-20, 2012--PowerPoints posted

In case you missed them, or want the details, here are links (from Tracy Schohr, Director, California Rangeland Conservation Coalition)--presentations from Jan 19--
http://rangelandwatersheds.ucdavis.edu/main/rangeland_science_symposium_1-19-2012.html

Presentations and videos from January 20--
<http://www.carangeland.org/home/2012summit.html>

2. California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management, spring tour, April 13-14, 2012, Sutter Buttes--save the dates

(From Susan Marshall, Past President of CalPac)--Please save the dates April 13-14 (Fri-Sat) for the 2012 Cal-Pac Spring Tour in the Sutter Buttes area. The multi-agency planning committee is putting together a FANTASTIC tour that will feature the natural history of the Sutter Buttes and a discussion of Ecological Site Descriptions on California Annual grasslands.

3. Central California Rangeland Coalition, spring membership meeting, April 18-19, 2012, Work Ranch, San Miguel--save the dates

The first ever 2-day membership meeting of the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition will be held Wednesday and Thursday, April 18-19, 2012 at the Work Ranch in San Miguel in northern San Luis Obispo County. The first day will be a Farm Stay, including meals, horse-riding, and presentations on ranch activities and enterprises. The second day will include presentations on soil health, including soil pits, soil microbes, water cycle, infiltration, and effects of management.

Thank you, Larry

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