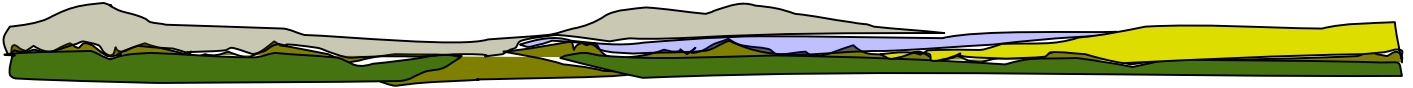


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Colleagues and Clients:

I think you will be interested in the following news about upcoming conferences and a new publication related to rangeland conservation and grazing management:

1. 68th Annual Meeting, Society for Range Management, January 31 through February 6, 2015, Sacramento, CA; California Rangeland Conservation Coalition 10th Annual Summit, February 3, 2015 (in conjunction with the SRM conference)

This year's international conference is in California, organized by the California-Pacific Section. The theme is "Managing Diversity," which is well suited to California's diversity of rangeland resources and enterprises, private and public ownership and management, and challenges of sustainability and drought. Plenary Sessions on February 2 will include—Temple Grandin (Different Diverse Minds Will be More Effective in Solving Problems); Henry Giacomini (A Livestock Producer's Perspective on Managing for Diversity); Jaymee Marty (Managing Rangelands to Protect Biodiversity); and Chuck Striplen (A Contemporary Native View on the Diversity and Management of California's Range Ecosystems). Find information and register at—

<http://rangelands.org/sacramento2015/index.html>

Find more information about the CRCC Summit at—

<http://carangeland.org/news-events/annual-summit/>

2. California Native Plant Society 2015 Conservation Conference, January 15 through 17, 2015, San Jose, CA

The CNPS Conservation Conference is unique in bringing together leaders, researchers, practitioners and enthusiasts from many different disciplines and organizations. Attendees share common goals of conserving and restoring our native flora and habitats. There will be over 300

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presenters (oral and poster) from universities, agencies, consulting firms, and non-profit organizations. Larry Ford and co-authors Sheila Barry and Pete Van Hoorn will present a poster, "Effective conservation-oriented grazing management plans and grazing leases for California rangelands." Find information and register at—

<http://www.cnps.org/cnps/conservation/conference/2015/>

**3. New publication—"Grazing for Biodiversity in Californian Mediterranean Grasslands"
Rangelands 36(5):36-43.**

This new publication is co-authored by James W. Bartolome, Barbara H. Allen-Diaz, Sheila Barry, Lawrence D. Ford, Michele Hammond, Peter Hopkinson, Felix Ratcliff, Sheri Spiegel, and Michael D. White. There's a side-bar by Larry Ford—"California's Mediterranean-Type Grasslands: A Hotspot of Biodiversity."

Thank you, Larry