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Colleagues and Clients: I think you will be interested in the following news related to rangeland conservation and grazing management.

1. Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Fall Meeting, Ranching in Carnivore Country, October 19, 2017

The Central Coast Rangeland Coalition (CCRC) will hold its fall meeting October 19, 2017-- Ranching in Carnivore Country, Livestock Protection and Compensation Programs on the Central Coast. The meeting will address tools for increasing livestock safety and carnivore tolerance on California's central coast rangelands - from the perspectives of ranchers, agencies, and other rangeland owners. This workshop is a follow up to the CCRC workshop about predators April 2015. Agenda and registration are available at http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=RaE3891 .

2. "Testing a Remote Sensing-Based Interactive System for Monitoring Grazed Conservation Lands" article in press in Rangelands

Larry Ford, Pete Van Hoorn, and colleagues at TNC and ICF just published an article in the journal *Rangelands*, "Testing a Remote Sensing-Based Interactive System for Monitoring Grazed Conservation Lands." TNC recently developed **RDMapper**, a web-based tool that uses satellite-based productivity estimates, rainfall records, and compliance history to identify grazed grasslands at risk of being below the required level of residual dry matter (RDM). Previously, TNC had reduced their monitoring costs by 42% due to adding RDMapper to their monitoring toolkit. We applied RDMapper on six non-TNC properties, and correctly predicted RDM compliance on 74% of the management units. The article describes potential benefits, hurdles, and best practices for landowners interested in using RDMapper to increase monitoring efficiency, and recommendations to improve it. Download it at -- <http://www.rangelandconservation.com/Documents/Fordetal2017Rangelands.pdf> .

3. California-Pacific Section Society for Range Management Fall Meeting, Rangeland Ecosystem Services, October 17-18, 2017

The California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management will hold its fall meeting in Volcano, CA, October 17-18, 2017. The one-day workshop (Oct 18) will focus on rangeland ecosystem services: what do we know about rangeland ecosystem services; how are they valued; and what are the policy and practical applications? Register at <http://rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/fallmeeting.html> .

Thank you, Larry

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