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To: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Resource Protection Committee

From: Edith Hannigan, Board Analyst

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Re: Range Management Advisory Committee Update

The Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) met on Monday, January 11 in Sacramento.

- **Prescribed Herbivory Pilot Project:** RMAC has located a site on Mount Zion State Demonstration Forest for a 10 acre prescribed herbivory demonstration project. The plan is for a RFP to go out in late January, with a field tour for bidders in mid-February, and bids due by February 26th. This project is part of the implementation of the prescribed herbivory white paper produced by RMAC last year to provide information about and encourage prescribed herbivory as a management tool in the VMP program.
- **Water Diversion Reporting Requirements:** The State Water Resources Control Board is drafting regulations to implement SB 88, expanding the measuring and reporting requirements for water diverters. SWRCB held a hearing on January 19, 2016, to consider regulations for adoption. Updates on the progress of these regulations can be found on the SWRCB website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/measurement_regulation/
- **CDFW Draft Conservation Plan for Gray Wolves:** RMAC is following efforts by state agencies to address the re-introduction of gray wolves to California and looking for opportunities to participate in these discussions as advocates for ranchers. Being at the unique intersection of the ranching and timber industries, RMAC hopes to engage with both and with wildlife protection agencies and groups to arrive at an agreeable plan.
- **Ranching Sustainability Assessment Partnership Workshop:** The California Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative is hosting the Ranching Sustainability Assessment Partnership Workshop on February 9th in the Natural Resources Auditorium, Sacramento. The workshop is intended to inform agency and organization representatives about the Ranching Sustainability Self-Assessment and how it can be an important tool in helping ranchers and agencies manage rangeland for both economic and ecosystem services.