

Open Range, Open Parks, Open Minds
Opportunities for Outreach in Grazed Parks and Ranches
CENTRAL COAST RANGELAND COALITION

Spring 2013 Meeting

Thursday, April 18

8:30 – 5:00

Board of Trustees Meeting Room, Student Services Center, Ohlone College

-with afternoon field activities at-

Mission Peak Regional Preserve, East Bay Regional Parks District

Fremont, California

****\$30 registration must be paid in advance to defray cover costs (see below)****

Hikers, hang gliders, bikers, horseback riders, fences, gates, cows, bulls, ranchers... all in one place! How do we do this? This spring, the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition will discuss managing visitor use alongside livestock operations and explores opportunities for public outreach. Join the usual mix of lands managers, livestock operators, conservationists, scientists, educators, land owners, agency personnel, and outdoors people as the group hears from a variety of perspectives on this subject, which is important to the group's vision of sustaining vibrant human and ecological communities on the Central Coast's rangelands.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and coffee

9:00 Program begins

Welcome

Grey Hayes, Coordinator, Elkhorn Slough Coastal Training

Site Introduction

Gordon Willey, Mission Peak Regional Preserve Park Supervisor

Group Grounding and Introductions

Joe Morris, T&O Cattle Company

Presentations

Learning about Park User's Perceptions of Cattle in Parks from Flickr™

Sheila Barry, Bay Area Natural Resources Advisor, UC Coop Extension

-Break-

Cattle Behavior: Secrets of a Cow Whisper

Roger Ingram, Placer-Nevada County Director and Farm Advisor, UC Coop Extension

What's the Take Home Message?

Panel Discussion on Public Outreach on Grazed Lands

Moderator

Sheila Barry, Bay Area Natural Resources Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension

Panelists

Molly Watkins, Rancher, Farmer and Founder of AgVenture

Denise Defreese, Park Supervisor, East Bay Regional Park District

Nina Suzuki, Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship Program Director, Center for Land-based Learning

Adaptive Learning – Small Groups

Joe Morris, T&O Cattle Company

12:30 **--Catered Lunch--**

1:15 **Short walk to Mission Peak Regional Preserve**

Field presentations

Perspectives on Managing Cows and Crowds

Jim and Virginia Coehlo, Ranchers on Mission Peak

Gordon Willey, Park Supervisor

Park Volunteer(s)

"Friendly" Gates, Fences and Trails - Infrastructure that Works in Grazed Parks

Chris Hanneken, President, Southwest Fence & Supply, Inc

-Break-

Field presentations – discussion, Q and A

Adaptive Learning Exercise – Small Groups

Joe Morris, T&O Cattle Company

Closing remarks

5:00 **Return to Ohlone College, Program Ends**

Driving and Public Transportation Directions

**note that the venue, Ohlone College, requires a \$2 parking pass, purchasable at a vending machine in Parking Lot P. The morning meeting is at Ohlone College's Board of Trustees Meeting Room. After purchasing your parking pass at the vending machine in Parking Lot P, you may park on the upper level of Parking Lots P or O.

Driving

You can get there via 680 or 880, see:

<http://www.ohlone.edu/core/mapsdirs/directions/tofremont.html>

Public Transportation

A variety of public transportation options are available, all requiring the final leg via bus:

<http://www.ohlone.edu/core/mapsdirs/public/transittofremont.html>

Registration and Payment

Because of limited space and anticipation of popularity of the event, advance registration is required. Register at:

http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=Op891WS

If you are unable to register electronically, call us at (831) 274-8700 and we'll help

Please know that your registration will not be final until we receive your payment in full. The fee for this 1 day workshop is \$30; the fee includes refreshments, lunch, and materials. You may pay by credit card (via our web site when registering) or send a check payable to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation and mailed to:

Elkhorn Slough Coastal Training Program; ATTN: Grey Hayes; 1700 Elkhorn Road; Watsonville, CA, 95076

Please note the name of the workshop on your check.

We accept only self-registration: no third party registration.

Your reservation is not confirmed until we have received payment and your placement may be forfeit if payment is not received by March 28. We cannot refund registration fees if you cancel your registration after 5 p.m. March 28. We will refund cancellations prior to this date minus a \$10 processing fee. You cannot 'trade' registration with another individual, even in the same organization. You will receive an email confirmation of payment, which finalizes the registration process. We reserve the right to cancel this workshop due to insufficient registration prior to April 7 - in this case, a full refund will be remitted.

For More Information

For event information, including downloading this agenda and other workshop information, see:

http://www.elkhornsloughctp.org/training/show_train_detail.php?TRAIN_ID=Op891WS

Also, feel free to contact Grey Hayes (831) 274-8700 or grey@elkhornslough.org

Meeting Objectives

- Participants understand opportunities and constraints of co-management for livestock grazing and recreation
 - Land managers, including park and livestock managers discuss and consider significant messages and interpretative information to share with visitors regarding grazing, working landscapes, and visiting working landscapes.
 - Livestock managers understand visitor perceptions about grazing and their concerns about visiting working landscapes.
 - Participants understand the science about livestock behavior and interpreting livestock behavior to visitors to working landscapes.
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Many thanks to East Bay Regional Parks & UC Cooperative Extension for hosting the event!