

Range Management Advisory Committee

State Lands Grazing License and Land Management
subcommittee

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1. Introduction

- RMAC Oversight and Support
- Co-Authors and Contributors

2. Three SLGLLM Documents Combined

- Guidebook
- Grazing Agreement template
- Management Action Plan (MAP) template

3. Documents developed over several years

4. Purposes

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1. Introduction

A. RMAC Oversight and Support

- Marc Horney, PhD – RMAC Chair; Professor, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CRM Lic. M83
- Kristina Wolf, PhD – RMAC staff support, California State Board of Forestry & Fire Protection; CRM Lic. M00122

B. SLGLLM Members and Contributors--four ranchers, six CRMs, lawyer, range conservation consultant, Wildlands, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, State Dept of General Services including DGS Review Team, CDFW, CAL FIRE/Demonstration State Forests, USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Forest Service, UCCE, public

(listed in Chp. 4 of Guidebook)

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1. Introduction (cont'd)

C. Primary Co-Authors

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MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

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2. Three SLGLLM documents combined

A. Guidebook (Chps. 1-4)

- i. Introduction
- ii. Using the Guidebook
- iii. Literature Cited
- iv. Committee Members and Authorship
- v. Certified Rangeland Managers—prepare MAPs
- vi. Supplemental Resources

B. Grazing Agreement Template (discussed in Chp. 7; template in Appendix C)

C. Management Action Plan (MAP) Template (discussed in Chp. 8; template in Appendix D)

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3. Documents Developed Over Several Years

- A. Reviews and Input (identified in 1.B.)
- B. Fit as many special requirements into docs as feasible, legal, and reasonable, and approved by DGS as meeting their state contracting requirements
- C. Deferred many suggested elements to judgment of preparing professionals
- D. Ask K. Wolf for more detail...

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4. Purposes

- Recommendations of RMAC for clarifications and updates based on current scholarship and expert applications to achieve conservation goals related to grazing
- Filling the need to propose a new widely-accepted standard among various agencies
- Primarily for use by state agencies managing rangelands but applicable for federal agencies, land trusts, municipal agencies, and professionals
- Identify key and required (with— *; as well as less priority—no *) elements for planning and grazing agreements
- Adaptable to each CA region (with different range vegetation and special resources) as determined by specialist professionals (usually CRMs); scalable for regions with tiering to specific sites