

**BOARD OF FORESTRY RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEMBER NOMINATION FORM**

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Attention Kristina Wolf

1. Name of Nominee:  Lance Criley   
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4. Check the appropriate representation of nominee:  
Public  Organization \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of org)
5. Is the nominee willing to serve: Yes  Not Known \_\_\_\_\_
6. Brief resume of the nominee's background and qualifications:  
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 Lance is a member of the California Section of the Society for Range Management and a Rangeland Management Specialist for the US Forest Service. He has years of useful professional experience and has been a great asset to RMAC in his previous terms on the committee. His experience on the Forest Service has been helpful in addressing a number of important interagency and process & planning issues.   
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Lance Criley

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**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Chair Keith Gillless,  
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Dear Mr. Gillless

I am writing to express interest in continuing my service on the California Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) as a general public member. I have served on RMAC since 2018 and have found it to be a rewarding way to use my experience and expertise to further the goals of improving the management and condition of rangelands in the State of California. Please accept and consider the attached resume

I have been working as a Rangeland Management Specialist for the US Forest Service in San Diego County, California since 2005. Working in Southern California, perhaps more than my colleagues to the north, requires working across many types of ownerships and stakeholder interests. I pride myself on maintaining a good working relationship with both our grazing permittees and stakeholders who often have interests at odds with our grazing program. My position has also allowed me to work in the areas of invasive plant management and wildland fire.

I received a Master's Degree focused on rangeland ecology and management from UC Berkeley so I have a solid background on the rangeland issues that confront the State of California. I have been an active member of the Society for Range Management since 2001 and received my California Certified Rangeland Manager License in 2012.

I have a great love for rangelands of California and deep interest in the social, economic and policy issues that affect them. I believe continuing to serve on RMAC would be a great opportunity to help develop and improve policy that will ensure a bright future for our rangelands and the people that depend on them.

Thanks for your consideration,

s/Lance Criley

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## Summary of Qualifications

- 16 years' experience working as a rangeland management specialist for the US Forest Service, understand both the livestock producer and natural resource management/regulatory perspective.
- Experience communicating rangeland management issues to diverse audiences, including in an international context.
- California Certified Rangeland Manager (CRM)
- Have served as "Public at Large" member on the California Rangeland Management Advisory Committee since 2018.

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## Education

August 1999 – January 2002 **M.S. Environmental Science, Policy, and Management**  
University of California, Berkeley

- Focused on rangeland ecology and management, plant community ecology, forestry and natural resource policy.

August 1991 – Dec. 1994 **B.A. in Environmental Biology and Anthropology**  
University of Colorado, Boulder

## Relevant Employment History

July 2005 – Present **Rangeland Management Specialist** US Forest Service  
Cleveland National Forest  
Alpine, CA 91901

Cleveland National Forest Range/Grazing Program Manager and Invasive Plant Coordinator. Responsible for ensuring that grazing management is compliant with Forest natural resource standards and goals, designing and implementing projects to reduce natural resource damage from invasive species, and conducting vegetation restoration projects.

### *Rangeland and Grazing Program Management, Vegetation Management*

- Forest grazing program manager, responsible for administering grazing permits and developing and implementing allotment management plans. Conducts annual monitoring of grazing use impacts to natural resources on the forest for each grazing permit.
- Maintain positive working relationships between the Forest Service and grazing permittees.
- Managed grazing management around controversial issues related to endangered and sensitive species (including Laguna Mountains skipper, arroyo toad, least Bell's

vireo, Quino checkerspot butterfly, Peninsular bighorn sheep and San Bernardino bluegrass).

- Have aided local researchers, with study design and rancher contacts, who are studying rangeland conversion and ranch conservation in San Diego County
- Experience with wildland fire issues: Including serving as a Resource Advisor during large wildfires and helping plan and implement fuels reduction and prescribed fire projects.

#### *Invasive Species Program Management*

- Implemented several large noxious weed removal efforts on the forest. Developed off-forest partnerships to conduct two large-scale weed removal efforts.
- Worked to prioritize treatment of invasive weed infestations based on the ecological impact of weed species on native habitats and on likelihood of success.
- Worked with partners (City and County governments, utility company and non-profits) to implement cross-boundary weed control projects.
- Serve as the Cleveland National Forest representative to the San Diego Weed Management Area.

#### *Forest Service International Programs Experience*

- 2017-Present. Cadre member for International Livestock Grazing Seminar. An annual two week program where participants from multiple countries come to learn about rangeland management practices in the United States visiting multiple sites in Idaho and Nevada. Help plan and develop curriculum, assist and teach during trip.
- May, 2013. One week. Technical specialist on team conducting a rangeland management workshop in Baja, Mexico at the Sierra San Pedro de Martir National Park. Gave presentations to group in conference setting and conducted several days of field work training local personnel in rangeland ecological monitoring techniques.
- November, 2014. One week. Team from the May 2013 trip was invited back to do more extensive monitoring training and an ecological condition and management assessment at the Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve in Baja Sur, Mexico.
- April 2016. Two weeks. Part of small team investigating the use and potential of Payment for Ecosystem Services schemes to improve rangeland management by pastoralist communities in Ethiopia.
- Oct. 2017. One week. Advised Panthera, an International wildcat conservation organization, on rangeland condition assessment and basic rangeland management concepts in Eastern Colombia.

July 2002 – July 2005 **Natural Resources Specialist  
GS-0401 Grades 7-9-11**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Southwest Division, San Diego, CA

- Planned and oversaw habitat restoration projects and natural resource studies (wildlife and botany surveys). Worked with regulators on Endangered Species Act consultations.



Criley, Lance “**Sierra Framework Treads Between Protection, Treatment.**” *High Country News*; Sept. 7, 2001 (Analysis of a US Forest Service Final EIS and a science background to the Sierra Nevada Framework)

Numerous guest lectures for classes at San Diego State University. Classes spoken at include, “Environmental Conservation Practice,” and “Culture and Environment.” Topics have included pastoralism, geography of ranching, and grazing as a conservation tool.

Nov. 2015 – Organized and led field tour for California Invasive Plant Council annual meeting in San Diego, CA

July 2014 – Presented information about Cleveland National Forest feral pig management to the California Forest Pest Council field tour, consisting of an audience of industry leaders, academics and land managers.

May 2013 – Presented a talk entitled, “Grazing Management Essentials” in Mexico at the Sierra San Pedro Mártir National Park for Mexican Park Service and Mexican Forest Service employees and NGO staff.

April 2013, April 2014, and April 2015, April 2017 - Spoke and led field trip, and helped organize, “Working for the Great Outdoors Educational Excursion” – for students of San Diego State University Imperial Valley Campus. Program is to introduce students to potential careers in the US Forest Service and land management.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 – presented a talk entitled “Grazing Management for Conservation Goals” to the Southern California Grasslands Symposium sponsored by the Conservation Biology Institute. The audience was Southern California land managers and scientists working on conservation issues in Southern California.

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – presented a talk to the California Garden Club, Inc. winter board meeting about “Wildfire and Invasive Plants”. Audience were members of the club which are active in National Forest issues. Talk focused on the fire ecology of non-native invasive plants in California and elsewhere.