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Dear CLFA Membership,

The Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), an advisory body to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, CalEPA, CDFG, and the Natural Resources Agency, has become increasingly interested in helping address California's wildfire crisis. RMAC has pursued many avenues to contribute to fuel reduction efforts across the state such as facilitating collaborations for targeted grazing research and demonstrations, partnering with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) to develop a publicly accessible database of targeted grazers, and working to understand the role of grazing as a fuel reduction tool in California.

Another component of RMAC's efforts is public education. This year, that will include a workshop at the California Natural Resources Building in Sacramento on September 16th to discuss the potential contributions of domestic grazing animals for managing wildland fuels, particularly in WUI areas. We will be bringing together representatives from many state academic institutions, conservation and fire protection organizations, and state agencies to examine what potentials grazing practices have for achieving and sustaining reductions in fine fuels and shrubs.

As an extension of this effort, RMAC would like to help facilitate a collaborative environment between Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) and Certified Range Managers (CRMs). RMAC believes that increased collaboration would result in more consistent treatment of the landscape across vegetation types, and that these collaborative relationships would empower land managers to utilize more diverse combinations of tools and practices to improve the effectiveness of and reduce the long-term costs of fire hazard management.

As a first step in these collaborative efforts, RMAC will be providing a presentation at the upcoming Fall CLFA conference to discuss grazing, fuels, and the opportunities available to RPFs, CRMs, and Targeted Grazers (professionals providing grazing services for environmental objectives) when we work together. We would be honored by your attendance at the September Workshop and/or our CLFA conference presentation. Please feel free to contact me for additional information on each of these presentations or with any questions.

Kind Regards,

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