

Point Reyes GMP Amendment
Superintendent
Point Reyes National Seashore
1 Bear Valley Road
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Re: Point Reyes General Management Plan Amendment

PROTECT POINT REYES ELK AND WILDLIFE

Our 118 organizations from 30 states strongly support the management of Point Reyes National Seashore to protect its outstanding natural values and to provide for public recreation, benefit, and inspiration.

We support allowing free-roaming tule elk herds to remain at Point Reyes National Seashore, and object to any fencing, removal, hazing, sterilization, or killing of elk in the park. The General Management Plan amendment for Point Reyes National Seashore should prioritize restoration of the park's elk herds to historic numbers. There is immense public value to the native tule elk at Point Reyes, the only tule elk herds within the National Park system. Elk are an ecologically important part of the landscape of Point Reyes and their recovery is a success story for restoring native ecosystems, consistent with the mission of the National Park Service.

Commercial leases or activities in the park should not conflict or interfere with protection of natural resources or public uses. Commercial lease holders on our public lands in the park should not dictate wildlife removal or exclusion policies that harm park wildlife. Any cattle ranching operations in the park must be managed to accommodate elk and other native wildlife, and should not harm habitat for endangered species. Any ongoing cattle grazing leases must be managed in a way that does not damage ecosystems or negatively impact wildlife habitat, water quality, native vegetation, public recreation or the aesthetic beauty of the park.

We object to any conversion of Point Reyes National Seashore lands to row crops, which would degrade wildlife habitat and water quality in the park and prevent public access. We also oppose expansion of commercial livestock farming to introduce sheep, goats, pigs, turkeys or chickens, which would create conflicts with predators and pressure to kill bobcats, coyotes and foxes.

The National Park Service is charged with managing Point Reyes National Seashore in a manner which provides maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment. The Park Service's amendment to the General Management Plan should prioritize protecting the native wildlife and natural values of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,

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Washington, DC

Resource Renewal Institute

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Western Watersheds Project

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Defense of Place

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In Defense of Animals

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Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue

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Alameda Creek Alliance

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Animals Are Sentient Beings

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Arkansas Audubon Society

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Basin and Range Watch

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Endangered Species Coalition

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National Wolfwatcher Coalition

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Regional Parks Association

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Save The Frogs!

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