



CATTLE GRAZING IS KEY TO MITIGATING WILDFIRES

As our state works to mitigate the many devastating impacts of wildfires, livestock must be part of the solution.

Research has proven livestock grazing has the power to mitigate impacts of wildfires through reducing fire spread and intensity by minimizing fuel loads and increasing fuel moisture. Well managed cattle grazing enhances habitats for native grassland plants, animals and maintains the open spaces of California's iconic rangelands and oak savannas. Plants on grazed grasslands are also more likely to survive and recover following fire. The research is clear: **grazing creates a more fire resilient California.**

“...GRAZING IS ONE OF THE...SINGLE BEST THINGS WE CAN DO FOR WILDFIRE RESILIENCE ACROSS THE STATE. [IT IS] A ‘NATURE-BASED SOLUTION.’ SO ACTUALLY IT’S A BIG DEAL, AND YOU’RE SEEING AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF [WILDFIRE RESILIENCE FUNDING] GETTING INTO SUSTAINABLE GRAZING...”



- WADE CROWFOOT, CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY SECRETARY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CATTLE TO MITIGATE WILDFIRE



Forests could be better managed and prepared to handle future wildfires by lowering fire fuel loads through greater use of managed grazing and more prescribed burns.



Removal of grazing has increased shrub cover and fire hazards in the open spaces of the Bay Area. More grazing could protect communities from future wildfires.



Reducing fuel loads by grazing can lower the ignition and initial spread of fire. Recent fires have shown grazed rangelands burned less severely than lands not previously grazed.



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