

# GRAZING *makes California* RESILIENT

**IN CALIFORNIA,  
38 MILLION ACRES OF  
RANGELANDS AND  
FORESTS ARE MANAGED  
BY CATTLE GRAZING**

Find out how these managed acres make the land more resilient for all.

## **CATTLE GRAZING IS HIGHLY REGULATED**

Mother Nature, government and ranchers all prevent overgrazing by regulating it. Under these watchful eyes, properly managed grazing mitigates wildfires, fosters wildlife habitat, benefits the soil and protects biodiversity.

### **Grazing reduces wildfire spread and intensity**

by minimizing fuel loads and increasing fuel moisture research shows.



### **Grazed lands have more efficient carbon sequestration**

as they retain more moisture, which supports better plant growth.



### **Endangered species depend on grazing**

and land management practices. The San Joaquin Kit Fox is one example.



### **Grazing helps maintain biodiversity.**

On managed grazing lands non-native grasses are less likely to survive.



## **WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY ABOUT GRAZING**



Grazing once stopped in the Bay Area close to where this photo was taken. US Fish & Wildlife Services says, **“when the cattle left, so did the Bay checkerspot butterfly that had lived on the hill for years. Likewise, when the cattle returned, the butterflies followed.”**

Where this photo was taken, “There are areas where grazing is divided by a fenceline. On the side without cattle, the grass is tall and not much else is growing there. But just on the other side of the fence, there’s a healthy field of wildflowers where cattle have been,” says, a senior wildlife biologist at Fish and Wildlife.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW GRAZING BENEFITS THIS ENDANGERED BUTTERFLY**

“Some of our most biodiverse habitat for wildlife and plants are created by cows and by the ranchers that steward them.”  
- Dr. Lynn Huntsinger, UC Berkeley

“Myself and other firefighters value livestock grazers to reduce the severity, continuity, and size of wildfires. When firefighters look at a landscape that has been grazed, we can see a decrease in the amount of fuel that is available....”  
- Garrett Sjolund, Butte Co. CAL FIRE Chief

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