

Point Reyes National Seashore
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#1

Name: becker, john

Correspondence: 20 (Twenty) years is rather a long time for NPS to control ranching. 5 (Five) years is more appropriate a length of time for leases. Visitors need access to lands within ranches without disturbing cattle. A ranch may have beef cattle or Dairy cattle. Can a ranch with between dairy and beef without permission? Is there a limit to the number of dairy or beef cattle? Can a ranch "lease" lands or does a ranch family (not a surrogate) need to live on ranch property? May a ranch (or ranch family) institute a "bed and Breakfast" operation without permission from NPS. What constitutes a ranch family? How many members? May a ranch be other than a dairy or a beef cattle ranch? Who controls the grazing permit? How is the fee set? Who controls the number of dairy cattle? Who controls the building permits? NPS or Marin County? Who controls the roads pithing the park?

#2

Name: Donaghy , Melanie

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore, I would like you to extend the leases for the farmers, for at least 20 years, with renewable clauses. The farms are an integral part of West Marin Heritage. Losing the oyster Farm was bad enough, while San Francisco seeded the bay with oysters, you shut the oyster Farm down. The Tule elk can be managed, the feral deer should be removed. The farmers are good stewards of the land and they deserve stability.

#3

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to this idea. Killing native elk in favor of cows and dairy farming seems completely opposite to being good stewards of a spectacular natural resource like Point Reyes. The elk are an integral part of why visitors derive so much enjoyment from the shoreline. Please save the elk and do not destroy natural habitat to further dairy farming.

#4

Name: Clapp, Alisa

Correspondence: Killing of the natural wildlife in the region, to provide more grazing land for commercial farming is ridiculous. These farmers/ranchers were paid for their land then they should leave. Restore this area to what it should be. Keep the commitments set forth when this area was established.

#5

Name: Sunley, Christina

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to Pt Reyes National Seashore I am horrified that the plan calls for prioritizing the needs of cattle ranchers over the lives of the Tule Elk. Especially at a time when it has become clear that cattle ranching is a major contributor to climate change!

#6

Name: Ranazzi, John

Correspondence: 1st Question: Who was there first: The Elk or the Cattle?

2nd Question: Which Animal is Native to California: Elk or Cattle?

3rd Question: What will bring more pleasure for the visitors to the park to enjoy: Elk or Cattle?

I believe the Elk have been here long before Calif was a State so that kind of answers Question #1 & #2

I myself, who enjoys the outdoors would rather see Elk in a national Park area then a bunch of mangy Cattle, who I can see anywhere thru-out the state, but Elk, that is an completely difference experience to see & enjoy that is very rare in this state

KEEP the ELK, Get rid of the cattle off Federal land & use for what it was designated for.

The people of the USA want to see Wildlife in their parks, not domesticated Bovines

#7

Name: Brucker, Richard

Correspondence: I am 65 years old and born and raised in the Bay Area. I have been to Point Reyes many times in my life and have always enjoyed the wild and natural habitat.

I strongly disagree with the proposal to introduce more commercial livestock at the expense of the wild Tule Elk.

Please do not go ahead with this plan. The park will suffer and the elk do not deserve to die in the interests of cattle ranchers.

Thank you

#8

Name: Venezia, Sherri

Correspondence: Per the plan to remove some of the Elf currently in the herd at Pt Reyes Natl. Seashore. Is it possible to physically move the necessary 4 Elk this year and those in successive years to cull the herd rather than shoot them? Why must they be killed. Your current plan is obviously designed not to be draconian and to save the herd, but why not simply remove and place them in another suitable habitat?

#9

Name: Kay, Oliver

Correspondence: RE: Point Reyes National Seashore and North District Golden Gate National Recreation Area General Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement

I believe a reasonable basis can be made that the adequacy of, methodology for, and assumptions used for the environmental analysis are questionable. The idea that the park service is going to kill native wildlife for the sake of ranches in a National Park unit is shocking. The parks should be managed for native wildlife, not the commercial cattle or dairy industry.

The enabling legislation of this park is for public recreation on the diminishing seashores of the United States, with "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area".

#10

Name: Franco , Raquel

Correspondence: When will there be a consideration that it's the farmed animals who are the issues here and are bad for our environment. The number with that keep rising however no one is doing anything about it! This is horrible news to hear that this is all that can be considered is in the senseless killing of animals. The farmers need to make a change from dairy and meat to plant based because that is the future we are heading into a change for them is way past due.

#11

Name: Alexander, Chris

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone! They're a national treasure. Outrageous that ranchers' interests are being prioritized. You can be sure that you will bring down a ton of unwanted publicity and protest upon your department if this short-sighted plan goes ahead.

#12

Name: Fawcett, Susan

Correspondence: I support Alternative F

I favor management for native wildlife in National Parks, and the removal of all livestock. The cattle do great damage to the vegetation and destroy the landscape. Please prioritize wildlife over industry. Visitors come to see wildlife, not ranches.

#13

Name: Jones, Nicholas

Correspondence: Please reconsider the decision to prioritize ranching operations over the health of Point Reyes' native Tule Elk. It's counter to the mission of the National Park Service, and an affront to everyone who's worked so hard to preserve that land.

#14

Name: Feil, Janet

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone. They were here first. If the cattle can get along with the elk, they can stay. If not, the cattle go. We cannot destroy our best resources for the sake of ranchers. They can adapt a little. I prefer the elk. Thank you.

#15

Name: Gutierrez, Ann

Correspondence: The Point Reyes property is an amazingly rich asset for our country...It should not be squandered as grazing land for livestock/cows...Keep the property as natural and wild for visitors to optimize the experience of hiking/visiting this beautiful one-of-a-kind slices of nature. Using Point Reyes property for a few people to make money off of grazed cows is wrong!

#16

Name: Gress, Julia

Correspondence: If there are only an estimated 3,800 tule elk alive in all of CA, can we really afford to intentionally further limit the existing gene pool just to free up some grass for cattle? I vote for reducing the number of grazing cattle to accommodate the elk. The herd is apparently growing slowly anyway and are likely to experience additional environmental stress from climate change impacts.

The proposal and media coverage make it sound like the only impact would be eliminating "a few" tule elk. But these are animals that haven't been subject to hunting and aren't accustomed to fearing being killed by humans. This is part of the wonder of visiting Point Reyes - that the animals don't run away and hide from us. What will happen when humans start killing members of the herd? They will rightfully fear us and try to avoid being seen. That's a tragic loss.

The costs of this proposed cull are much higher than just losing a few tule elk. Let's make another choice. Please.

#17

Name: Freilich, Jerry

Correspondence: I am writing to staunchly protest the incredibly poor choices being selected for Point Reyes National Seashore in the current Draft EIS. The promotion, continuation, and encouragement of cattle grazing and other commercial agriculture in this land supposedly set aside in order "to preserve and protect ... [these resources] ... for the enjoyment of future generations," is a shocking submission to money and politics.

Park Service managers face many challenges. Those challenges include the onslaught of money, influence, and political gain. The NPS Organic Act does not say anything about preserving and protecting the rights of wealthy farm companies or cattle ranchers. And yet these are precisely the people being gifted by this present from the People of the United States who own these parklands.

I retired from the National Park Service in 2015 ... having served 23 years in six national parks. I've been a law-enforcement ranger, a naturalist interpreter, a field scientist, and a research administrator. I have worked hard on Environmental Impact Statements and Resource Management plans. But I have never seen a document with such abject disregard for the basic principles legally assigned to the Service.

Statements to the effect that grazing will be managed in "ecologically sensitive" ways are transparent platitudes. Once the commercial ag forces have their 'grazing rights' there is no one in the entire Department of Interior with the nerve, fortitude, or cojones to enforce such regulations. I have a PhD in ecology and worked for years on grazing and biodiversity issues (five years as Chief of Science for the Wyoming Chapter of The Nature Conservancy). Cattle ranchers are never (NEVER) restricted, limited, or forced to observe such terms and conditions.

Point Reyes should be managed for the protection of its natural resources for the enjoyment of us living now and future generations. This surrender to monied interests is a travesty of justice. I hope the "Preferred Option" is not selected. And if it is, I hope to see it defeated in court.

#18

Name: Martin, Jim

Correspondence: I represent California Outdoor Properties in the Mendocino-Sonoma Region where we represent Sellers and Buyers of the largest ranches in the area. Besides this, I am a rancher myself running cows on my own 2300 acre ranch here in Anderson Valley. I saw your article about the need to reduce the number of Tule Elk in Point Reyes Park and it occurred to me that these same elk should be transplanted instead of culled. I personally know of owners of 10,000s of acres within the historic range of Tule Elk who would be more than happy to have the animals transplanted to their properties. It seems so wasteful to cull these animals when there is a perfect opportunity to re-seed their historic range for the ultimate benefit of the California public at large.

Kind Regards,

Jim Martin

#19

Name: Lane, Wendy

Correspondence: The enabling legislation of this park for public recreation on the diminishing seashores of the United States, with "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area." The free-roaming Drakes Beach tule elk herd is estimated at 124 animals, and the Limantour elk herd is estimated at 174 animals. The preferred alternative would limit the populations of the elk in order to lessen competition with private livestock for forage resources. In contrast, the herds of non-native cattle have large impacts on the plant and animals in the park, causing erosion, overgrazing of sensitive meadows and coastal prairies, manure management problems, and water quality declines.

The park service is also proposing to allow ranchers to continue with dairy commercial and beef operations in 20-year leases, despite the fact that in the 1960s and 70s taxpayers bought out all the ranchers with millions of dollars, and at the time the ranchers agreed to relocate out of the park. Now, the park service is also proposing to allow ranchers to diversify into having more sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens, as well as row crops. Farm stays and ranch tours would also be authorized on parklands, including for-profit tourism rentals.

"The intent of the establishment of Point Reyes National Seashore was to preserve the natural seashore, not have some kind of farmland amusement park," Cunningham added. "It is time for the National Park Service to manage these beautiful Pacific Coast public lands for the native wildlife and natural scenery."

#20

Name: Clark, Emily

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I wanted to reach out regarding the proposed changes to Point Reyes National Seashore. I would strongly suggest eliminating or dramatically reducing ranching in the area. Funds could be used to help ranchers transition to new careers in other types of farming, forest regeneration, or other fields. The land has been degraded considerably through overuse by cattle farmers and the non-native elk. Both the ecosystem and the people in the region would benefit more from reforestation and trail maintenance efforts to preserve and restore this natural treasure and provide habitat, more trees, and hiking and biking trails. Currently, only a small minority (the ranching families) are truly benefitting from this region, and their overdevelopment of Point Reyes has come at a cost. Limited greenery, a strong cattle smell, polluted waters (from cattle feces), and unsightly farming equipment has laid waste to the area. While I understand there is a historical presence of farmers in the area, the land previously belonged to native tribespeople before these ranching families arrived, and thus they lack true claim to what should be a protected public natural resource. To close, I would strongly suggest supporting a proposal that eliminates or dramatically reduces cattle ranching in this protected area, as ranching benefits few, and has degraded the land.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this argument against ranching in Point Reyes.

Sincerely, Emily Clark

#21

Name: Raftery, Miriam

Correspondence: Save the elk! The plan and the alternative for Point Reyes National Seashore are both terrible. I have visited this park specifically because I wanted to see the elk there. Cattle do not belong on our national seashores - - the elk have been a success story for restoring a native species.

#22

Name: Wallace, Mary

Correspondence: Fools! Don't you DARE touch the Elk in Pt. Reyes! Don't you DARE commercialize a precious landscape! Leave what is good and beautiful alone!!!!

I AM OUTRAGED!!!!!!!

#23

Name: Kreshin, Alison

Correspondence: I know that the off-road director of the MCBC is pushing hard for more bike trails. I live under the east peak of Mt Tam in Larkspur and I know what happens on trails that are opened up to this new generation of bikers. I've been mountain biking for decades. I'm 60 years old. It is mayhem on the trails that I know so well. When my husband and I or my son and I go to Pt. Reyes midweek, it's so peaceful and calm, heaven on earth. The weekends have hordes of hikers now; I avoid the Tomales Point trail for example. I know what will occur if more and more technical bike trails are opened. The bikers will start taking single track hiking only trails. I see it when I'm walking on King Mt. Open Space all the time. Please consider this point of view when deciding on more bike access at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Be well.

#24

Name: Dziadur, Ryszard

Correspondence: I think that National Park Service proposal is great and should be adopted.

#25

Name: chang, doug

Correspondence: There was extreme effort require to establish the preserve in the first place many years ago to combat a declining loss of habitat. This effort to cater to the needs of several in order for them to make more money at the risk of undoing what was done years ago is what I disagree with in principle. I am ok with culling numbers to keep genetic diversity but to allow more farming and ranching which were the very forces which drove these animals to near extinction and reducing our genetic diversity are back with this request. I am against this proposal.

#26

Name: Machala, Lisa

Correspondence: We are regular visitors to the San Francisco Bay area and frequent Point Reyes, Muir Woods, Half Moon Bay and many other parks and recreation Sites in the area. The wild life are a a huge reason we visit. Giving preference to beef and dairy cattle over indigenous species is stupid, short sighted and immoral. These are public lands specifically set aside for posterity, not for welfare ranchers to exploit. Eliminating elk and other species so some private profiteers benefit while the ecosystems are destroyed is an affront and insult to American taxpayers. Consider the economic impact of tourists who don't come out anymore because of diminished wildlife. Leave wild species alone on public lands. Do your jobs and protect the integrity of these parks.

#27

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The future of this planet depends on saving the environment and threatened species, including the Tule Elk. Ranching for ANY type of meat brings us one step closer to extinction of civilization, then humanity itself.

#28

Name: Grandi, Michael

Correspondence: Please preserve the park for wild like only. End comercial ranching in the park boundaries.

#29

Name: Ford, David

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the use of lethal means to control the elk heard at Point Reyes. Tule Elk are still severely limited in population and if they need to be removed from an area of the park they should be relocated.

No lethal control of Elk.

#30

Name: Betker, Deanna

Correspondence: The Tile Elk are a icon animal to tourists to see. I know I for sure go out of my way searching for the elk there and hate seeing all the cattle are farm animals. They don't belong there. This a national park and native animals belong in the park. Get rid of the Domestic animals in the park and let the native roam free. Elk, birds, rabbits and whales are what the tourist want to see. Farm animals need to go.

#31

Name: MacDonald, James

Correspondence: To: 8/06/2019 National Park Service 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Comments to EIR, EA, EIS or up date to Point Reyes General Management Plan: All comments in full and not abbreviated to be included in the administrative record.

I would first like to register my complaint of the lack of meaningful public participation as required by NEPA in these proceedings. The only reason I now of these proceedings is through a article I read. This is a National Park and a National issue, There should be a link on the opening page for any National Park Service opening page clearly informing the public of their rights to participate in these and other proceeding and a clear link to any and all documentation. Notification should be on those pages for a minimum of thirty days before calling for public comments. Being able to point to 5 links down stream where the public could have found this information is not meaningful public notification or participation. Even when calling the park service I was not given a clear link to these proceedings only Point Reyes opening page (go.nps.gov/pore/gmpa) nor would they put me on a contact list.

Executive Summary:

Citizens Guide to NEPA: Having Your Voice Heard

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5310825.pdf

If you were a land owner in Roman times and allowed your topsoil to erode you would be going to a Roman jail but in todays economics short-term profit over the environment is now the norm. 61% of the suspended sediment in San Francisco Bay today is off of Bay Area hills. Local, State, Federal agencies, National Park Service and cattle associations keep telling us they are taking wonderful care of this nation's topsoil but are they really? Use Google Earth and zoom in on most any cattle ranch in Point Reyes; those lines you see are soil compaction lines made from over grazing and extremely poor land management turning rich topsoil into concrete like consistency during the summer and accelerating erosion of topsoil into our streams in the winter time; soil that contaminates our stream beds destroying our fisheries and then needs to be dredged from our streams and bays. Let me use the

words of The National Science and Technology Council, Dec. 2016 Under natural conditions, one inch of topsoil can take 500 years or more to form. Soil is essential to human life. Not only is it vital for providing most of the worlds food, it plays a critical role in ensuring water quality and availability; supports a vast array of non-food products and benefits, including mitigation of climate change; and affects biodiversity important for ecological resilience. These roles make soil essential to modern life. Thus, it is imperative that everyone-city dwellers, farmers and ranchers, land owners and rural citizens alike-take responsibility for caring for and investing in our soils. So I have to totally agree with ranchers there are too many animals grazing Point Reyes and destroying this Nations top soil.

THE STATE AND FUTURE OF U.S. SOILS Framework for a Federal Strategic Plan for Soil Science PRODUCT OF THE Subcommittee on Ecological Systems, Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL December 2016
https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ssiwg_framework_december_2016.pdf

Fordham Law Review Volume 20 | Issue 1 Article 3 1951 Legal Principles and Policies of Soil Conservation
<https://ir.lawnet.fordham.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=https://www.google.com/&httpsredir=1&article=1379&context=flr> One of the guiding purposes behind the holding of these lands in public ownership is soil conservation. Soil conservation in not a new issue, It is estimated 6.9 billion tons of top soil disappear in United States each year.

Costhelper <https://home.costhelper.com/soil.html> Topsoil sells for between \$12 and \$30 per cubic yard, depending on where you live. Topsoil delivery costs range from \$15 to \$200 or more, depending on weight and distance. How many cubic yards of top soil would be needed to replace what has been destroyed by cattle at Point Reyes? How much of the remaining soil at Point Reyes is compacted by cattle? What would be the cost to till that remaining soil taking into account saving rare and endangered plants and animals? Who should pay that cost? Tax payers?

NEPA https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Environmental_Policy_Act To declare national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality. Cattle are among the number one sources for greenhouse gases. Methane is 30 times stronger of a greenhouse compared to CO2. Nitrous Oxide is 300 times stronger of a greenhouse compared to CO2.

Marin County Groundwork Handbook <https://www.marincounty.org/-/media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/residents/groundwork.pdf> The weight of the animals can compact the soil to concrete-like hardness which in turn increases the speed of runoff and activates gully and stream bank erosion lower in the watershed. Compaction can also occur in large pastures if the land has been heavily grazed for many years.

These photos are clear evidence that the Park Service is aware of the damage being done by cattle.

National Park Service https://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/upload/resourcepaper_tuleelk.pdf A Look into the Past the Tule Elk (*Cervus elaphus nannodes*) is a subspecies of elk native to California. They occur nowhere else. For thousands of years, as many as 500,000 Tule Elk thrived in California from the lush open country of the Central Valley to the grassy hills on the coast. But following the Gold Rush of 1849, the elk were hunted nearly to extinction. At the same time, elk habitat was converted to agriculture, and livestock grazed what had been elk forage. These developments caused the elks decline and nearly caused their extinction. Cattle are none indigenous and have only been in California for about 200 years and within thus 200 years have distorted Californias top soil.

Center for Biological Diversity https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/public_lands/grazing/ Cattle destroy native vegetation, damage soils and stream banks, and contaminate waterways with fecal waste. After

decades of livestock grazing, once-lush streams and riparian forests have been reduced to flat, dry wastelands; once-rich topsoil has been turned to dust, causing soil erosion, stream sedimentation and wholesale elimination of some aquatic habitats.

Bay Nature Con: Cattle Grazing Is Incompatible with Conservation <https://baynature.org/article/con-cattle-grazing-is-incompatible-with-conservation/> Although some landscapes and habitats in the Bay Area benefit from disturbed soil conditions, which were once provided by native ungulates such as elk and by wildfires, cattle do not mimic those conditions. Cows use the landscape very differently than native browsers like elk or deer.

American Fisheries Society Policy Statement #23 download: The Effects of Livestock Grazing https://fisheries.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/policy_23f.pdf The Effects of Livestock Grazing on Riparian and Stream Ecosystems ... game and nongame habitat, and 19,000 miles of sport fishing streams have declined.

United States Congress Public Law 94-389 <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-90/pdf/STATUTE-90-Pg1189.pdf> https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/upload/lawsandpolicies_publiclaw94_544.pdf Whereas the protection and maintenance of California's Tule elk in a free and wild state is of educational, scientific, and esthetic value to the people of the United States The following lands within the Point Reyes National Seashore are hereby designated as wilderness, and shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Wilderness Act& in a manner which provides for such recreational, educational, historic preservation, interpretation, and scientific research opportunities as are consistent with, based upon and supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area. 94-389 directed the federal government to make suitable lands available for the preservation and grazing of Tule Elk, NOT cattle. Point Reyes Phillip Burton Wilderness map give it time to load

<https://umontana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a415bca07f0a4bee9f0e894b0db5c3b6&extent=-13694990.4557,4569643.1994,-13660475.4129,4613531.0504,102113> National Park Service: Phillip Burton Wilderness https://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/phillip_burton_wilderness.htm The Point Reyes Wilderness Act <https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/wildernessact.htm> Wilderness areas are public lands. This means wilderness belongs to everyone. Wilderness areas provide intact habitat for wildlife, clean drinking water for cities, recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts, sources of inspiration for artists. Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Point_Reyes_National_Seashore On November 29, 2012, Salazar announced that he would not renew the Point Reyes oyster farm permit, citing the original intent of the Point Reyes Wilderness Act to designate the area as wilderness upon the removal of the oyster farm 1998 Tule Elk Management Plan and Environmental Assessment

https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/upload/planning_tule_elk_mp_ea_1998.pdf 254 Tule Elk died from being fenced in and not being allowed to water. A return of the elk range to its native condition of seep-fed springs is considered desirable to maintaining viable populations. 50% of 10 dairy herds in Point Reyes are infected by bacteriwn Mycobacterium paratuberculosis, (Johnes Disease.) Johnes's disease is considered a disease of confinement and kills Tule Elk. terminating cattle leases may provide for a disease-free herd on the Seashore. With ranching removed fencing and other restrictions could be removed. Point Reyes General Management Plan (1980) https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/upload/planning_gmp_1980.pdf The primary objectives for the park must continue to relate to the natural integrity of the seashore, upon which the quality of a Point Reyes experience totally depends. "Restoration of historic natural conditions (such as reestablishment of Tule Elk) will continue to be implemented when such actions will not seriously diminish scenic and recreational values." U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service <https://www.fws.gov/arcata/es/amphibians/crlf/documents/020528.pdf> Observations suggest that grazing activities pose a serious threat to the suitability of aquatic habitats for California red-legged frogs United States Congress Public Law 96-199 <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-94/pdf/STATUTE-94-Pg67.pdf> Gave the Secretary of the Interior authority to disallow ranching land use when deemed necessary for resource management or other Seashore activities. USDA FOREST SERVICE https://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw_gtr124.pdf Livestock grazing can affect all components of the aquatic system. Grazing can affect the streamside environment by changing, reducing, or eliminating vegetation bordering the stream. Channel morphology can be changed, by accrual of sediment, alteration of channel substrate,

disruption of the relation of pools to riffles, and widening of the channel. The water column can be altered by increasing water temperature, nutrients, suspended sediment, bacterial populations, and in the timing and volume of Streamflow. Livestock can trample stream banks causing banks to slough off, creating false setback banks, and exposing banks to accelerated soil erosion

Restoration of Riparian Areas Following the Removal of Cattle in the Northwestern Great Basin <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00267-014-0436-2#link> to study and downloadable copy Results indicated that channel widths and eroding banks decreased in 64 and 73 % of sites, respectively. We found a 90 % decrease in the amount of bare soil ($P < 0.001$) and a 63 % decrease in exposed channel ($P < 0.001$) as well as a significant increase in the cover of grasses/sedges/forbs (15 % increase, $P = 0.037$), rushes (389 % increase, $P = 0.014$), and willow (388 % increase, $P < 0.001$).

Patch-Burn Grazing for Biological Diversity May 2011 By Chris Helzer The Nature Conservancy - Nebraska <https://prairienebraska.files.wordpress.com/2011/05/patch-burning-for-biodiversity.pdf>

Patchburn grazing increases habitat heterogeneity and biodiversity of small mammals in managed rangelands <https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ecs2.1431>

California Department of fish and Game <https://www.wafwa.org/Documents and Settings/37/Site Documents/Working Groups/Elk Workshops/1993 Bozeman MT Elk Workshop/1993 Bozeman MT Elk Workshop/A Summary of California's Elk Hunting Program.pdf> Senate Bill 722 (Behr Bill) allows for hunting when population reached 2,000 or relocation of Tule Elk but allows nothing else. Thinning of the herd by any other means by the state is not specified. Bill 722 does not limit Tule Elk population but allows hunting when populations are over 2,000.

Izurieta et al., 2008; Petrovay and Balla, 2008; CDC, 2012 <https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/earth-and-planetary-sciences/animal-waste> Animal waste is a common way in which zoonotic diseases are spread. Pathogens in animal waste can contaminate food or water, or enter the body directly through inhalation, skin lesions, and other routes vulnerable to pathogen entry.

Humans and Cattle: A Review of Bovine Zoonoses <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3880910/>

Science Direct, Marine Geology <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0025322713000376> Local watersheds may contribute over half of the sediment load coming into San Francisco Bay today. The results indicate that the hundreds of urbanized and tectonically active tributaries adjacent to the Bay, which together account for just 5% of the total watershed area draining to the Bay and provide just 7% of the annual average fluvial flow, supply 61% of the suspended sediment.

Wikipedia: National Security https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_security Ecological security, also known as environmental security, refers to the integrity of ecosystems and the biosphere, particularly in relation to their capacity to sustain a diversity of life-forms (including human life). The security of ecosystems has attracted greater attention as the impact of ecological damage by humans has grown.[19] The degradation of ecosystems, including topsoil erosion, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and climate change, affect economic security and can precipitate mass migration, leading to increased pressure on resources elsewhere. PUBLIC LAW 95-625-NOV. 10, 1978 <https://www.nps.gov/mawa/upload/Public-Law-95-625.pdf> SEC 318: Act is amended to read as follows: SEC. 5. (a) The owner of improved property or of agricultural property on the date of its acquisition by the Secretary under this Act may, as a condition of such acquisition, retain for himself and his or her heirs and assigns a right of use and occupancy for a definite term of not more than twenty-five years, or, in lieu thereof, for a term ending at the death of the owner or the death of his or her spouse, whichever is later. Continuing the lease beyond this constitutes a gift of this nation's assets. Upcounsel: Penalty for Breach of Fiduciary Duty <https://www.upcounsel.com/penalty-for-breach-of-fiduciary-duty> You can be personally held accountable for your actions in civil court.

Markkula Center for Applied Ethics <https://www.scu.edu/government-ethics/resources/public-officials-as-fiduciaries/> With top soil being eroded away and compacted native plants can no longer survive being dependent upon surface groundwater year round. Your fiduciary responsibilities to the citizens of the United States are crystal clear. Remove cattle and any other none indigenous animal from Point Reyes, thin Tule Elk heard to protect this Nations top soil by hunting or relocation of excess Tule Elk population to locations where hunting is allowed. Hunters have a right to this Nations resources as much as any one else whether others like it or not and I am not a hunter. Your initial failures to protect Tule Elk in a free and wild state, wildlife, this Nations topsoil and biosphere, to protect Tule Elk herds from domestic animal diseases as required by the United States Congress has only complicated Tule Elk management.

Sincerely: James Brian MacDonald

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#32

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We don't have that much wild land left and this area is a marvel of wilderness in urban proximity. Please leave as is - there are other less remarkable places for farming.

#33

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Dear Members of the National Park Service,

Thank you for all that you do. I have lived in Marin for 10 years and spent countless days in the beautiful national parks around here, including Point Reyes. I remember the first time I visited Point Reyes and encountered some of the historic ranches. I have to say, my first thought was: "Why are these here?" Amidst such splendor and natural beauty, the land had been denuded and reeked of manure. Marin is a progressive county in a progressive state. Most residents I know do not support the continued use of any park lands for agricultural or other commercial purposes. I appreciate that these are old ranches, but times change. Nothing lasts forever. Please return these lands to the public, where they belong.

Sincerely, Michael Oldham

#34

Name: Simmons , Patricia

Correspondence: I have visited this park and seen the elk- they are beautiful and don't deserve to be killed or removed! How dare the federal government allow such a horrible thing to happen to wildlife. The rancher must accept the wildlife as is just like weather and the market. Don't you dare do this action. Your job is not to protect private businesses and protect the natural habitat and wildlife. Stop your murderous plans!

#35

Name: mcgrath, teresa

Correspondence: do not do this....point reyes is beautiful...don't sell the elk out...elk over cows..stop eating meat...

thx

#36

Name: Davies, Beverly

Correspondence: The California tule elk were hunted to almost extinction and have been carefully allowed to rebuild, why a park would see cattle ranching as environmentally safe is not correct, cattle decimate habitats by compacting the soil, eating wild grasses, running through fencing and spreading disease. With a lower demand for beef in the American diet there isn't any real issue here besides a monetary one. There should be a plan to move parts of the herds to other regions instead of the barbaric demonstration of culling.

#37

Name: N/A, Ann

Correspondence: Get rid of the ranches. People are eating far less meat. Restore the "ranchlands" to the national park they were intended to be and allow wildlife to flourish. Simple, give the park back to all people!

#38

Name: Smith, Anthony

Correspondence: My family and I have been enjoying the Point Reyes National Seashore for over 30 years. It is a natural, national treasure. One of my favorite memories growing up was experiencing the wonder of tidepools filled with diverse life at Drake's Beach. This seashore belongs to all of us Americans, not just ranchers who have a profit motive in abusing the land and the native animals. It is important that the natural environment of this national park be protected, and that includes the elk.

I urge the National Park Service not to kill Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in order to protect the profits of the beef and dairy industry. Tule Elk, which are native to Point Reyes, were exterminated and then reintroduced by the National Park Service. Now the beef and dairy ranchers, which no longer own the land they occupy, want to extend their land leases and cull the Drakes Bay Tule Elk herd. Please choose to protect wildlife over industry profits and select the alternative of no ranching and protection of the Tule Elk herd. Our National Parks are for nature not agribusiness.

#39

Name: STROUPE, LAURIE

Correspondence: The idea of removing the Elk and replacing them with cattle is horrible. I absolutely do not support this idea - our public land should support nature. NO CATTLE NO CATTLE NO CATTLE NO CATTLE

#40

Name: Cordes, Kim

Correspondence: Do I understand correctly that you want to kill native elk so cattle can graze? This is unacceptable. the elk where there first and the cattle ranchers should move to another area. Please do not go forward with this horrible plan.

#41

Name: A, Michelle

Correspondence: You want to cull the wild elk to ensure that the most unsustainable form of meat can be raised unbothered? You want to ensure that cattle ranches can stay around for 20 years because they're "historic"? Lots of things are historic but shouldn't stick around. All of those Confederate statues that have been taken down were "historic" and yet we realized they were not what we wanted to represent our communities. What's even more historic? Wild, open land for all to enjoy. If this plan does go through, at least have the common decency to use lube. Mother Nature is very delicate.

#42

Name: O'Rorke, Rebecca

Correspondence: Just read article in SF Chronicle re killing elk so people can make more money off Point Reyes National Seashore land. What a mean spirited, outrageous idea! Please protect our wildlife!

#43

Name: Kuzmich , Matt

Correspondence: I don't visit Pt. Reyes to see cows. This should be free range for the elk. This is the national seashore not the national dairy. The current plan is fine. If the dairies can't handle a few elk, let the dairies move elsewhere.

#44

Name: Aragon, Robi

Correspondence: The plan to reduce the overpopulation of tule elk by shooting is a balanced way to continue to preserve all elements of the Point Reyes National Park. We can not let one thing drive what we do to maintain that balance. Cattle farming has significantly reduced its impact over many years now. Ranchers have diversified their businesses and have also come up with ways to reduce carbon impacts. Soon we may have to come up with ways to reduce the negative impacts that large numbers of human visitors bring to the park. Because other more humane attempts over the years have not worked, this is the best solution. Shooting diseased elk first could be considered. And when the first run in between a human and an elk occurs because of the large numbers of people walking through their areas, someone will say it's the parks fault. Balance is the key to this situation.

#45

Name: Bosanac, Stevan

Correspondence: In reviewing plans A-F through the lens of global warming, it is abundantly clear that plan F is the most effective in mitigating global warming and to lessening climate change. This should be the number one priority of the national government. The impact on employment and revenue are so inconsequential as to be nil. Cattle ranching will ultimately go the way of the coal industry, a "necessary" evil that is no longer viable or to be tolerated.

Thank you for your efforts on this important issue.

#46

Name: Rosen, Janet

Correspondence: I was living in the Bay Area when the original buy-out of the dairy ranchers happened and the reintroduction of the tule elk to their historic territories. This was locally applauded as being the appropriate use of public lands. It was clearly understood that dairy ranching was poor land management and would be slowly decreased and disappear. Meanwhile the public comes to the seashore to hike, kayak, see birds, whales, and yes, the elk. There is no valid reason to suddenly prioritize the economic growth of ranchers who have already been paid by the taxpayers. There is no valid reason to expand domestic livestock, known to be bad for watersheds and native grasses, at the expense of the elk that evolved to live on this territory.

#47

Name: Russell, Claudia

Correspondence: I was born and raised in Northern California. I am a Karok Indian.

These elk are a majestic animal. I am against them being slaughtered. Why many visit the coastal area are to get a glimpse and other wild life.

Thin out the cattle since their future is to be harvested anyway. We have millions upon millions of acres of BLM land have the cattle graze their during the spring and summer. That is what the older generations of cattle ranchers did. It helps thin out the overgrowth of under brush that fuels a wildfire, great way to "manage the Forrest".

Get back to basics.

I am 70, raised in Siskiyou and Humboldt counties.

I know a thing or two. Thanks to my Grandparents Frank and Maggie Grant, who have long departed earth.

Regards Claudia Roxanne "Roxie" Russell

PS and your plan to thin out the heard - shoot them point blank - would be criminal.

#48

Name: Casey, Collin Shea

Correspondence: When I saw the story about this on the front page of the SF Chronicle this morning it made me sick. While I no longer live in Marin County, I did so for 13 years and am appalled and disgusted that the Park Service would even consider allowing beautiful creatures to be purposefully, maliciously murdered for no other reason than humans feeling that they are more entitled than any other living creature. This is despicable and shameful. Please, please, please reconsider. These elk have more of a right to this land than any human being and tourism is no reason for murder.

#49

Name: IGAWA, NARIHIRO

Correspondence: The current proposal to eliminate the elk from Point Reyes to favor cows is seemingly in direct opposition of the spirit of public land use and the general mission of the Parks Department - - preserving the fauna and flora of our public areas for the long-term enjoyment of the General Public.

Please reconsider.

#50

Name: Baker, Teresa

Correspondence: I think it's shameful that the park service would consider killing animals for the protection of ranchers in the area. If this country continues to streamline problems by removing indigenoussness wildlife, what will be the use for public land? These ranchers have been grandfathered in, refused to move when leases were up and now wildlife must pay the cost. I suggest holding the ranchers accountable for not vacating land once their leases were up and the government stop extending those leases because they are afraid of the battles that may ensue.

Public lands belong to the public, not ranchers. Having ranchers fence off public lands for individual gains, is not good use of MY tax dollar. I don't want my money going to the protection of ranchers.

Find another way.

#51

Name: Kelsey , Isaac

Correspondence: I know it would take an act of Congress, in a time when actions are generally not something

Congress is interested in, but having a controlled hunt would be a better way to reduce the elk herd at Point Reyes. As a hunter and former Park Service employee, it really bothers me to see tax payer dollars being spent to reduce populations of game animals, especially when it's so difficult to draw a tag for some of those species, tule elk included. The Park Service has is currently in phase 2 of mountain goat removals in Olympic National Park, which means shooting every last one they weren't able to capture and relocate. I understand and support that purpose, but the vast majority of the 25,000 people who applied for mountain goat tags in the state of Washington last year will never get to hunt mountain goats because they're so few tags available each season.

Deer are an issue in urban municipalities all over our country and many have turned to urban bow hunting as a form of control. If we can overcome the safety issues in urban environments, surely there must be a way to protect non-hunting visitors from hunting visitors and utilize hunting as a tool to control game animals on NPS land.

I've heard the act of Congress excuse before from NPS superintendents. Frankly I don't think most would like to see Congress take that action. I'm convinced hunting to control game animal populations on Park Service lands would be an improvement to visitors and a cost saving action to the Park Service. There are many NPS lands in Alaska with the designation " Park and Preserve" I've worked in a few of these and visited several others. I didn't notice any reduction in the beauty of those places because of hunting, and if managed appropriately I think we could expand that activity to more NPS lands.

#52

Name: Ross, Barbara

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the proposed plan to kill Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. The priority of the park service should be respect for wildlife and wild places. We can do without ranches entirely that also harm animals.

#53

Name: Denney, Carol

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Please do not allow an expansion of commercial activities for cattle ranchers in the Point Reyes area, or hunting of the native elk. Allowing "overnight farm stays" and tours can sound benign, but I have seen what these activities do to a natural area, and it can be devastating. The expansion beyond cattle for farmers to raise pigs, chickens, sheep and goats and to board horses would bring unseen environmental degradation to the land and the water and have unknown consequences for the native elk by attracting predators. The hunting of native elk will reverse the 1971 prohibition on hunting, and don't think for a minute that this won't change the commitment we made to the natural environment. Ranchers have many alternatives to the introduction of more commercial livestock for human consumption, precisely the wrong environmental direction in every respect.

Thank you for your hard work. I am a dedicated park supporter and would love to know more about any hearing or discussion of this matter. I work and volunteer in the area, and am committed to keeping it environmentally sustainable. The cattle ranchers have the accommodation they need, and should respect the elk and the land.

#54

Name: Cari, Cathi

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to reconsider favoring the dairy cattle business over the native tule elk in the Point Reyes National Park and other locations. My reasons are as follows: 1- It is documented that the dairy industry is declining as more and more people choose non-dairy foods. Why choose to support a declining industry over the native environment and wildlife?

2- I agree wildlife management practices do include management of the herd to control illness, overpopulation, etc. This is different than limiting the herd size primarily to support an industry that is in decline and promotes non-native environmental practices.

Choose to promote the native environment and wildlife for the long term benefit of the area. I encourage you to think long term and not just about the money.

#55

Name: Komor, Peter

Correspondence: The ranches are "historic" due to the artificial reason that they were established at the expense of the natural order. The Elk were there before the humans.

Perhaps a plan could be developed to "cull" the cattle. To allow for expansion of other domestic animals is fraught with peril. Research the historic consequences of the introduction of the Mongoose on the native Hawaiian bird population.

#56

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We should not be spending energy, time and money and environmental impacts on enhancing or increasing access for mountain bike use in our national parks. These impacts accrue to all the downstream impacts including driving to the park to mountain bike, and including the impacts of constructing wider more environmentally impactful trails and the impacts of hikers and equestrians. This is a categorically incompatible misuse of our national parks and open spaces.

#57

Name: Williams, Diane

Correspondence: If you don't thin the herd the Elk will take over. There is such a dilemma in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where there are Elk Everywhere! Nature should not be allowed to ruin the park. On the other hand, if you get rid of the cattle there will be no problem. So maybe it all boils down to money. The Elk aren't leasing the land.

#58

Name: ,

Correspondence: I do not believe that the ranching should be extended, or expanded, in Pt. Reyes National Seashore. I thought National Parks, Seashores, and Monuments were to preserve what is left of our natural environment, not to allow individuals to make money. And we know that raising cattle is contributing to global warming. Pt. Reyes should be for wildlife, not domestic livestock. It is a bad fit for Pt. Reyes. I urge the National Park Service to reject this plan.

#59

Name: N/A, Maggie

Correspondence: "The idea that the park service is going to kill native wildlife for the sake of ranches in a National Park unit is shocking," Indeed, I could not have said it better myself! Killing wildlife to allow for cattle (and maybe sheep and pigs and chickens!) in a National Park/Seashore is unacceptable. It's perverse. Ranchers already have enough public lands for cheap leases. Shall we kill all the bison in Yellowstone too; to move in cattle or sheep?!?!

Do your job BLM and NPS. Protect the native wildlife, not the ranchers and their herds!

#60

Name: H., Daniel

Correspondence: I am opposed to the proposal to allow tule elk culling in Point Reyes. This species has recovered from the brink of extinction to thrive in the park. This success should be celebrated, and the species should be allowed to grow and return to other parts of California that were once its native habitat. Please reconsider this recommendation, and prioritize wildlife preservation over agriculture in Point Reyes.

#61

Name: Johnson, Lynn

Correspondence: I am totally against this plan. The reserve is for all Americans, just not the farmers and ranchers.

#62

Name: Carlson, David

Correspondence: I strongly object to allowing the slaughter of Tule Elk in our Point Reyes National Seashore. This is a National Park and a treasure that should be managed for the enjoyment of all citizens, not a few cattle ranchers who want to expand their herds, which are grazing on public land. As a National Park, Point Reyes National Seashore should be managed primarily to ensure the health the native wildlife and natural habitats, not for the profit of private citizens and corporations. If you allow this slaughter, what is next? Are you going to let private ranchers kill the bison that draw millions to Yellowstone?

#63

Name: Weiss, Morgan

Correspondence: With all of the requirements on ranchers, what happens when those requirements are not met? A few fines? What happens to the elk population and/or the reserve? It gets damaged. No fines will fix that. The potential for abuse or just plain accidental, damage is too great. This is a national reserve, not a private ranch or garden. Please do not let this go forward!

#64

Name: Dubovsky, Susan

Correspondence: I oppose this draft along with the majority of public input. The idea that the park service is planning to kill native wildlife for the sake of ranches in a National Park unit is Not logical. The parks should be managed for native wildlife, Not the commercial cattle industry.

The herds of non-native cattle have large impacts on the plant and animals in the park, causing erosion, overgrazing of sensitive meadows and coastal prairies, manure management problems, and water quality declines.

The intent of the establishment of Point Reyes National Seashore was to preserve the natural seashore, not have some kind of farmland amusement park.

#65

Name: Harkins, John

Correspondence: I am a cattle farmer and understand the damage wildlife can do to farms. I salute you in your efforts to help the farmers!!

#66

Name: Meagher , Sharon

Correspondence: If the taxpayers bought out the ranchers, why are they still there? That means they are there illegally and owe the taxpayers rent. They need to move their animals out of there and leave the other animals alone.

#67

Name: Minton, Melissa

Correspondence: I urge you to value our state and federal park properties as community owned land. Do not allow personal use of this land for profit by individuals. Do not renew cattle and dairy ranch leases. Do not execute the tule elk or other wildlife living on our park lands.

#68

Name: Hungerford, Donna

Correspondence: I've been invited to Thanksgiving Dinners just outside of your park for almost 20 years. My husband's sister and brother in law own a home there. We would spend the long weekend there and exploring Pt Reyes by walking and driving to the outer reaches. I've seen the Tule Elk, I've walked through the road that runs through the Strauss Family Farm. It saddens me that cows, pigs, chickens and goats are the animals you wish to inhabit the area rather than the native animals. Shame on you. I've been thinking about cutting milk products out of my diet. This will probably be the straw that broke the back of the dairy industry for me. I gave up beef long ago.

#69

Name: shaw, noah

Correspondence: The advice for what is an unhelpful comment on the website: "agree or disagree with laws, regulation, or NPS policy" and "contain vague, open-ended statements or questions" is incredibly patronizing and dismissive to the tax payers on who's PUBLIC land the national park service is proposing to lethally dispose of native elk populations in favor cattle ranchers.

What is happening here? I mean honestly, what the hell is going on at the national park service? Is it a wild life refuge owned by the public- or is it a corporation who leases land to private ranchers? That's not a vague, open ended question- which one is it?

As someone who's hard earned tax dollars go toward paying the salaries of people who work to preserve this beloved park, it is well within my rights to "disagree with laws, regulation, or NPS policy" without having to come up with "alternatives, including mitigation measures which could reduce potentially harmful effects; and the information used to describe the affected environment and environmental consequences." Are there not people employed by the National Park Service to do this?? Here's this for an alternative: how about you don't murder the wildlife that the park is there to protect in order to cater to the meat industry which is responsible for the heinous degradation of much of the world's most precious eco systems?

I'm sure whoever reads this is not directly responsible for this ridiculous proposal and therefore I apologize for the withering tone. However if you joined the park service because you love nature and believe in the protection of animals and the environment- please stand up and do what you can to make sure this project is not allowed to move forward.

#70

Name: James, Alison

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern, After so much public uproar about this, the PS are going on with their plan, not listening to any protests. For shame on you. Alison James Sandy Hook, CT

#71

Name: Shore, Savannah

Correspondence: As someone who has grown up in Marin and seen the elk herds as a child and as an adult I can attest to how important having the elk there is. It's something that sparks joy in adults and children alike and exposes us all to the exportable of wildlife and our natural environment. Now as a graduate from Humboldt State University with my Bachelors degree in Wildlife Management and conservation I can again attest the importance of the natural elk population being preserved at all costs. The elk are what's meant to be there and turning the land over to cattle is both irresponsible and ignorant. You will distort what small natural landscape is left in Marin because you are too much of a coward to say no to ranchers whose animals will literally distort the environment. You gave them an inch letting them graze there at all and now they are trying to take a mile. The elk belong there the cattle don't if the ranchers are so mad they can leave. Tourism can provide just as much economic importance as their presence in the community. Ranchers and cattle aren't necessary elk and the natural world is.

#72

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to the area, I do not support any plan where wildlife is eliminated for domestic cattle. It not reasonable that you are even considering this.

#73

Name: Kenna, Aaron

Correspondence: The idea that the park service is going to kill native wildlife for the sake of ranches in a National Park unit is shocking.

The free-roaming Drakes Beach tule elk herd is estimated at 124 animals, and the Limantour elk herd is estimated at 174 animals. The preferred alternative would limit the populations of the elk in order to lessen competition with private livestock for forage resources. In contrast, the herds of non-native cattle have large impacts on the plant and animals in the park, causing erosion, overgrazing of sensitive meadows and coastal prairies, manure management problems, and water quality declines.

The park service is also proposing to allow ranchers to continue with dairy commercial and beef operations in 20-year leases, despite the fact that in the 1960s and 70s taxpayers bought out all the ranchers with millions of dollars, and at the time the ranchers agreed to relocate out of the park. Now, the park service is also proposing to allow ranchers to diversify into having more sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens, as well as row crops. Farm stays and ranch tours would also be authorized on parklands, including for-profit tourism rentals. The intent of the establishment of Point Reyes National Seashore was to preserve the natural seashore, not have some kind of farmland amusement park. It is time for the National Park Service to manage these beautiful Pacific Coast public lands for the native wildlife and natural scenery

#74

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Our state and national parks are no place to cultivate and cater to private industries. I am vehemently opposed to the proposal of lethally removing a native species, in this case Tule Elk, for the purpose of expanding grazing land for cattle. There is no viable rationale for doing this and it is most egregious at a time when we are being advised to lower our carbon footprint by eating less meat and dairy to stave off some of the effects of climate change. We are also in a mass extinction crisis. I will be taking this opportunity to identify which of our elected officials are for this proposal and as an educator for the state of CA, I will be bringing this to the attention of my voting-age students, many of whom live and vote in this region.

#75

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am saddened to hear that the NPS is putting livestock over wildlife. Cows are dirty, they emit methane, their hooves tear up the ground and they should be eliminated completely from grazing on Point Reyes National Shore. It is environmentally & economically irresponsible to put the profit of a couple families ahead of the rest of the United States Public. The UN just said people should start eating less meat so here's a great place for the Federal Govt to start making changes. Eliminate the grazing rights on ALL public lands. Cattle are not native to the american west. Elk are native and shouldn't be shot so that cattle can graze. Shame on you. What kind of environmental assessment is that?

#76

Name: Farley, Lin

Correspondence: NO! Wrong. This isn't mgmt. It is give away to agricultural interests. Do your job and protect the animals in the environment.

#77

Name: Knox, Ron

Correspondence: First of all, I would like to mention that I lived on Point Reyes for over 20 years, from the early 1980s until the early 2000s, in Inverness Park and Inverness. During that time I became extremely familiar with the historic cattle ranches located within the National Seashore as well as the herd of Tule Elk residing on Tomales Point once they were re-introduced.

For years I listened to debates of local farm economics vs. park environmental policy. But all of that has become moot now. Any argument pitting the elk against cattle ranchers and the impact on their shared resources is irrelevant because climate change makes it irrelevant.

Simply, there is no future for cattle ranching in America, or anywhere else, because of the outsized carbon impact. This is scientific fact. Restrictions to the beef industry must come as surely as restrictions to the fossil fuel extraction industry.

So any policy favoring cattle ranching over native animal ecosystems is absurd now and becomes entirely untenable in the long run. And any policy locking in cattle ranching for the next 20 years is simply a delusional denial of reality to accommodate current politics of ignorance for short term profit. It's no different than protecting coal mining over stream clarity or fracking over aquifer protection.

It is the definition of short-sighted climate denialism.

Our national parks are intended to be run with a science-first policy of understanding ecosystems to steward these landholdings for the natural enjoyment of citizens into the future. To ignore the principal existential challenge to our global ecosystem is absolute folly.

This proposal must be reversed and a phase-out of carbon polluting cattle ranching on Point Reyes must begin no matter the preference of entrenched capital interests. Because that's just the scientific reality of addressing climate change.

We got climate change from the man-made global warming of carbon pollution by listening to money over science for decades. If we are to even have decades to come this ill-informed practice must stop immediately.

#78

Name: Ferber, Jennifer

Correspondence: Regarding the destruction of Elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore for the financial benefit of a few selected cattle ranchers: This is an irresponsible and illogical choice to consider as "management" of the national treasure of a wildlife species, notably one with an extremely small and limited population and territory. Every time the "Fish and Kill Wildlife" Department interferes with the "management" of any species or environment, it is a disaster. In this case, a disaster that can be avoided. Even from a financial point of view, this proposal is irrational: far more benefit is derived, in many facets, by the continuing and growing presence of the elk and other species than is possible by the extension and preservation of outdated and irresponsible use of the land for cattle ranching. Cattle Ranching has its place: on private land. A National Seashore, National Park, or public land of any location, is not an appropriate place for cattle ranching, nor for any other use which is a threat to the natural environment.

In short: SHOOTING ELK TO PRESERVE LAND FOR CATTLE RANCHING ON A NATIONAL SEASHORE, OR ANY OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY WHICH SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN A MANNER FOR LONG TERM PRESERVATION OF SPECIES, RESOURCES, AND/OR THE ENVIRONMENT IS WRONG AND SHOULD BE ELIMINATED AS A CONSIDERATION OR POSSIBILITY.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

#79

Name: KESTERSON, KATHY

Correspondence: I support a 20 year lease for the two dozen beef and dairy cattle ranching families since I understand their concern about stability. However, why would the federal government agree to cull Tule Elk with the rationale that they are competing with cattle for forage, yet allow additional livestock on ranches such as sheep and goats that also would compete for forage? The park service should be focused on preserving the park's native wildlife as opposed to adding more farm animals to the existing ranches. It would appear that the park's priorities are skewed when you also consider that historical ranches would be allowed to augment their income by hosting tourists in farm buildings. This is not what the historical ranches have been preserved to do. This plan is heavily weighed in the ranchers' favor as opposed to environmentalists who would hope to strike a better balance.

#80

Name: Smith, Leslie

Correspondence: It is beyond reckless to propose destroying Wildlands and wild animals to produce more beef the day after a chilling UN report stating that Scientific Research has found that the entire world needs to go in the opposite direction if all known life is to survive. This proposal is folly. In fact, we need to go in the opposite direction as rapidly as possible.

#81

Name: Scherer, Timothy

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

The land the tule elk roam on Point Reyes is wild and pristine. It is a deeply moving experience to come across the type elk in their natural habit when hiking in the Point Reyes National Seashore, most recently from Pierce Point Ranch to the tip of Point Reyes. This was (and is) a land sacred to the Native Americans who call one ancient rock wall that runs off the cliff, the "Spirit Jumping Off Place" as they believe that when they die their spirit runs that line on its way Westward. Interesting, this is in keeping with many ancient traditions. And, I would want to continue to honor that. The tule elk congregating nearby only adds to the sense and feeling when you're there. Their absence, and the addition of a herd of cattle, just wouldn't be the same. Please protect the tule elk.

Sincerely,

Tim Scherer

#82

Name: Horner, Kelly

Correspondence: I am certain there is no shortage of beef, chicken, cheese, and eggs. Killing elk to open more grazing land for greedy farmers is reprehensible. And these ranchers offer "sustainable" products.....no, they don't, if expansion is their next step, and this expansion won't stop until corporate ranchers have all the land. Do you honestly believe that bobcats and other predators will not be killed when they come after livestock and chickens?!! Please do not proceed with this plan.

#83

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It seems completely antithetical to the mission of the NPS to allow and encourage agricultural ranching and herding on these sacred public lands along with active destruction of native animals.

#84

Name: Millbrooke, Anne

Correspondence: Please reconsider! Public lands are for public wildlife, not for indefinite subsidy of a few wealthy ranches and farms. I do NOT support the privatization of public resources through subsidized grazing, subsidized logging, subsidized mineral-gas-or-oil extraction, and in the case of the Point Reyes proposal also subsidized truck gardens and subsidized for-profit tourist lodging and tours.

1. Point Reyes National Seashore was created as a public preserve - to preserve the natural seashore, not to subsidize ranchers and farmers. 2. The ranchers and farmers were paid generously for the land and generously given vast time to remove their livestock. 3. The people of the United States own the land, the wildlife, and the water at Point Reyes as it does other public lands, and you as the government agency manage it in trust for us. Killing our wildlife resources, reducing natural biodiversity, introducing non-native species, all to make room for subsidized, privately-owned cattle, dairy cows, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, and row crops, and private for-profit tour lodging and tours, is WRONG, WRONG, WRONG. 4. Intentionally spoiling the natural seashore is contrary to the intent of the national seashore, contrary to the interests of the public, contrary to law. 5. Such efforts to privatize public resources and subsidize the wealthy reflect the political ideology of Ayn Rand and her followers, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, Donald J. Trump, not that the current occupant of the White House has read anything by Ayn Rand (or anyone else), but his advisors have, and more importantly they are familiar with the Randian market-based economists who promote transfers of public wealth to the few wealthy. That economy policy has failed everywhere it has been applied, from the perspective of the people at large, despite being highly profitable for the top economic 1%. 6. The proposal and the politics behind it do NOT reflect the public interest, the public good, the public welfare. 7. The USA has many, many amusement parks already, including some managed by the National Park Service. There is NO need to convert this national and natural seashore into an amusement park.

Please protect our public lands, wildlife, and water. Please protect the Point Reyes National Seashore as a natural seashore.

#85

Name: Cronin, Margeret

Correspondence: Daily news of what's happening to our country and to our environment is becoming more unbelievable and scary every day! How can this be allowed to happen to our Public Land, paid for by the people of this country? This administration and the party in power is the biggest enemy of our Democracy. My question is, WHY is this change in policy which affects all of us, not on every News Channel and on the front page of every

Newspaper? Our Journalists are our only hope against an administration that is crushing our Democracy and getting away with it!

#86

Name: Skelton, Natalie

Correspondence: Re: Officials Propose Killing Elk for Cattle in California Park

I am very concerned at the long term environmental impact of allowing more space for cattle. With the growing climate change crisis, is it really the best idea to create more land and more cattle, while taking away more wildlife? We really only have a short window of time before any catastrophic effects occur (after which it will be way too late to turn it around). Please consider investing in researching protein alternatives (such as the impossible burger) instead.

Thank you.

#87

Name: Lawton, Gail

Correspondence: The Park Service closed the Point Reyes Oyster business several years ago because of "Ocean Pollution" when in fact Oysters filter and clean the Water. Now you want to allow ranchers to grow food, kill a restricted number of wild animals, host over nite visitors, and allow more cattle, who produce greenhouse gas to expand their business. SHAME ON YOU!!!!

#88

Name: Johnson, Lisa

Correspondence: We keep destroying nature and animals within CA and the U.S. for money and profit. This is extremely wrong. The Elk were there first and belong there. I remember my first trip to Point Reyes in High School and remember how amazing it was. For you to decide to kill the elk for ranchers use and profit is wrong. Please do not destroy this beautiful land and animals. Lisa J.

#89

Name: Helms, Suzanne

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I am a tax-paying citizen that has visited Point Reyes National Seashore many times. I am writing about my opposition to the killing of native elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore preserve for the sake of cows. This is wrong on so many levels. This a national park for which we pay tax dollars to preserve, and that is the key word, "preserve," the area in its most native form, which includes the elk populations that live there. This is not an area where we should allow domestic cows to graze for some private gain. They destroy delicate meadows with overgrazing and are NOT a native species. Please count me in as a strong opponent to the proposal.

Sincerely, Suzanne Helms

#90

Name: Starner, Lynn

Correspondence: Seriously?! Are you the National Park Service or the BLM?

You want to kill the elk and keep the cows? That's outrageous. The parks should be managed for native wildlife, not the commercial cattle industry.

Taxpayers bought out the ranchers years ago. They have NO special rights to OUR public land. And now you want to expand farming in our public park?

What is wrong with you?

Who wrote the EIS? Ranchers?

This is just wrong on so many levels and I would like to STRONGLY voice my opposition.

#91

Name: Bartling, Don

Correspondence: Predation of the federally threatened Western Snowy Plover by Ravens (their primary predator at Pt. Reyes) has not been adequately addressed. The preferred alternative B allows for additional ranch and farming activities that are likely to further increase Raven numbers and activity at the ranches. What mitigation is planned to minimize attracting and supporting even larger populations of Ravens at the ranches? For example, how will Raven access to chicken feed or vegetable crops be controlled?

#92

Name: N/A, Susan

Correspondence: I want to see the rights of the tulle elk and the wildlife be honored, respected and protected more than the desires of the rancher's. It's very upsetting to me to think about the park service killing elk for the benefit of ranchers. It's the rancher's responsibility not the government's to protect their animals from predators and animals like elk that belong in the park if they want to ranch in Pt. Reyes National Seashore. It is their responsibility to protect their animals which get to graze on our PUBLIC LANDS! One of the most exciting times in nature for my family was watching the herd fairly close up and then seeing them all start to run together past us. The park exists for wildlife not ranchers. Please preserve the park and it's lands for the elk and all wildlife. Don't get me wrong I am happy for the ranching history of Marin and the wonderful dairy products but human beings now have a greater responsibility to protect wildlife and the necessary habitat for them over an individual's profit making endeavor. Thank you.

#93

Name: zhang, Yinlan

Correspondence: It's understood that PRNS exists today because of deals made with ranchers decades ago that allowed ranching to continue. The roosevelt elks are roaming on land that belongs to the public. The ranchers are LEASING this land for cows at a heavily subsidized rate. The elks have a right to be here, as part of the natural landscape. It is part of the public trust. The cows are a commodity that benefitd ONLY the ranchers who own them and who we subsidize, for whatever reason, even though raising cattle has a huge environmental and CO2 footprint. By proposing to cull native wildlife to satisfy private ranchers on NATIONAL PARKS LAND, you are prioritizing the economic interests of the very few at the cost to wildlife resources that benefit the enjoyment of the whole public.

How are the elks hurting the cows? Are cows native wildlife? How are the ranchers suffering? Is ensuring the economic vitality of private ranchers the mission of the park service?

Here is your stated mission:

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

You're supposed to preserve natural resources, not cows and ranchers, for the enjoyment and education and inspiration of this future generation.

What part of culling the elk herd satisfy your mission?

How does it provide for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generation?

How does having lots of cows on public park land that eat up all the vegetation, trample waterways, and produce significant amount of methane, that go to feedlots with significant waste water issues, that eventually will be transported across the state and elsewhere that will turn into burgers provide for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations?

Bottom line, who are you working for? the ranchers or the American public? That is the fundamental question at stake.

Do not approve this alternative that will result in the senseless slaughter of native wildlife that belong in this landscape, that is one of the reasons that people visit the park, and bring joy and enjoyment to the visitors for the benefit of a FEW private ranchers who is already enjoying the largess of the American taxpayers through their heavily subsidized grazing leases and whose operation is causing actual harm to the landscape and contributing to the greater global climate crisis.

Do the right thing!

#94

Name: Newman, Pennie

Correspondence: This is just wrong!! National parks are to preserve the native plants and animals for future generations to enjoy! Farmers and ranchers need to take their business elsewhere! Do not kill these beautiful wild creatures just so some rancher can make a few more dollars!

#95

Name: Downer, Craig

Correspondence: Dear Sir/Mame: As a frequent visitor of Point Reyes National Seashore and nature reserve area, I am very upset that you are planning on prioritizing dairy farming and cows over the elk, deer and other wildlife of this precious and scenic area. This is exactly the opposite of what is needed today and the UN report on Agriculture and its contributions to Global Warming that just came out clearly indicate that we must decrease our consumption of meat and dairy products and substitute much less polluting and much more wholesome plant based food and drink. The cattle of this world and the dairy farmers are overly promoted and this is killing our planet. Please reconsider your decision and opt for restoring balance by curbing dairy farmers and restoring the elk, deer and other wildlife to truly viable populations. I am a wildlife ecologist and graduated from UCB and know this area. It must not be given over even more than in the past to the dairy farmers!!!

#96

Name: Cioni, Wendy

Correspondence: The Tule Elk are native to California and once were 500,000 in number. They deserve to continue to thrive and increase in number. Cows on public land are not necessary. Killing elk so that someone's private stock of cows get more grass funds by public money makes no sense. The elk deserve to exist and thrive.

#97

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Have you all lost your minds? Why in the world would you put cattle ranchers needs before our wild life? This only tells me that you were super corrupt and paid for by the cattle ranchers and not for what's good for our environment Or over all wildlife sustainability. Sorry to sound so harsh but it's shocking that I'm even having to send this comment. So absolutely wrong and sad!

#98

Name: B, Dave

Correspondence: Cattle ranching is one of the more destructive agricultural activities and especially given the pace of climate change and destruction of natural spaces we should NOT be killing Elk to make room for cattle ranching, especially in a park which, as part of the original grant for the NPS has a purpose to keep the wild spaces of America for all Americans.

#99

Name: Somkin, Anthony

Correspondence: I am opposed to the proposed changes to the Point Reyes cow and elk management for the following reasons:

Cattle ranching was never intended to remain in Point Reyes in perpetuity. That's why the land is leased and why leases on private homes have been cancelled.

There is a precedent for elimination of farms in Point Reyes. The Johnson Oyster Company was prohibited from farming oysters. This basis for this decision should be extended to include cows.

Point Reyes belongs to all Americans; cattle ranching is a private business. No, housing guests in barns is not the same as making the ranches opened to the public.

Cows are environmentally destructive. (You know that.)

Cows are more destructive to the land than elk. The fenced-in area for cattle grazing are almost entirely devoid of grass. You can see this just by looking at both sides of the fence. The over-grazing is readily apparent.

Thank you for your attention.

#100

Name: Balestriere, Teresa

Correspondence: First, let me say, I have a tremendous amount of respect for the NPS and it's rangers. I always appreciate everything they do. But on this subject, I can't go along with it. I'm sure my format is not what's required but here's what I think anyway.

I think a 20 yr. lease extension for the welfare ranchers on public land (Pt. Reyes) is quite an undeserved gift. Culling the herd of Tule Elk is a unnecessary bonus. Have the ranchers fence in their cattle, sheep, etc. rather than having them roam freely eroding the hills and contaminating water sources if they're so worried about them. What else is in the plan that we don't know about? Will ranchers be allowed to operate Air B&Bs? It seems wildlife is always the problem. What next? Kill off bobcats and coyotes?

Thank you.

#101

Name: Fletcher, Theresa

Correspondence: Please do not expand ranching at Point Reyes! There is already way too much cow dung on the trails. A National Seashore should be for the public and wildlife, not for cattle farming which degrades the environment.

#102

Name: Wessely, Sigrid

Correspondence: What tourist wants to see cattle grazing when they could see elk instead?? Whose interest does this serve? Not the public interest, which is supposed to be your job. Your job is not to bend over backwards for ranchers and their lobbyists. Work for the American people not private business!

#103

Name: Kline, Rebekah

Correspondence: I support protecting and preserving our elk and national parks from ranchers. There are already hundreds of thousands of acres of California land dedicated agriculture and cattle, it is unnecessary for agriculture to take over even more of our decreasing wildlife sanctuaries.

By encroaching on more land, ranchers not only thin the elk herds; but they also introduce invasive plant species grown to feed their cattle; thus pushing out our native plant growth such as the Red Fescue and Pacific Reedgrass.

Elk are not the only wildlife that would be affected by this. The Coho Salmon and Red Legged Frog are a couple of our more sensitive species that would be affected by water pollution.

This is an unnecessary move against our wildlife. Protect the environment and the animals in it. We have enough agriculture land already.

#104

Name: Donohue, Peter

Correspondence: I support the NPS preferred option B, with the exception that I would prefer you found a place to move the excess elk to create new herds rather than cull them.

Creating a long-term plan that allows the traditional farms to continue, and even expand some, as proposed in alternative B sounds good to me.

But I would prefer an option that relocates rather than culls the elk herds to limit to 120 animals in Point Reyes. Could the excess animals be moved to the Marin headlands? Mt Tam? Some open space in Sonoma County? Or some place else? The elk used to roam all over northern California, so there must be additional areas they could be moved to which would be appropriate for them.

Peter

#105

Name: Locke, Mary

Correspondence: RE: MEDIA RELEASE Point Reyes National Seashore Proposes to Kill Native Elk and Keep Cows

I agree with this statement: "The idea that the park service is going to kill native wildlife for the sake of ranches in a National Park unit is shocking," said Laura Cunningham, California director of Western Watersheds Project. "The parks should be managed for native wildlife, not the commercial cattle industry."

#106

Name: Richards, Wynn

Correspondence: I understand the need to make ranchers and agricultural people happy, but I find it disturbing that majestic wild creatures that live in our area are endangered. Can't we keep the elk and cows separated? I would hate to see even one wild animal killed in favor of consumed, domesticated animals. We must work harder to find a solution other than culling. I hope someone has a good idea. Thank you.

#107

Name: Janes, Nancy

Correspondence: Do not kill the Tule Elk !

#108

Name: Gannis , Josh

Correspondence: At this point, we need to prioritize native fauna over commercial endeavors. The natural resource is more unique and irreplaceable in the natural landscape than the cultural significance of the ranches. End the ranching, it has a huge carbon footprint anyway.

#109

Name: Riddle, Ralph

Correspondence: Ranching is a private, for-profit, business. A few ranchers can't be allowed to dictate how our public lands are used. These people should graze their cattle on private land.

Respectfully, Ralph Riddle

#110

Name: Bear, Rev. Charlotte

Correspondence: I have rescued Wildlife for years especially with the Marine Mammal Center, and Point Reyes has been a wonderful wild place where these endangered Marine Mammal species can be released back into the wild safely. It is not an area that should allow the shooting of elk or other Wildlife. It is already heartbreaking to have to drive through the lots of veal pens to get to the shore. Please keep Point Reyes Wild for the Wildlife! All of us who volunteer hours and hours and drive hundreds of miles to protect our coasts and our Wildlife do not want to see Point Reyes become another animal agricultural lot. No to agriculture at Pt. Reyes!

#111

Name: Janes, Rory

Correspondence: Do not kill the tule elk

#112

Name: Willey, Kathleen

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service, please protect the beautiful Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Park. As a taxpayer and frequent guest of our country's National Parks, I find it appalling that you would allow innocent beautiful animals to be hunted and killed in a National Park. Even more disturbing that the Dairy industry is favored over the Tule Elk. I am tired of my taxes subsidizing the dairy industry. It is a failing industry that lost 1 billion dollars last year and is only being kept afloat by US tax payers. It is an incredibly cruel and environmentally destructive industry that is not sustainable. Why would you favor such a cruel and environmentally destructive

industry over the gentle majestic Elk ? Please don't let this happen. Thank you Watch Cowspiracy and What the Health

#113

Name: Cassidy-Borst, Angel

Correspondence: As a lifelong bay area resident and a former resident of West Marin who frequents the area regularly, I am shocked and dismayed by the suggestion of calling the elk herd to make way for more livestock. I think there need to be less cows and more elk, and the idea of adding more livestock to the area will further degrade the ecosystem. Please do not call the elk herd. There are more than enough cows in West Marin already, And they are already severely damaging the ecosystem.

#114

Name: McLeod, Dale

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

This has got to be a joke,right? You are going to take the animals that belong on this public land, and replace them with,.....cattle?? Sounds like the height of stupidity!! This land was NOT suppose to be for cows,.....It was NOT suppose to be for private people to use so they could make a living.

There is absolutely NO reason that you should allow cows to graze this land. Please do not allow this to happen. Cows destroy our land. They eat and poop all day long. Their poop does not reseed the ground. It smothers it! Their cloven hooves dig deep into the ground, sometimes 3 to 5 inches, depending on their weight. They pollute the water holes. They require acres of land to grow their grain, and more acres of land for them to graze. And,....the United States hardly eats any of these cows! Most of it is shipped to Europe. Eating a steady diet of red meat gives you heart attacks, high blood pressure, and early death.

Please do NOT allow this ridiculous idea to happen,.....and fire the person that even thought of it!

Sincerely,

Dale McLeod

#115

Name: Crookston, Julia

Correspondence: Managing the elk herd is essential to the herd's health and regeneration. I support the cull program and the proposed population target. The great coastal range of Marin Co has room for responsible, Range/Ranch management and a thriving wildlife community. I support the 20 year leases - essential to financing improvements in infrastructure and general land management. I stand for bio-diversity, regenerative agriculture practices, sustainable and profitable private management in partnership with the National Park Service. Thank you.

#116

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Our public lands are not for donating to cattle ranchers to graze their cattle for free. They are wide open lands for all wild animals. The government needs to stop selling out and coddling ranchers.

#117

Name: MOHR, JON

Correspondence: couldn't we cull the cattle after all is not this a wildness? the same arguments were raised around the ouster farm ,thanks jon mohr

#118

Name: Jacques, Denis

Correspondence: Bring back my oyster farm!!

#119

Name: N/A, Galen

Correspondence: If culling the herd is deemed to be the best option, please consider making a depredation hunt a way of reducing the herd size. Depredation hunts are effectively used by ranchers to control the size of herds in Eastern Oregon, and this method also provides families participating in the hunt with food.

#120

Name: Matchett, Wendy

Correspondence: I enjoy meat, but I would give up beef if it meant wildlife would be able to live where they are. There's a reason that parks were created and paid for by the taxpayers, to preserve the areas as natural. It is not right to give back these areas to ranchers when it means a destruction in the habitat of wild animals, be they elk or horses or others to whom that area belonged. It goes against the mandate for creation and preservation of public parks.

#121

Name: Estrada, Todd

Correspondence: Good day,

I work for CDFW as. Game Warden but my views expressed in this comment are mine alone and are not a reflection of my agencies views on this subject.

Seeing as how the Tule Elk were brought back from the brink of extinction and have limited Genetics, I think it would be better for the NPS to work without California Department of Fish and Wildlife to capture and relocate these animals to the other herds around the State. It would increase their overall numbers and add new genetics to the state population. This would greatly benefit this once endangered species that is only found here in California. Instead of contracting with a guide service that will charge more money than the average sportsman can afford to hunt a few dozen a year, a partnership with CDFW and relocating 100 plus a year would not leave the NPS with a black eye. Please consider this as it would be the best for the animals, the agencies and the citizens of this State and Nation.

Sincerely

Todd Estrada

#122

Name: Beazer, F

Correspondence: The plan to lethally remove all wild animals in the parks to allow cattle to graze is ridiculous! Are you planning to remove all wild animals in the USA just to graze cattle! Your wild horses are being tormented and slaughtered, just so your greedy ranchers can graze their cattle on the public lands! Have you not heard that humans should be reducing the intake of red meats in order to save our planet!! I know Americans have an insatiable appetite for Beef, but shouldn't we all be doing our part? The USA is part of the greater picture of the

World, it's not one rule for you and another for the rest of us! Cattle are being mass produced at a time when we should be reducing them!

Surely in a position such as yours you should know of these things! Reducing wild horses from the lands increases the risk of wild fires, how many have you had in the past few years since BLM started their cull? Each and everyone of those wild animals you wish to annihilate has a role to play in this world, by destroying them you are destroying the parks!

It is a very sad state of affairs when parks we rely on to care for our animals are the very ones who would rather profit from their removal! Shame on you for even considering such a disgusting exercise!

#123

Name: engelby, stephen

Correspondence: Please stop ranchers from killing native Elk! These cattle can ruin water holes and over grazing hurts all wildlife. The ranchers are out of control. Stop ranching from spoiling these public lands for their personal gain!

#124

Name: Chevront , Jane

Correspondence: Absolutely no and wrong. Killing animals that were there first sake of livestock ranchers and cattle. What did those animals do to deserve to be killed for no dam reason. Did they wat to much gross, did they poop to much, did they harass and bully cattle, did they hurt cattle or hurt anybody, did they drink to much water, did they steal from the cattle and livestock ranchers. I know they competing for grazing and poor things just to much grass. Really how much grass do those animals eat regarding their size and weight compared to the size of cattle. Let's compare the size of those animals that are less than half the size and weight of cattle that eat less than half the amount of grass then cattle. The proposed kill list of animals are part time grazers that actually bed down and rest more than they eat and that's a fact. Growing up with cattle they eat until can't eat anymore. Cattle eat everything. None picky eaters that have acquired taste. They poop and pee in the same water they drink from at the same time their fowlin the water hole, stream or Creek. Cattle have no pride or dignity when it comes to cleanliness. Absolutely pigs. It's all about increasing heard sizes so the livestock Rancher and The Cattmens Association and Livestock Growers Association's can fill their Multi million and Billion dollar deals they made to export their beef with customers in Korea, China, Japan and Taiwan. Yes I do know about those deals. Yes I do know that cattle inventory's have more than doubled in the past two years. No body has the right to decide how many or what types of animals should have to pay the price for cattle and livestock ranchers who are mouching on tax dollars money in subsidies. Livestock Rancher has changed since the 1800's what stands in their way there are always victims. Who is paying the bill for the murders of animal hit list. Don't use my tax dollars to comment murder or fees that I paid to visit parks or public lands. You're proposal is sick and horrifying. Can't understand or imagine how anyone that murder innocent animals and have no conscious and live with yourselves is beyond Barbaric.

#125

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This proposed solution is horrible. I grew up on this area and seeing the Tule Elk was a touchstone of the community. The settlers ruined the ecosystem and now after a successful reintroduction of the species the park system wants to just kill them all. Sadly this smells of bowing to the wishes of the dollar once again. The elk and the grizzly were there first before the ranchers. To kill them just to get them out of the way is not moral or ethical. Please do not do this.

#126

Name: Mapelsden, Kathleen

Correspondence: National PUBLIC land is NOT for the benefit of the rich cattle barons but to preserve and protect the wildlife and environment on that land. It is appalling that you are considering the slaughter of native wildlife in this area to allow domesticated cattle. One can only surmise that this is not only to the financial benefit of the cattlemen, but is also lining your pockets as well. SHAME SHAME ON YOU!!!!

#127

Name: Huey, Patricia

Correspondence: Do not expand ranching operations in Point Reyes National Seashore. In fact, we should not have animal agriculture operations in our parks, period. Look at the areas where the cows (about 6000 of them) are, in comparison to where the elk (under 600) live. The cows' areas are heavily degraded, with erosion sending fecal matter into the already badly polluted ocean below. Cows are not even native to the Americas! Wherever cattle grazing goes, desertification follows. The UN report that just came out stated that animal agriculture is a leading cause of climate change. Yet you want to not only support it but increase it? That makes no sense.

The ranchers were handsomely paid off when the area was converted to a park and they have other ranching operations elsewhere. Their ranching operations here are not doing well because the demand for meat and dairy is dropping, which is good for the animals, our health, and the environment. Yet we're supposed to use our tax dollars to support this failing industry? That makes no sense.

The Tule elk, who are native and have been here for thousands of years, are vital for the delicate ecosystem of Point Reyes. Point Reyes is one of the top 25 most biologically diverse areas in California. Instead of further raping this gem for corporate greed, we should be preserving and treasuring it. THAT makes sense!

#128

Name: SCHOFIELD, KAREN

Correspondence: I was in Point Reyes in June 2019 to photograph the Tule Elk.

I don't want the Tule Elk to be slaughtered. This is a National Seashore "protected" area. Ranchers were granted permission to let their cattle graze here, but now the Big Beef Industry wants to take over more land and kill off the native endangered Tule Elk, deer or anything else that gets on this "borrowed" land that the cattle currently occupy. Lawmakers are getting \$\$\$ in their coffers through big business deals and wiping out species that BELONG HERE.

#129

Name: Derting, Perri

Correspondence: It is such a shame to see the native species being slaughtered to make way for domestic livestock. There is more to this world than making a dollar. Money is not going to replace all the things we are losing. I had the opportunity to visit Point of Reyes' earlier this year. It was a remarkable experience. Next time I can just save my money and go to a local Kentucky cattle farm. Keep native animals and forget about cattle.

#130

Name: Burch, Fern

Correspondence: It is appalling to hear of your plan to shoot Tule Elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore. These wild creatures are an indigenous species and a national treasure. There is no place in a National Seashore for commercial cattle operations. Animal agriculture is a major source of environmental degradation and a major contributor to the climate crisis. They should be evicted from our public lands immediately.

People from all over the world come to our National Seashores to enjoy the environment and the wildlife- -not to see commercial ranching. The needs of the planet, the public and our country's need to preserve wild lands and the native species that live there should be our first priority.

#131

Name: Rice, Jennifer

Correspondence: My family and I are frequent visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore. While we are not opposed to farm tours, or the sale of local farm-made products, we have found that cattle-ranching in particular is incompatible with the natural beauty of the park, and we are strenuously opposed to increasing its expansion.

As it is, the smell and methane from the cattle pens in the park is overwhelming in places. On a recent visit, on the road up from Drake's Bay, which is perhaps the most popular beach in the park, we stopped to examine some wildflowers by the side of the road. We were immediately driven back into the car by the eye-watering stench from cattle sheds over a rise. We had to drive for at least half a mile before we were able to even lower the windows. That whole area is almost unusable by park visitors as a result of the cattle there.

As anyone who keeps goats or chickens knows, raising small livestock is a sure and fast draw for bobcats, coyotes, and mountain lions. Increasing the permits for livestock-raising will inevitably result in livestock-wildlife, and human-wildlife, interactions. Ranchers will repeatedly seek permits to kill the wildlife to protect livestock, and even though those applications may be denied at first, eventually exceptions will be made, if not before, then certainly the first time a young puma is deemed to be a threat to humans.

We live close to Mount Diablo State Park, where ranching is also allowed. Recently, my husband was painting plein air there when a local rancher warned him he was in an area where they were going to begin target-shooting to facilitate coyote killing. Killing wildlife is a standard ranching practice. It is either naive or disingenuous to assert it will not happen at Point Reyes.

Finally, the sight of row upon row of very young calves confined in hutches is depressing, and incompatible with the experience of natural beauty and the hope of glimpsing wildlife which is the purpose for which the vast majority of visitors go to the park.

#132

Name: Moore, Melissa

Correspondence: Hello,

I am very distressed to hear that the NPS is once again considering killing the Tule Elk in order to preserve the dairy farmers. I realize that the dairy farmers have been at Point Reyes historically, but the elk are the wild denizens of the area. My family and I regularly visit Point Reyes on our trips to San Francisco. The NPS' support of dairy industry, one of the leading forms of carbon pollution, is absolutely immoral. Public land should be for wild animals and the enthusiasts who love it. Cows create an enormous amount of pollution in the watersheds, and the industry should never been given special privileges that negatively affect our precious outdoor lands.

Thank you.

#133

Name: Bouligny, Anna

Correspondence: It is outrageous the ranchers are being given so much consideration when so much is at risk here. This is the only home of the Tule Elk and countless other plants and animals who also live in the Point Reyes National Park. It is one of the top most biologically diverse areas in California; it's also an important stopping place for migrating birds. All that will be lost if the ranchers get their way.

With the recent UN report on climate change we need to focus on cutting back on cattle production and instead turn our attention to restoring the forests, and keeping areas like Point Reyes intact.

These ranchers are not poor people. They own lands elsewhere to raise their cattle and losing the lands in Point Reyes is not going to cause them any hardships.

If this plan goes through, all the wildlife there would be lost forever. It's unconscionable. It's just plain wrong.

#134

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please support wildlife in our National Parks and Lands, NOT domesticated animal grazing. The fact that I have to write this to my the United States of America National Park Services is deeply deeply deeply troubling. I believe that anyone advocating for killing wildlife for the reasons stated needs a Park Ranger talk. Please do not kill our nations wildlife for commercial gain, contributions to climate change and destruction of our public lands.

#135

Name: Mullen, Sandra

Correspondence: I have been using the Pt. Reyes National Seashore for decades and I do not want to see the proposed change in the balance between ranching and wildlife. I applaud the fact that farming and horseback riding have been retained for their historic narrative. The shoreline environment and traditional wildlife, however, are even more important and need to be preserved and protected.

We have already seen the conflict that developed over the oyster farming ... and now, that is in conflict with the dairy farms and the runoff that has tainted the water quality. Cattle have become an environmental concern because of methane production as well. Giving 20 year leases will only increase conflicts in the future.

National Parks are for the general public, not to generate profit for farms, ranches, lumber companies or oil and mining corporations. Do not forget that these places have been reserved for the use of the public and every day the expanding populations in the Bay Area are squeezing out our wild places. Do not give away more of our national resources.

Thank you for considering my comment.

#136

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am beyond disgusted that there is a plan to go Murder innocent wild elk in their native habitat to pander to anti-wildlife, anti-environmental expansionist people bent on destroying what little remains of the wild. For the plan to have gotten this far means that you have no moral compass of any kind. Here's a better solution: leave the elk alone and no longer allow cattle in the area. Help right the wrongs humans have done to this earth instead of making things worse.

#137

Name: Gamblin, L

Correspondence: Pt Reyes is a National Park. It belongs to the public, not private enterprise and should be preserved for the public's enjoyment, NOT for ranchers and their cows. To kill native elk in favor of privately owned destructive cattle herds is unacceptable. I love Pt Reyes and have been a repeat visitor for decades. I love the majestic native elk and have marveled at their beauty and longevity in spite of human stupidity, insensitivity, encroachment and greed. Everywhere we look our destructive presence and befouling of our home and the

natural homes of our precious and dwindling wildlife and resources is screamingly evident. We need elk, wolves, bears, cougars and every other creature we've so casually eliminated, crowded out and poisoned. We don't need more cows. We definitely don't need ranchers on OUR land.

#138

Name: Weaver , Vivian

Correspondence: The park service was designed to manage and care for our parks and the wildlife on them, not kill off any animal that gets in the way of private ranchers. The ranching industry should not be on public land, if they want to ranch they should find private land to do it on. Elk have every right to live on Point Reyes, they are a native species and deserve to live freely on this beautiful land without the threat of being annihilated so some cows can degrade more of the land. Point Reyes is a beautiful tourist attraction because of nature and wildlife, remove them and you destroy that, nobody wants to go to a national park too look at some cows where nature use to be.

#139

Name: Collins, Bill

Correspondence: In 1971 I worked for SB 722 (Behr) to prohibit hunting of the remaining Tule elk and providing for their reintroduction to areas where they were native before people decimated them and their habitat. Governor Reagan signed the bill into law.

Even nearly half a century later, the elk inhabit hardly a small portion of their original habitat.

I oppose killing native elk in Pt Reyes, and favor their reintroduction to additional areas where they are native. Further, if wolves were native to the area, would their reintroduction, or that of other predators (cougars) help control the elk population?

If there is a conflict between livestock and elk, remember which is native and which is not. Cattle have adverse environmental aspects, and giving preference to them morphs Pt Reyes into an agricultural preserve.

#140

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do NIT betray the public trust by selling out to ranchers. It's critical we keep our native wildlife and it's even more important we stop propping up earth destructive animal agriculture. Don't act like corporate pawns. Act like advocates for the land owned by the public and do not give it up.

#141

Name: Hughes, Alex

Correspondence: I think that the ranches are the ones that should be managed. Let the park return to wilderness. Bring back more elk, and bears!

#142

Name: Condon, Susan

Correspondence: Please don't cull the Tule elk. It is their natural habitat. The dairy cows and grazing need to stop. This is national park land. The dairy operations are preventing the elk from roaming. Look what happened during the drought. They couldn't get to water and died agonizing deaths from dehydration. But all the cows got water! It's just plain wrong.

#143

Name: Fedorov, Karen

Correspondence: Please leave the wild lands and animals wild and free. That's what they were designed and planned to be. Not grazing lands for farm animals or places to grow crops. Keep them special for our children and grandchildren...and to preserve parts of the unspoiled earth.

#144

Name: Glaser, Elizabeth's

Correspondence: Many years ago, ranchers were paid to remove livestock from Pt Reyes in order to restore native flora and fauna. Lethally removing native animals in order to turn a park used and appreciated by many as it is currently configured is completely contrary to its use and purpose for many years. This is hardly an underused and under visited Park. It is a National Park, not wonderland for ranchers, who have plenty of land in the area. This is an unreasonable use of the people's land. It must not be appropriated for private use, nor should it lose its character as preserve for those who wish to experience Nature, not a dude ranch.

#145

Name: Gabert, Charla

Correspondence: I oppose the plan to cull the tule elk herd and limit the population to 120 head. The tule elk were thought to be extinct, and then rediscovered. Miraculously they are now thriving. They have nowhere else to go and we should protect them, not kill them. Rather than inventing new agricultural activities, we should be phasing out agricultural activities in the national seashore and restoring more land to wilderness for wildlife. There are many other places in Marin County where humans can raise pigs, chickens, cows, etc. and make cheese. We don't need more animal protein, we need more wild animals. I understand that farming and ranching were grandfathered in when the national seashore was created, but why are these activities to continue in perpetuity? The government should be buying out farmers and ranchers over time, rather than continuing to issue leases for raising carbon-generating animals that will only contribute to the climate crisis.

#146

Name: De León, Marina

Correspondence: Dear national Parks Service, I am writing in support of allowing the tule elk of Point Reyes to survive without interference from agricultural farmers. I am extremely concerned for the wellbeing of the natural environment of Point Reyes, and I think it would be gravely regrettable if you were to kill tule elk in favor of cattle farming. Please do not let money sway you to make the irresponsible decision of letting cattle farmers pollute Point Reyes for their own benefit. The meat and dairy industry is a dying field anyway, and animal farmers need to come to terms with that. As a conservation biologist and resident of Northern California, I beg you to make the right decision and let all of the tule elk live, excluding the interest of meat and dairy farmers.

#147

Name: Ronquillo, Elena

Correspondence: Don't not kill the Elk at Point Reyes. Remove the cattle and ranches and return the land to nature. What good is a national park in one of the most beautiful places in the world when it's very stewards believe ranching trumps wildness? What a stupid proposal based on antiquated ideas.

#148

Name: Kairys, Shams

Correspondence: The Pt. Reyes ranch operators agreed in court to leave the land at in agreed timeframe, and they, like Johnson Oyster Farm before them, need to honor that agreement and let the land breathe unburdened again. From the NPS site: "The compromise hammered out by Congress and signed by President Kennedy in 1962 explicitly provided for the retention of the ranches in a designated pastoral zone, with ranchers signing 25-30 year

reservations of use and occupancy leases, and special use permits for cattle grazing." After some extensions, in 2018 a federal court resolved litigation in a multi-party settlement: "The agreement allows the Park Service to issue leases or permits to ranchers for terms not to exceed five years from the date the agreement is approved (July 14, 2018)." Honor this legally binding agreement!

#149

Name: Oliva, Linda

Correspondence: Please don't chose factory farming over nature. We were appointed the stewards of the earth. We're doing a terrible job and animals in the wild are dying out. Let the cattle graze on other land.

#150

Name: Bone, Harold

Correspondence: The intent of the establishment of Point Reyes National Seashore was to preserve the natural seashore and should remain as such. Native wildlife constitutes a very large portion of that preservation. The introduction of cattle, sheep, poultry, etc. should be considered to be invasive and/or detrimental to that environment.

Cattle have large impacts on the plant and animals in the park, causing erosion, overgrazing of sensitive meadows and coastal prairies, manure management problems, and water quality declines.

The parks should be managed for native wildlife, not the commercial cattle industry.

#151

Name: Rewerts, Richard

Correspondence: No on killing elk in Point Reyes. Are you kidding me!!!! What dumb ass republican thought of this dumb ass idea!!! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

#152

Name: Clearwater, Mark

Correspondence: Please do not allow killing of tile elk in PT Reyes. Do not allow cattle operations or grazing to expand. Thank you.

#153

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: There is no reasonable justification to murder innocent creatures (Tule Elk) to financially benefit those who keep animals (Cattle) in captivity, forcefully raping, stealing the young from their mothers, and eventually killing those animals. All for profit!!! Your management plan in no way values the natural ecosystem, nor any diversity. If it was about herd size management, and it is not, then allowing occasional, permitted hunting for consumption would be almost tolerable. Eliminating the meat and dairy industries through a phasing out process is the ONLY sensible solution.

#154

Name: Doherty, Pat

Correspondence: As a long time volunteer for the U.S. forest service , I have to join the mass of people who are incensed that you would even consider such disgusting actions to kill off wildlife in favor of replacing what lives on this land naturally with land destroying cattle . It has always been my contention that the forest service and the park service is there to PROTECT wildlife and the land , NOT DESTROY IT .. This totally disgusts me and Im

shocked that you would even think about killing off our wildlife . ABANDON this immediately and for once make the public smile instead of adding more hate .

#155

Name: O'Farrell, Eileen

Correspondence: Please consider making the elk available to licensed hunters. It is not acceptable to waste the meat, and the extra income from tags would be most helpful. This is the best option! Eileen O'Farrell

#156

Name: Hansen, Rebecca

Correspondence: The parks should be managed for native wildlife, not the commercial cattle industry.

The enabling legislation of this park for public recreation on the diminishing seashores of the United States, with "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area." The free-roaming Drakes Beach tule elk herd is estimated at 124 animals, and the Limantour elk herd is estimated at 174 animals. The preferred alternative would limit the populations of the elk in order to lessen competition with private livestock for forage resources. In contrast, the herds of non-native cattle have large impacts on the plant and animals in the park, causing erosion, overgrazing of sensitive meadows and coastal prairies, manure management problems, and water quality declines.

The park service is also proposing to allow ranchers to continue with dairy commercial and beef operations in 20-year leases, despite the fact that in the 1960s and 70s taxpayers bought out all the ranchers with millions of dollars, and at the time the ranchers agreed to relocate out of the park. Now, the park service is also proposing to allow ranchers to diversify into having more sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens, as well as row crops. Farm stays and ranch tours would also be authorized on parklands, including for-profit tourism rentals.

“The intent of the establishment of Point Reyes National Seashore was to preserve the natural seashore, not have some kind of farmland amusement park,” Cunningham added. “It is time for the National Park Service to manage these beautiful Pacific Coast public lands for the native wildlife and natural scenery.”

Nobody cares about a handful of ranchers except those ranchers and the politicians that are obviously in their pockets. Public lands should not be destroyed for private individuals.

#157

Name: German, L.

Correspondence: Wild life should never be removed from our public lands. Cattle must graze on private land only. Cease and desist from implementing this egregious plan to kill the elk in order to provide even more grazing land for cattle. Stop giving our public lands to cattle growers. They literally destroy the land, leaving dust in their wake. Parks are for wild life and for the public to enjoy, not for cows.

#158

Name: Snell, Donovan

Correspondence: Please don't kill the Tule elks! These beautiful animals deserve better than this!

#159

Name: Govan, Jihadda

Correspondence: I'd like to ask that NPS consider the economic impact of allowing the removal of Tule Elk, or native wildlife, for the benefit of cattle. Economically, habitats and managed federal lands that promote native

habitats while providing the public recreational access would seem to benefit local communities. Benefits are direct and include visitors spending money locally for things such as food, lodging, fuel, souvenirs, etc. From my observation and experience in my field of work (land manager for a federal agency), choosing an alternative that benefits the most people as well as best fulfills the mission of the agency, should be the preferred.

Thank you, Jihadda

#160

Name: black, kyle

Correspondence: The Tule Elk have been around for ~10,000 years and barely survived extinction back in the 1800's. A wild herd's population should NOT be limited just so ranchers can use the land for the ground beef industry. Public land should NOT be used for domestic cattle. Pursuing alternative F could expand not only the Tule Elk herds but also the attendance at Point Reyes National Seashore.

#161

Name: Comar, Donna

Correspondence: I am a fourth generation Northern Californian and previously a frequent visitor to Point Reyes. I am completely against the culling of the native Tule Elk for the sake of human profits. It is simply unacceptable. As a taxpayer, I oppose the inhumane killing of a native species on taxpayer property so that the ranchers can continue to exploit the land, the cattle and taxpayers for their own purposes. I propose that we remove the ranchers and the cattle and give the land back to the elk and to National Seashore visitors. In light of the destruction cattle farming causes to the land and to the climate, it is irresponsible to support an industry that is irreversibly harming our planet and future generations.

#162

Name: Healy, Cora

Correspondence: The cattle ranchers seem to think they own all public lands and can do what they like with them...I am tired of all other animals on the lands that should belong to The Public being massacred so the ranchers can use every for practically nothing...I am always amazed that government agencies that are supposed to be protecting these lands are bending over backwards to hand them over...enough

#163

Name: Atkinson , Alisha

Correspondence: I'll be very short! I can't believe we are even having to write to fight for something that's supposed and should be protected ESPECIALLY FROM GREEDY RANCHERS, please protect the ELK that have been walking those lands for so very long! This is heartbreaking that this is even at consideration! Thank you for your time, Alisha Atkinson

#164

Name: Piel, Garrison

Correspondence: As a wildlife conservation major, I implore the National Park Service to keep cattle ranchers off of our public lands. These compromises will set the precedent for future issues that protected public lands are a baseless title. Preserve the integrity of the National Park Service and choose alternative F. These Tule Elk should not be limited to such measly numbers to appease the meat industry, and the soil and water quality in the surrounding area is hurting enough as it is.

#165

Name: Rivers, Bridgitte

Correspondence: The Elk at Point Reyes are a magical and beautiful sight. They deserve to stay in their native habitat and the rest of us deserve to see a tiny glimpse of the natural beauty of California before greed, growth, and the rush to the future shoved out the other species that share our beautiful state.

The idea of shooting these animals makes me sick in my very soul. The national parks service is the "people's park." The idea that we would shoot or remove these animals from that location to allow more cattle grazing is anathema to what the parks service should and used to stand for. Point Reyes is a place of rare beauty. Where the sea and land meet. That union created the various native elk. These creatures belong to this place, and this place belongs to them.

- -Bridgitte Rivers

#166

Name: Dee, Alice

Correspondence: To the National Park Service,

I am writing on behalf of myself and the thousands of members of We Care About Animals (www.wecareaboutanimals.org) to object to plans to kill Tule Elk on National Park Service managed property to facilitate cattle grazing.

We have the following comments and requests to make:

- (1) Under no circumstance should the park kill any Tule Elk.
- (2) The park should prioritize Tule Elk habitat.
- (3) The park should refuse to grant 20-year permits and leases to cattle and dairy ranchers. Ranchers have overstayed their original permit limits already. Long-term leases will set a terrible precedent in favor of private, commercial industry and jeopardize the future of our parks and the health of the ecosystem.
- (4) The park should allow absolutely no diversification of ranch operations. Any diversification (such as chicken coops, pigs, sheep, row crops, etc) will only serve to attract more predators like coyotes, foxes, bobcats that will be in conflict with ranch operations and have to be "managed" as well.
- (5) The park should revoke permits for all cattle and dairy operations and restore the leased land to its original, pre-industry state. The park should prioritize wildlife NOT commercial interests! Do you agree? Sign our online petition!! Go [HERE](#).
- (6) The park should update its education and visuals throughout the park to reflect its mission of wildlife preservation. We would like to see the information tablets that currently highlight dairy and ranching history to be replaced with ones that showcase the park's biodiversity and their work in wildlife protection and restoration.
- (7) The park should remove the fence at the Pierce Point Elk Reserve so a migration corridor can be created for that Tule Elk herd.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of our comments and requests.

Sincerely,

Alice Dee Founder, We Care About Animals

#167

Name: Villegas , Ashia

Correspondence: The best option for the Tule Elk is plan F which would be for them to live on their land unimpeded. Letting cattle ranchers dictate what is best for the land is insane. They are only looking out for their best interest. Allowing these animals to be murdered to protect the bottom line of these ranchers is an outrage. The elk are a part of the land and have been for thousands of years. They are a part of the ecosystem. They should not have to compete for resources with cattle. Do not kill off these creatures to appease some ranchers. That's the worse decision possible. Thank you.

#168

Name: Lemmer, Kim

Correspondence: I oppose your plan to increase the area of farming and ranching and dairy in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Park Service should be working to preserve the land and native animals of the Point Reyes area. You will work directly in opposition to that by allowing expansion of grazing and farming. You will increase the amount of conflicts between wildlife and ranchers and farmers which will inevitably result in the death of wildlife. This expanded activity will further degrade the natural environment. Reducing the Tule Elk herd in order to allow more cattle will set back the elk herds' recovery.

#169

Name: Kane, Catherine

Correspondence: Our family (4 taxpayers and voters) absolutely 100% OPPOSE the proposal of killing native wildlife to make way for commercial livestock. NO!

#170

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This proposal is abhorrent and offensive. The tule elk belong at Point Reyes. The cattle do not. The arbitrary decision to set the population at 120 is not based on anything other than greed. It is arbitrary and capricious, and must not stand.

#171

Name: Boydston, Charlene

Correspondence: Firstly, this exactly how I feel about the "plan"! "The idea that the park service is going to kill native wildlife for the sake of ranches in a National Park unit is shocking," said Laura Cunningham, California director of Western Watersheds Project. "The parks should be managed for native wildlife, not the commercial cattle industry." The enabling legislation of this park for public recreation on the diminishing seashores of the United States, with "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area." The free-roaming Drakes Beach tule elk herd is estimated at 124 animals, and the Limantour elk herd is estimated at 174 animals. The preferred alternative would limit the populations of the elk in order to lessen competition with private livestock for forage resources. In contrast, the herds of non-native cattle have large impacts on the plant and animals in the park, causing erosion, overgrazing of sensitive meadows and coastal prairies, manure management problems, and water quality declines. The park service is also proposing to allow ranchers to continue with dairy commercial and beef operations in 20-year leases, despite the fact that in the 1960s and 70s taxpayers bought out all the ranchers with millions of dollars, and at the time the ranchers agreed to relocate out of the park. Now, the park service is also proposing to allow ranchers to diversify into having more sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens, as well as row crops. Farm stays and ranch tours would also be authorized on parklands, including for-profit tourism rentals. "The intent of the establishment of Point Reyes National Seashore was to preserve the natural seashore, not have some kind of farmland amusement park,"

#172

Name: Weitzman , Lauren

Correspondence: I oppose your plan to increase the area of farming and ranching and dairy in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Park Service should be working to preserve the land and native animals of the Point Reyes area. You will work directly in opposition to that by allowing expansion of grazing and farming. You will increase the amount of conflicts between wildlife and ranchers and farmers which will inevitably result in the death of wildlife. This expanded activity will further degrade the natural environment. Reducing the Tule Elk herd in order to allow more cattle will set back the elk herds' recovery. Please do not do this!

#173

Name: Baruch, Gina

Correspondence: Save the Tul Elk!! Cattle do not belong on public lands!! Stop the culling, please!! It is cruel and unnecessary!!

#174

Name: Bradley, Siobhan

Correspondence: In regards to the Tule Elk "management", I feel that it is detrimental to "manage" elk for the sake of livestock that conclusively damages land and water supplies for California residents. Land should not be allocated to animal agriculture and should be reserved for the Tule Elk (the long term residents of said land) and California residents. It is disappointing to think that with everything we know about the effects of animal agriculture, that killing elk so that more animals can be killed for food is even being considered. All life matters.

#175

Name: Bittencourt, Lorena

Correspondence: Hello,

I believe it is extremely important to protect our public lands. It is not in the interest of the public or wildlife to allow corporations to determine the fate of our lands. Please do not allow the elk herds to go extinct due to animal farming. My plea is that this land remain wild, pristine and pollution free.

Thank you, Lorena Bittencourt

#176

Name: Bhandari, Anshul

Correspondence: Please save the Elk and kick out commercial cattle ranches.

#177

Name: Ostlie, Nancy

Correspondence: I am writing to ask that grazing of domestic animals be ended at the Pt. Reyes National Seashore. When my children were small, we drove over from Davis CA where we lived, to experience the refreshing seaside atmosphere in the summer sun. Our adventures were limited by the presence of cattle on this spectacular land, a totally unfitting use. Public lands are for the enjoyment of all people and by allowing grazing and other resource extractive uses, the land is diminished for our nation. As a volunteer leader of a grassroots organization to bring the strongest possible protection (Wilderness) to our public lands, I urge you to decide against continued grazing and other proposals that degrade the lands. Thank you.

#178

Name: hidalgo, nicole

Correspondence: please do not allow or call for the death of these beautiful animals who are minding their own business in their own habitat. If humans have an issue with where animals are located they should abandon any set plans and look for a more suitable area

#179

Name: Fisher, Pam

Correspondence: I am completely against killing the remaining Tule Elk for cattle grazing/meat production. With the introduction of meat alternatives such as Beyond Meat and Impossible products, no one Needs meat and the market for it is diminishing. And I don't know anyone who uses dairy anymore. Killing the natives Species is Criminal do do not support it.

#180

Name: Cartwright, Linda

Correspondence: I understand that culling of wildlife may sometimes become necessary to maintain a healthy ecosystem. Culling wildlife on public lands to support private enterprise however, is neither necessary nor in the public interest.

#181

Name: olivera, denise

Correspondence: It is a very selfish thing to completely rid these beautiful elk just for the sake of some greedy ranchers, there must be a way to relocate them instead of coldly killing them.

#182

Name: N/A, Kat

Correspondence: I don't like the idea of killing the native animals to support more domestic animals. Public lands should be kept wild and wild animals should be left alone. Too much domestic animal and crop run-off I causing all those dog deaths from toxic blue-green algae blooms. We don't need more Ag on public lands, we need less. Ranchers and farmers should be required to purchase their own land or pay market price rent for the land their animals and crops are allowed on.

#183

Name: brown, michelle

Correspondence: I am thoroughly distressed about the prospect of KILLiNG ELK for cattle grazing. What kind pf people think like this? Is money ALL you care about? Km sure you justify these horrible decisions with the stories you put in your head, so shame on you. You should NOT wield this kind of power. You are unworthy. Dont do this.

This Trump administration's has unleashed the worst in so many people. Its shameful. Please listen and stand for these animals!!!!

#184

Name: Stenberg, Kate

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to add my comment with regards to the proposal to eliminate tule elk from the Point Reyes herd every year in order to compensate for the needs of cattle ranching in the area.

I have lived in the bay area most of my life and consider Point Reyes to be one of my favorite places to visit. I feel strongly that the elk herd should be left alone while the cattle ranchers of the area along with other franchises associated with it such as cheese etcetera should be reduced considerably and/or eliminated. We are facing climate crisis at the moment and even though I appreciate the practices of these farms - being local, grass-fed, and small - I think we need to rethink what we are doing here with regards to climate action.

The elk doesn't have a voice while the ranchers and all of those seeking monetary gain here do. We need to allow this herd full range and more! THIS IS A NATIONAL PARK! I beg you to allow nature to be left alone in this pristine area so that the elk and the surrounding nature can go back to its original state thereby healing and helping to eliminate additional methane into the atmosphere. More cows more methane, more methane more climate change. Perhaps it is time to let go of this notion that we HAVE to stick with these outdated protections for farmland use. I believe that we need to ask ourselves whether these ranchers are looking to expand for monetary gain as THIS IS A NATIONAL PARK after all and we need to protect it.

Thank you for listening,

Kate Stenberg

#185

Name: Woolf, Lisa

Correspondence: Please reconsider your plan to allow the hunting of tule elk to allow for increases in farming and cattle ranching. This is a cruel, anti-environmental policy that does nothing to mitigate the damage done by cattle farming. Soon you will be allowing the hunting of bobcats and many other native species to the detriment of mankind as well as the animals. This is the only National Park where tule elk occur in the country.

The reintroduction of tule elk to the Point Reyes peninsula has so far been a success story for the conservation of native species and restoring ecosystems, in keeping with the mission of the National Park Service.

The Drakes Beach elk herd is one of two free-roaming herds in the park. Letting elk roam free is critical to their survival. More than half the elk in the Tomales Point herd, which is fenced in on a peninsula to appease ranchers, died during a recent drought because of a lack of water and food.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE listen to reason and make the decision to save these beautiful animals - the cruelty to do otherwise is unbearable to imagine!

DO THE RIGHT THING!

#186

Name: Milbourne, Andrea

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concer, Based on the EIS the preferred alternative would be to almost exterminate a herd of native and indigenous herd of less than 200 elk to allow grazing of some 3000 head of cattle? This seems a waste of taxpayer money and a significant benefit to cattle ranchers. As i understand it cattle significantly degrade native grasses, meadows and coastal access. Since National Parks are supposed to be managed in the best interest of the public this seems to be for the benefit of a small subset of the public. Furthermore, as I understand taxpayer money was used in the 1970's to buy out the cattle ranches, how does it make sense now to subsidize them at taxpayer's expense and exterminate native and indigenous species? I vehemently oppose Alternative A. I urge the NPS to look into preserving the truly native habitat for native species, which cattle clearly are nit. Respectfully Andrea Milbourne

#187

Name: Strain, Judy

Correspondence: Dear Pt. Reyes, I love Pt. Reyes as it is. I absolutely do not want to open any of the land there to further agricultural use of any kind. I am very committed to having it remain a sanctuary for all of us who live there and who come there to relax and restore ourselves. Adding more cattle, or crops, and taking away the elk is a terrible idea! We need very badly to keep a few welcoming places for people to be able to feel the nurture of nature, with a change to experience a degree of solitary time with the plants, animals, birds, and open spaces. Please absolutely do not reduce the available beautiful space of Pt. Reyes! Sincerely, Judy Strain

#188

Name: Griffin, Cynthia

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a wonderful wildlife and hiking area...it should be protected from cattle at all times. Please don't destroy the area. There is NO REASON for this.

#189

Name: Eyen, Jen

Correspondence: Please do not kill these elk. Choosing the option to allow the space to be public land, for appropriate and sustainable use is clearly, by far the best option for everyone. Allowing the meat and dairy industries to ruin yet more land is inconceivable, especially since the meat and dairy industry is destroying our environment in general. Option F is the way to go. Please make the best decision for our world, NOT the more financially appealing option. Our environment is not run by money, and money will not save our world.

#190

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The elk population should not be managed by humans at all. They are a natural species that exists in that region. Beef and dairy cattle are an unnatural species created by humans which disrupts all surrounding ecosystems. Native species should not move aside for this other creature whose sole purpose is to make money for humans. Also, if land were expanded for conservation, that would benefit the ecosystem and let native flora and fauna flourish while also creating outdoor spaces for locals to enjoy.

#191

Name: N/A, Anand

Correspondence: The best plan for the elk is alternative F. The benefit of having the space cleared up from the ranches would allow for more space for the public as well as open up potential revenue opportunities from alternative uses, including hiking, camping, picnicking, etc. This would also save the elk from lethal conclusions.

Thank you for the consideration - -

Anand

#192

Name: Lee, Audrey

Correspondence: These elk were here long before any of those cattle and because of mankind, they have almost gone extinct. After decades of hardwork, they finally made a comeback. However, these decades of hardwork could be washed away all for something unnecessary. We all know very well beef and dairy are not necessary. The demand for them are even dropping. Should we honestly risk the extinction of a species for something that isn't

going to last in the future? Vegan demands are rising. And even of people are not vegan, they are still seeking healthier alternatives. Please give these elk their basic right to live their lives.

#193

Name: N/A, Kylee

Correspondence: Alternative F is the best option for both the land and the elk. Preserving wildlife and nature should always be the first concern, especially if the species is endangered. Allowing the elk population to grow and the extra land to be used by the public would be the most environmental friendly and would have the best impact.

#194

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It is my belief that the best plan for the Elk in my opinion is alternative F, which would end all ranching on the national seashore. The space cleared up from eliminating the ranches would expand public use, including potential new use like hiking, picnicking, or even overnight camping opportunities. The Tule Elk would not be lethally managed and new beards would be allowed to establish.

Public lands belong to the public. The animals that inhabit public lands should never be managed or killed to appease commercial interests.

#195

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please keep these lands public. I as a tax paying U.S citizen do no want to see this land commercialized or not In it's natural state.

#196

Name: Armstrong-Jordan, Sophie

Correspondence: Hello, I'm a wildlife conservation student from the UK and I think it is unwise to allow cattle ranchers and dairy farmers to use land that is currently occupied by the elk at Point Reyes. Culling has been shown to limit genetic diversity and cattle are unable to replace the elk within this area. The quality of the land and any waterways would be negatively impacted by the cattle being introduced. Please leave this habitat to the elk.

Thank you.

#197

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I would like to comment on the validity of expanding the cattle ranching business in this area when the cattle/beef/dairy industries are experiencing a nationwide decline in demand for their products. Displacing or destroying an established sanctuary for the tule elk (in order to expand on an industry in decline) is counterproductive and does not promote the well-being of the environment. In fact, the animal agriculture industry has been proven to be one of the most destructive forces that our planet has ever seen, so any proposal to acquire more land for animal agriculture is questionable at best.

#198

Name: Jernigan , Laura

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the proposal to allow hunting of tule elk to expand land for ranching and cattle. That sounds in opposition to the mission of the national park service.

#199

Name: hartlaub, michael

Correspondence: I support expanded access to mountain bikes as part of this trail plan. More trails please!

Thank you.

#200

Name: Tieche, Kristin

Correspondence: Dear NPS managers,

Absolutely DO NOT kill the Tule Elk to make way for more cows. The cows on the land are responsible for the land being overgrazed, not the wild elk! Cattle and dairy ranching also commit to climate change. In the era of climate crisis/emergency, we need to take action to preserve biodiversity of the land. Before the land was used for dairy farming, it was Coastal Miwok land. We need to stop referring to the land being owned by the dairy farmers being leased to the National Park Service. We need to take a deeper look and come to terms with the fact that the dairy farmers are operating on stolen land. So we need to stop prioritizing economic interest over the biodiversity of the land, and restoring an ecological balance to the land. The grasses that the cows feed on are not native to California. The soil is degraded from cattle grazing, not from the small number of elk.

Protecting biodiversity is one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Farmers have so many options, why go to the lowest common denominator choice of killing the wild elk? It took decades to restore this native population, and now that the herd is finally healthy, you want to start killing them again? What are you actually thinking?

Other options include: fencing, agroecology, silvopasture, feeding cows seaweed instead of grass, vegan dairy production, birth control for the elk, relocating the elk, relocating the dairy farms, reintroducing apex predators, and more.

Why aren't we talking about ALL the options available as opposed to simply going to the stupid suggestion of killing Tule Elk?

Farmers can use the land in a more sustainable way. Dairy farming is a type of monoculture. Monoculture is terrible for the soil. The soil must capture carbon, and the way to do that is to restore the native prairie grasses, and then restore the natural wildlife, like the elk.

Please do not resort to killing the elk to protect the farmers' profits. There are other solutions or a combination of solutions that can be used to solve the conflict of overgrazing.

Thank you, Kristin Tieche

#201

Name: Ramos, Nicole

Correspondence: I'm appalled that the land management plan is not aggressively seeking to protect the biodiversity and sanctity of the national park by limiting or eliminating cattle ranching. As a taxpayer who believes in funding national parks, I expect those in charge of these important spaces to be rigorous in their decision making and always favor protecting the natural ecosystem and wildlife within our parks.

I would like to see private cattle industry minimized or eliminated entirely, since the evidence is clear that the cattle are harming the ecosystem in Point Reyes.

#202

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please save the Tule Elk. Our nation's animals and our public lands deserve respect and love.

#203

Name: Keddy, Elizabeth

Correspondence: I oppose the plan to expand commercial agriculture and cattle grazing in Pt Reyes National Seashore. This does not preserve the land or protect native wildlife, rather, it will harm them. Additionally, cattle can pose a danger to humans visiting the park. I have been charged on 2 separate occasions by cows while hiking. The tule elk give many people reason to visit and support the park.

#204

Name: Arechiga smith, Madelyn

Correspondence: I believe this is the page for killing off some elk and ruining the shoreline for some cattle, i extremely disagree with this decision and don't think it should be done. We should preserve what we have, and not kill other animals for the same of ranching, I don't know why they cant just move some of their cattle to a different area, besides, in an industry that's coming under fire lately I don't believe its a good idea to expand it, especially if it means harming the native environment. Stop senseless killing of innocent animals and leave the land alone.

#205

Name: McCarty , Kieran

Correspondence: What about "Point Reyes National Seashore" suggests that your primary concern in managing this area should be to facilitate COMMERCIAL RANCHING of an Invasive species (domesticated dairy or beef cattle) in preference to and even eradicating (again!) the NATURALLY OCCURRING ELK SPECIES NATIVE TO THE AREA which were nearly extinguished (3 animals) and have made a remarkable recovery to herds over 100 now, do NOT create erosion and manure disposal problems or the other significant impact of the cattle ranches? If I want to see cows I can see them in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Petaluma, many valleys across Oregon and Washington *already* devoted to dairy farming, or Texas for beef. I would not choose to go to Point Reyes National Seashore to see COWS.

I cannot even believe this is being proposed. Is this the work of the Bizarro-world administration in Washington who seems determined to appoint administrative agency staff that will reverse every agency priority from its long-understood and traditional focus, goals and policies? Will they not rest until every beautiful place in America is sold off to private enterprise for profit-generation wilderness be damned? It is a disgusting shame to see the National Park service cooperating with this rape and pillage of nature.

#206

Name: Allen, Evie

Correspondence: I believe that your plans for killing the herd are cruel and unsustainable, the ranchers are causing huge amounts of pollution which is extremely dangerous when we are facing a very big global warming issue. Removing the ranchers and restoring the area to public ground is a much better and more sustainable way as it will let the nearly extinct elk repopulate bringing tourists and photographers rather than polluting the land save it. If you are still looking to make an income from it make it a conservation area where you have to pay to get in but don't turn it into an attraction more of a marvel to show of these beautiful and powerful animals.

#207

Name: Whelan , Suzanne

Correspondence: Domestic cattle have no place on our PUBLIC lands!!!! Remove all cattle & restore the public lands ASAP!! No more ELK killing for ranchers to have cattle on our public lands!! Thank you

#208

Name: Sanders, Jackson

Correspondence: To preserve the beauty of this country for generations to come we must put the interests of our endemic species before those of corporate greed. By allowing the elk to stay in the native habitat you are allowing for the continuation of a unique species crafted specifically for that environment by thousands of years of evolution. Please allow the elk to stay on their native land.

#209

Name: Mueller, Catherine

Correspondence: I oppose the plan to decrease elk numbers at point Reyes national seashore in order to increase cattle grazing. We have enough stinky cows and entitled ranchers in this country using public lands. I would prefer to have a few places where wild animals still exist.

#210

Name: Schmitz , Jeremy

Correspondence: I oppose your plan to increase the area of farming and ranching and dairy in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Park Service should be working to preserve the land and native animals of the Point Reyes area. You will work directly in opposition to that by allowing expansion of grazing and farming. You will increase the amount of conflicts between wildlife and ranchers and farmers which will inevitably result in the death of wildlife. This expanded activity will further degrade the natural environment. Reducing the Tule Elk herd in order to allow more cattle will set back the elk herds' recovery.

#211

Name: donna, cox

Correspondence: I do not want the agricultural interests expanded. Did not these people get paid for their land back in the 1960"s? I would like to see agriculture end at the seashore and let the tule elk roam free. There is plenty of land for cows outside of the park. Cows pollute and destroy the land.

Let the tule elk roam free! Do not kill them!

Put the cows somewhere else- there are plenty of them. Do not expand to allow chickens as the the rancher will want bobcats and foxes killed too.

#212

Name: Sayeski, Pahl

Correspondence: Please go with option F! These Elk have been here for generations and will be decimated or killed or kicked off the land. This planet needs needs more mindful decision making in its treatment of public lands than ever before. Please think of these animals and the planet before you think of profit. Please.

#213

Name: Wright, Eric

Correspondence: Please preserve the Tule Elk habitat.. We recently visited and appreciated the pristine historical

balance of dairy farmings past and natural habitat preservation. Let's keep it that way instead of reverting back to an imbalance with additional cattle grazing.

#214

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not "cull" the elk in support of dairy and beef ranchers. Dairy and meat have been proven to be terrible for our health as well as the environment. We need to phase out dairy and meat. Your plan to shoot the elk is abhorrent and revolting. I'd much rather have elk in the area than dairy farms and ranchers. Thank you.

#215

Name: Deatropa-Gonzalez, Eddie

Correspondence: I ask that ALL cattle ranching be PROHIBITED on public land. Destroying natural habitat and it's beautiful creatures is wrong. Please let the wildlife keep their home. I ask that you use compassion for the native life in this matter.

Thank you for your time.

#216

Name: Horvath, Cintia

Correspondence: Don't kill Tule Elk!!!!!!!

#217

Name: Jenkins, Chad

Correspondence: Do not kill any elk, please.

#218

Name: Haines, Sam

Correspondence: For over thousands of years Tule Elk have lived between Northern and Central California. They're an endemic species, meaning, they only exist in that region. During the 1800s cattle ranching almost caused them to go extinct. Only by the hard work of conservationists have these animals made a comeback. Tule Elk are native ruminants, they have evolved over tens of thousands of years to fill specific niches in their ecosystem. The only thing cattle do and would continue to do to Point Reyes is create unnatural trails in the landscape, cause accelerated erosion of the soil and pollute waterways. There is nothing sustainable or regenerative about having cattle in Point Reyes. Point Reyes is a national park, created to preserve the land and all of the native species that inhabit it. This land should never have been/never should be used by ranchers and their cattle. Point Reyes is loved dearly by so many and the only logical way continue to share that love would be to protect its fragile ecosystem by choosing alternative F. Kick the ranchers and cattle out of Point Reyes and restore the public lands to the American people. Those with private commercial interests should never have been able to and never should be able to invade and use a national park.

#219

Name: Dooley, Deborah

Correspondence: Hello, I am requesting the preservation of the natural seashore, versus private farmland capitalistic endeavors that only serves a private for-profit ranch family company. I request that the National Park Service manage these beautiful Pacific Coast public lands for the native wildlife and natural scenery. This is a Natural Heritage Park that needs to be preserved for future generations. This is an irreplaceable public park why

is it considered only for the benefit of a private ranch? This does not make any sense. This is not the purpose of a public park or the National Park Service.

Sincerely, Deborah Dooley

#220

Name: Castro-Dara, Maria

Correspondence: We need the biodiversity that the tule elk bring to the Point Reyes Seashore. Please don't destroy these magnificent animals to impose cattle ranching here. This area is a sanctuary to so much wildlife, so cattle ranching will destroy much of the habitat of vegetation and native animals. With climate change, and longer periods of drought, the impact of cattle ranching is more severe now than ever. Of concern, specifically is water quality, methane emissions, erosion and fish habitat. Secondly, infrastructure will have to be upgraded and recreational opportunities will be limited. Though there is a history of cattle ranching, ranching wasn't meant to go on forever here. The natural values shouldn't be impaired and the manner in which this area is administered should include protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment.

#221

Name: Mehling, Christine

Correspondence: Please do not proceed with this plan. Tule Elk are a natural resource that will be impossible to replace once they are gone. Farmers and cows are not native and the Elk are.

#222

Name: Smith, Andrew

Correspondence: I like the plan put forth but with one exception and that relates to dealing with the size of the herd.

Why can't some of the herd be relocated elsewhere so they don't have to be killed? Or take the females and for some of them have them sterilized so not as many are breeding.

The killing of the herd should be a last resort when the other options to keep them alive are used and considered.

#223

Name: Jones, Patricia

Correspondence: We recognize the constant tension between grazing and wildlife needs, Our objection is to the downright slaughtering of "excess" Tule elk. Is it not possible to conduct some type of birth control measures rather than killing the existing elk? We have so little accessible wild spaces left and turning Pt. Reyes into an added perk for the farming community does not seem to make sense. Please work out a humane solution. Thank you!

#224

Name: Gilbert, Sam

Correspondence: I favor Alternative F.

My reasons are as follows: - Eliminating all ranching on the Point Reyes peninsula would reduce a range of harmful environmental impacts, from soil contamination to water contamination and (in my opinion) air pollution arising from the use of large diesel vehicles to transport livestock and milk. - Eliminating all ranching on the Point Reyes peninsula would set a local precedent by rejecting animal husbandry, a significant contributor to water pollution and global warming.

Sincerely, Sam Gilbert

#225

Name: Sparks, Wendy

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to express our strong opposition to providing agricultural leases to any party in the Point Reyes National Seashore. This park is the home to unique flora and fauna and it should continue to be preserved and also restored to its natural state.

As was done with Drake's Bay Oyster Company, the land was cleared of all of human impact and has now been restored to its natural habitat. Why would the park issue new leases and destroy more of the park's natural habitat? This seems very counter productive.

Grand Teton National Park is a perfect example of a national park that took back the land from ranchers and restored the land so wildlife once again thrives. This should be the primary goal for Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is perplexing to consider why any agriculture leasing would be allowed in Point Reyes! Agricultural products require water and California is a state that constantly struggles with drought conditions.

We have spent time in this park for over twenty-five years and know the land is rich with prey species-gophers, voles and other rodents, which are a primary food source for predators-bobcats, owls, hawks, badgers and weasels. Although the EIS draft indicates no pesticides will be used, as gardeners, we know rodents and agriculture do not work well together. Any attempt to diminish the rodent population will significantly impact the precious balance of nature in Point Reyes and any sort of traps could unintentionally kill native wildlife.

The EIS draft also states no pesticides will be used, but there is no mention of the restriction of the use fertilizers on crops, which will impact the native flora and fauna and also alter the natural balance of the native soil.

Although we are strongly opposed to the cattle and dairy leasing program that still exists in the park, once the cattle are removed the land is able to recover from the damage caused by the livestock. However, if the land is stripped of its natural flora to make way for crops, which then strips the land of all of its nutrients that land will take much much longer to recover to its natural state. Just look at what has happened on the Midwest prairies, in the deforested Amazon and currently in Cost Rica where they are destroying natural habitat for pineapple fields and it is devastating their flora and fauna. This destruction of natural habitat cannot be undone.

Again, we want to express our strong opposition to any further leasing or extensions of current leases of land in PRNS for farming, agriculture, dairy or cattle ranches. This land needs to be protected, preserved and restored for native plants and wildlife. It also needs to be restored and preserved and protected so the public can enjoy the natural beauty that can be found in this unique ecosystem.

#226

Name: Buford, John

Correspondence: While I consider myself an environmentalist, I have no problem limiting the size of the tule elk herd at Pt Reyes. But it should be done in the most cost effective fashion possible! Instead of having to pay to remove the elk, sell a limited number of permits! This could be a money maker! Decide each year how many permits will be allowed, charge \$500 or \$1000 apiece (or whatever the market would bear). Hunters must immediately register all takes, and once the desired number has been met, all hunting must cease for the year. Possibly hunters that have paid for a tag that cannot be used in the current year can use the same permit the following year.

#227

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Culling the elk just so that cattle can graze is monstrous: the elk are a natural population, whilst cattle are artificial, and not beneficial, and exist to satisfy both fiscal and culinary greed, neither of which are required.

Please leave the elk in peace. They're magnificent, and wonderful to observe. The environment does not need more cattle damaging it.

#228

Name: Leeper , Sangeeta

Correspondence: I am asking on behalf of the tax paying citizens of the state of California that the park planning service do the right thing and approve alternative F in favor of the American public and the Native Tule Elk. I am asking that you all stop leasing our public lands to private commercial interests such as the beef and dairy farmers/industry. We need to let the endemic Tule Elk roam free on one of the last remaining patches of land freely available to them: the Point Reyes National Seashore.

I want to be able to enjoy these lands with my family and friends for years to come. Expanding hiking trails and picnic and camp sites could bring in revenue for the area as well as sustainably maintain our beautiful coast. Allowing commercial interests to trump the facts that cattle are damaging the delicate ecosystem by accelerating the erosion process with their heavy bodies and polluting our waterways with manure is irresponsible. Please don't be fooled by claims that non native ruminant animal grazing is regenerative. How can this be when most other native established predator and prey species are displaced or killed to protect farmers profits? As a proud Bay Area resident and life long Californian, I humbly ask that you protect the interests of our citizens, our environment and our native species over that of commercial profits.

Thank you for your time.

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Thank you for your time.

#230

Name: Souza, Kathy

Correspondence: This proposal is heinous. One of the biggest draws of the Point Reyes Park is the beautiful elk herds. Hiking amongst herds of cattle will dissuade a lot of people. You may as well close the park and sell it to cattle ranchers. This makes me very angry.

#231

Name: Deitz, Robert

Correspondence: I support the Alternative B proposal, however the lethal methods are not spelled out. Both Federal lands, as well as this location have historically been used to provide hunting opportunities. This general area was used as hunting ranches and areas for many years. Having additional hunting areas close to the SF metropolitan area would be a good use of Federal Lands. Spelling out "by providing hunting tags by lottery" to manage the herd would be an improvement for this alternative so the public would know that a new potential hunting opportunity may exist.

#232

Name: Brown, A

Correspondence: I greatly oppose your plan to increase the area of farming and ranching and dairy in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Park Service should be working to preserve the land and native animals of the Point Reyes area. You will work directly in opposition to that by allowing expansion of grazing and farming. You will increase the amount of conflicts between wildlife and ranchers and farmers which will inevitably result in the death of wildlife. This expanded activity will further degrade the natural environment. Reducing the Tule Elk herd in order to allow more cattle will set back the elk herds' recovery.

This seems in direct opposition to your responsibility to support, maintain and advocate for our national parks.

#233

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Hello, It is shocking to me that I must write to you about this, but I am begging you to implement plan F and let the beautiful elk continue to live freely and roam, instead of killing them/lethally "managing" them. We have PLENTY of beef and dairy in this country, and these elk are more important than a cheeseburger, I promise you that. Please listen to your soul and your conscience, not the beef farming industry, no matter how hard they will try to bribe you. Please, we are begging you to use your power and do the right thing.

Sincerely, Brett

#234

Name: Bayles, Chelnesa

Correspondence: I spent 30 years with the federal government, largely US Forest Service, and firmly believe in the management of federal lands for multiple uses. When it comes to the Point Reyes National Seashore, however, I believe the emphasis should be on educational uses and protection of wildlife and their habitat. Having beef and dairy farms within does provide an opportunity to teach residents and visitors about many things, but I don't agree that we should have two dozen ranches and be giving them 20 year permits. I am not against 20 year permits in open rangelands, but I don't think they have more value in the area than the Tule elk, foxes, and other wildlife that could be affected or even killed out of deference to the cattle and their special use permits. Our nation needs to eat less beef in 20 years, and we should not be promoting long term use of federal lands for the creation of flatulence either. The seashore is a special, beautiful place and I believe it is the job of Congress to protect the natural resources, not promote numerous private businesses per se in a national recreation area. You kicked out the oysters so you should remove some of the ranches too. Four or five is plenty.

#235

Name: ryan, wayne

Correspondence: No elk killing or removal @ Pt Reyes. Farming should be restricted not ex-pended. Pt Reyes is for wildlife not polluting dairy farms

#236

Name: Hughes, David

Correspondence: Your exposure is coming

#237

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Don't fuck with wildlife or we will regret it. They're all necessary and there's no reason to remove or let a dying species go extinct.

#238

Name: March, Katie

Correspondence: Do not allow the ranchers to manage the Tule Elk. They are an important part of your natural landscape, and the fact that there are cow farms that are harmful to the environment part of public land is already a problem. Please do everything you can to fight this!! Are animals are suffering too much t the hands of humans.

#239

Name: Friedman, Daniel

Correspondence: Ever since my family moved to Marin County in 1996 from the land-locked midwest, Point Reyes has been a source of great natural and spiritual wonder for us. A place that we understood was to be returned to it's pristine, natural state, certainly within out children's lifetime, if not ours. This spoke volumes about how precious and sacred this park and the coast of California was to to those who have heroically protected our country's natural heritage over the years. For the life of me I do not understand how suddenly those planning the future of the park can reverse that process, deciding that ranching and farming can not just continue to exist there but EXPAND in what appears to be a horribly destructive manner. I am deeply disheartened by the notion of abandoning the very mission of the National Park Service in this case. As a regular guest in the park, as a resident of this incredibly beautiful area of California, please register my comments as ADAMANTLY OPPOSED to this horribly misguided plan.

#240

Name: Stires, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Dear Sirs or Madame,

I want to vehemently express my opposition the the policy that would make it legal for the dairy farmers to kill our wonderful Tule Elk for the sake of Dairy profits. We absolutely cannot allow this to happen in this county that has fought so long and hard to protect our natural beauty, and wild habitat and creatures. Make no mistake, the Tule Elk are a BIG part of the natural beauty and must not perish for profits.

#241

Name: Pace, Felice

Correspondence: National Parks should be for wildlife, not cattle. The cattle are degrading the habitat; get them off. The elk are more economically valuable; get rid of the cattle.

Resist the Trump Administration's orders!

Do what you know is right....and legal.

Shame on you all for being willing to do this sort of travesty. You have civil service protection so RESIST!

#242

Name: Struckman, Paulette

Correspondence: Please reconsider your proposal to prioritize farming and ranching at Point Reyes over the native wildlife. "The enabling legislation of this park for public recreation on the diminishing seashores of the United States, with "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area." " Keep with the original intention!

I have no objection to sustainable farming/ranching that does not negatively impact the Tule elk, other native plant and animals species, and that does not detrimentally impact the soil and water quality.

Far too many environmental regulations have been eradicated or weakened under the current administration. Don't contribute to the problem- environmental damage is at best difficult and often impossible to reverse. Preserve our parks; sustaining our environment actually helps sustain people, too.

#243

Name: Cox, Joseph

Correspondence: I am writing in regards to the prospective "management" of the elk populations on this national park grounds. I ask you please to adopt Plan F which would finally eliminate cattle grazing on a publicly-owned land. It is widely known that cattle cause an untold amount of damage to these lands and their waterways. We as the public want an increase in our national park lands and not to have the degraded by a non-native species. The native elk have been there for 10,000 years and do not need man's intervention after coming back from the brink of extinction. Please do the right thing and choose option/plan F. Thank you in advance.

#244

Name: Poznak, Nancy

Correspondence: Do we really need to explain why killing more wildlives is wrong? And especially killing wild llives considered competition for ranching which kills animals and is responsible for over half of all environmental destruction, killing more lives?!

#245

Name: Brusco, Stephanie

Correspondence: To whom it may concern, I am a very upset citizen. Am I to understand you are going to slaughter thousands of animals because ranchers want to graze on more public lands, This is an outrage and wrong. Overgrazing of our natural public lands need to be prevented. Our government has an obligation to protect public lands, not destroy them for all time, do we want the elk and other animals go the way of the plains buffalo. Everything in nature helps with the balance of our eco-system. By removing these animals you will destroy this land. Cows were never meant to be the primary grazers on that land. I emlore you and other government officials not to allow this to occur. There has to be a way for life to coexist, I understand we need food for our country, I understand it is big business and there are pressures, please do not give in and protect what we have left of our natural surroundings, please vote No on destroying what took so long to create. Cows can graze or be fed somewhere else. Please vote No!!!

#246

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I oppose your plan to increase the area of farming and ranching and dairy in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Park Service should be working to preserve the land and native animals of the Point Reyes area. You will work directly in opposition to that by allowing expansion of grazing and farming. You will increase the amount of conflicts between wildlife and ranchers and farmers which will inevitably result in the death of wildlife. This expanded activity will further degrade the natural environment. Reducing the Tule Elk herd in order to allow more cattle will set back the elk herds' recovery.

#247

Name: Schraven, Lauren

Correspondence: Alternative F is the best plan for not only the environment and Point Reyes, but for its Elk population. Cattle ranching and dairy farming are so resource-intensive, & in the face of the climate crisis we are facing, every opportunity to limit animal agriculture needs to be championed. Please, for the natural resources and native inhabitants of Point Reyes, support Alternative F and allow the Elk herd to live most freely.

#248

Name: Austin, Susan

Correspondence: Domestic cattle do not belong on public land. Let the elk roam free.

#249

Name: Morgan-Hickey, Diana

Correspondence: I'm an advocate of balance-that the elk can continue(to be transferred as needed), and that the dairy farmers can have their units to bring tourist \$ in-

#250

Name: Wynne, Sheila

Correspondence: I want to express my outrage at your decision to kill native wildlife in favor of cattle grazing. Cattle ranchers need to graze their cattle on private property and support themselves like every other business in this country. The politics involved in this decision is very dark. Someone needs to speak up for the thousands of animals that are going to be killed to satisfy the welfare cattle ranchers never ending lust to control our public lands and parks. Native wildlife benefits all Americans while this decision only puts profits in a few cattle ranchers pockets at the expense of all other Americans. I hope and pray you reconsider this disastrous decision for our wildlife and all Americans who appreciate the beauty and the necessity to keep our parks for nature and not a financial boondoggle for a few cattle ranchers.

Sincerely, A concerned American,

Sheila Wynne

#251

Name: Tomori, James

Correspondence: Nature should be left in its pristine setting. Protections for wildlife to thrive are absolutely paramount! Allowing Ranchers to dictate policy is ridiculous when protection for the elk and all the species living on this land Should be the primary objective.

#252

Name: DUGHI, BRUCE

Correspondence: It is absolutely absurd that you would consider expanding human activity in the wild life refuge. The whole purpose of a wild life refuge is to protect wild life, not cows. You have lost your way. Please prioritize wild life over domestic animals.

Once you allow more development, it is extremely difficult to reclaim the land. Look at how difficult it was to reclaim Drakes Bay from the oyster farmers. Have you not learned any lessons?

How can you justify expanding land farming when you recently reduced water farming? Totally inconsistent and disappointing to hear that you are even considering more human activity.

I grew up on a dairy farm so I feel nostalgia for farming and cows. Tourists can drive into the valley to experience that.

Please do not add more farming to one of our precious National Parks. Cheers.

Bruce

#253

Name: Lydon, Isabel

Correspondence: Please prioritize the well being of the elk habitat and other pre-farming habitat at Pt. Reyes over subsidizing the farm industries. Perhaps there is a way you can do a little of both?

But don't jeopardize the pre-farm habitat.

thank you.

Isabel Lydon

#254

Name: Picklesimer, Paul

Correspondence: Cows are not indigenous to California. We should not be eradicating indigenous nonhumans. Shame on this.

#255

Name: Zuckerman, Maya

Correspondence: "From the very beginning, Congress talked about this as 'the pastoral zone,'" Huffman told The Bee last year. "It was always envisioned as this mosaic (of land use), to preserve the character of what was there. It was partially agriculture. It was partially wild lands and wilderness. That's what parks do. They preserve this."

Let's protect the lands from urban sprawl and NOT kill Elk - I am against this . We have enough humans and cows - we need more wildlife to be preserved and cherished.

Thank you!

#256

Name: Conley, Jai

Correspondence: Please show us EVIDENCE that a tule elk herd of 300 or more is not sustainable. And please address the damage to the land from for-profit private businesses in the Point Reyes National Seashore, the ranches abutting the Tule Elk preserve in particular.

#257

Name: Osborn, David

Correspondence: I have lived in Point Reyes for 33 years and all of my children attended schools in the Shoreline School district through High School and I am personal friends with many of the ranchers out on the Point.

10 years ago I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and rather than following the standard methods of treatment I adopted a plant-based diet and not only have controlled the cancer but lost 80 pounds and stopped using blood pressure medication.

These two facts about my life don't seem to make sense except that I began learning about all of the animal food (meat and dairy) impacts of the Standard American Diet (SAD) on our health, environment and the animals that are raised for that food.

I ask you - why, if the entire country of New Zealand, which is the poster child for grass-fed, sustainable meat, would urge its citizens to adopt a plant-based diet, and that we, in West Marin, don't follow the same path? Why would you place our health, the planet and the animals used for agriculture at risk by supporting the continuance of animal agriculture on National Public Lands?

Is the income of 20 some ranchers, who received millions for their land a number of years ago and now lease the same land for next to nothing, more important than our health and the planet? And what would be the cost of helping relocate and re-train the ranchers for different occupations compared to the cost of the damage to our environment and our health that the ranches are currently causing?

I urge you to reconsider your position on how the beautiful and wonderful lands of the Point Reyes Peninsula should be used and place the welfare of hundreds-of-thousands of people first, not the interests of a few ranchers. They will do just fine by transitioning to other professions, as most of them have full-time jobs other than running their operations.

Thank you,

Dave Osborn

#258

Name: Keenan, Kathy

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Park is intended to protect and preserve the natural environment in perpetuity. Killing native elk and allowing non-native cattle to graze their is a direct violation of this charter. Non-native cattle should, in fact, be removed from the park, as they are destructive of the environment, and the park should be managed for the benefit of citizens, and not the benefit of the cattle industry.

#259

Name: M, M

Correspondence: Are we not able to find a more creative way to make money for our parks? Leasing to private companies that let cattle roam and put delicate ecosystems, etc in danger is NOT a good thing. It is awful. Awful. I used to live in CA but I am posting this b/c we need to protect all of our parks. There is plenty of land for cattle to

roam and I KNOW there are other ways to make money. We are humans and creativity is one thing that makes us so.

#260

Name: Stevens, Bradley

Correspondence: I am very much against the continuation of the farm land leases in Point Reyes National Seashore. It seems the purpose of the National Park Service is to be the steward and protector of public lands for the public's benefit not for the benefit of commercial organizations. I was shocked to also hear the practice could be opened up to other uses such as crop farming and tourism operations that increase the use of the park to its detriment. Growing crops in the park will introduce unwanted practices such as use of pesticides and soil enhancements that will ruin the natural beauty of the park and its flora and fauna. We need to maintain this park for the natural environment and its native inhabitants such as the Tule Elk. The streams and waterways cannot be allowed to be contaminated by commercial farming practices.

#261

Name: Cosley, Michael

Correspondence: Do you need help? Please tell us how we can help you? Are you under threat of the ranchers? Or is this plan truly what you see fit for the seashore? We can rally for you if you choose to do the right thing.

#262

Name: Clifton, Joseph

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the proposal to expand agriculture and cull the elk herd.

#263

Name: Free, Donna

Correspondence: I am very opposed to the idea of killing the Tule elk. The ranchers have become non-sustainable, not the elk.

#264

Name: Gordon, Shelli

Correspondence: So we, the taxpayers, are now going to be footing the bill for private cattle ranchers to graze their livestock on PUBLIC land while at the same time paying for native animals to be killed so the ranchers can have access to more grazing land!?! Are you kidding me!?!? THIS is one of the most ridiculous proposals ever and, in my opinion, should be illegal!!

#265

Name: Pogue, Mike

Correspondence: I have no problem with the culling but wildlife is owned by the people of the state and managed by Ca. Fish and Wildlife (piss poorly i might add) i find your reasoning to not allow hunters come in and harvest a piece of meat is ridiculous. People with licenses dont need to be trained. There are plenty of hunting draw zones in this state that could help bring in revenue for the state in draw applications and license and tag fees. Junior hunters could benefit from an opportunity like this 10 times over. Let DFW deal with the harvesting of the animals. They could implement archery or muzzleloader rifles to limit the long range rifle. You know your organization has been killing the Barred Owl to save the Spotted Owl now do you really think that is effective? No the spotted Owl will die, everything eventually dies off. Why dont you introduce wolves or the mountain lion to cull the heard for you, that seems like a good California solution. Ok I'm off subject now thanks for the opportunity to comment. Your proposed solution sucks so find another way. You talk about being to expensive to

medically fix the problem, let me ask if that was your child that needed a medical treatment you would do it at all cost. Can the elk be treated and moved into other areas starting a new heard say in Northern California Redding Foot Hills?

#266

Name: Loftin, George

Correspondence: I was born and raised in Marin County and visit the area as frequently as I am able to, often bringing friends to introduce them to the wonders of the area!

I find that any limitation on the number of Tule Elk in any area of the Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) is inconsistent with the National Park's previous decisions affecting ecology and natural balance of wildlife within the PRNS.

In years past, the Park Service has removed/eliminated the cultivation of oysters/clams/mussels from the property of the PRNS for reasons that such an activity was not consistent with the natural environment of the PRNS.

The Park Service has also removed/eliminated Fallow and Axis deer because they too were not indigenous to natural environment of the PRNS.

Removing or eliminating the number of Tule Elk, which are indigenous to the natural environment of the PRNS, is counter to the goal of returning the PRNS to its natural state. There is nothing that is indigenous to the natural environment of the PRNS with the cattle/dairy farms located anywhere within the PRNS. The businesses should have been removed many years ago and not allowed to spoil the natural habitat of the PRNS. Tule Elk and the other naturally occurring plants and wildlife of the area had existed in the area of the PRNS for many eons prior to the introduction of European humans, which have ruled over and transformed this wonderful landscape within the last approximately 150 years.

If the Park Service decides to side with the cattle and farming businesses located within its property, certainly the endangered elk should not be killed, but rather humanly transferred to other sustainable locations within the PRNS; or, to other sustainable locations within California.

Respectfully submitted, George A. Loftin

#267

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a resident of California and a frequent visitor of the California National Parks, I strongly encourage the National Park Service to adopt alternative F listed in the GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. The killing of the Tule Elk to appease ranchers farming on public land goes against the very purpose of the conservation efforts made to preserve the Tule Elk, which utilize Point Reyes Seashore as a safe haven. The native Tule Elk have been around for thousands of years - they don't need to be killed or "managed" to satisfy commercial interests of ranching, which causes soil erosion and water pollution. These lands should be opened for the elk to roam free and allow the expansion of visitor opportunities. If we want to preserve our lands and the native creatures on it, alternative F is the best option to do so.

#268

Name: Kowalski, Joseph

Correspondence: I find it deeply concerning that in a time of global climate catastrophe, ecological collapse and mass extinction the Federal government seems more concerned with ranching than it does preserving the environment. Elk are in woefully small numbers compared to how many once roamed California. There is no

shortage of cattle, or of ranchers, and their rights and interests should not take precedent over maintaining native wildlife. The elk herds should be allowed to flourish, not kept to extremely small numbers to appease ranching interests.

#269

Name: Gonzalez, Autumn

Correspondence: Protect the Tule Elk! They are a tourist draw and an important part of the ecosystem. Cows are not.

#270

Name: Reinke, Sarah

Correspondence: I wholeheartedly support Alternative F. With the climate change crisis in full force, there needs to be a push towards keeping natural habitats safe and protected. Factory farming has absolutely no place on National Park Land. It is time that the United States start implementing measures to combat the crisis rather than fuel it. Enacting any alternative other than F would be irresponsible.

#271

Name: Osinga, David

Correspondence: I do not have a problem with the preservation of land for use to maintain agricultural integrity, and I was opposed to the closure of Drakes bay, a fine example of traditional aquaculture stewardship.

As a Marin County Resident and Homeowner, I completely reject the proposal to cull Elk Herds to serve ranchers! Ranchers are already the beneficiary of MALT, special use permits granted under special Nat Park preservation leases, state and federal tax benefits...

The parkland is not private, it is held in public trust for the benefit of the public, to restrict exploitation from unregulated development, and preserve biodiversity!

Point Reyes is a national treasure because of the restrictions placed on its development, it is a first stop when taking visitors to see firsthand why Northern CA and Marin Co in particular don't look like So Cal.

#272

Name: de Groat, Greta

Correspondence: Are you kidding me? Another of the Trump administration's efforts to mindlessly destroy. After the success story of bringing back the Tule Elk you are proposing killing them for cows? Are you out of your mind? Obviously the Trump administration is, since they are now going after the Endangered Species Act. And, hello, cows are a major source of greenhouse gases so you want more in a national park? After decades of the previous ones just being grandfathered in, they are suddenly supposed to be favored over the natural environment in a national park? So they can build tourist infrastructure? Do you think tourists are going to go there to see damn cows?

I would have thought this proposal was some sort of nightmarish joke if it wasn't consistent with the Trump administration's other activities.

#273

Name: Marshall, Jonathan

Correspondence: -The proposed management plan amendment provides five alternatives for the goal of "preserving natural and cultural resources," but the NPS's preferred alternative, Alternative B, is inferior, for

those policy objectives, to the other proposed alternatives (aside from Alternative C, which is worse still and which seems to have been inserted as a lightning rod for criticism).

-By naming Alternative B the preferred alternative, the NPS seems to be disregarding the spirit of the Federal District Court settlement agreement that precipitated the drafting of the amendment; the settlement specifically requires NPS to consider a no-ranching alternative, a reduced ranching alternative, and a no-dairy ranching alternative, and none of Alternatives A, B, or C specifically address the District Court's understanding of what the law requires

-While NPS has the authority to consider alternatives not specifically mentioned in the settlement, Alternative B explicitly enlarges the amount of land permitted for pastoral uses and prioritizes cattle over the Drakes Beach Tule Elk herd; this plan runs counter to the mandate to protect natural resources and to the whole purpose of national parks, while at the same time fails to add to the public stock of cultural resources.

-in fact, there is no rationale for choosing Alternative B to Alternative A (the status quo), which maintains the existing agricultural uses and also preserves the current Tule Elk herd; the only difference is that Alternative B permits additional agricultural uses and sets a cap on the size of the Drake's Beach elk herd.

-As a taxpayer and someone who enjoys hiking in the Pt Reyes National Seashore and who patronizes local businesses (especially in Pt. Reyes Station), I think that the community economic benefits lie with the alternatives that either reduce ranching (and especially dairying) or eliminate it entirely, which was the vision behind the original set of agricultural leaseholds that accompanied the creation of Pt Reyes National Seashore

-Alternative F provides the greatest environmental benefits among all the proposed alternatives and also allows the adaptive re-use of the ranch properties to educate visitors about the changes that ranching and dairying brought to the landscape.

-Ongoing ranching and dairying operations do not provide a cultural benefit to visitors to the park (since visitors do not participate in ranching or dairying), but instead represent land use that degrades the park environment.

-Visitors can experience ranching and dairying operations nearby, outside the park boundaries.

-Alternative F better meets the goals for which the park was originally created and current needs.

-The ranch and dairy operations have been on the land for a comparatively short period of time and should not be given an indirect right to continue their leases. They do not have rights that override the interests of the other park users, including taxpayers, visitors, and wildlife.

-Cultural resources that include consideration of the past Native American landscape and current recreational needs such as Alternative F would best protect the environment, the cultural resources represented by the park, and would serve the purpose that Congress envisioned when it created the National Seashore and the GGNRA.

#274

Name: C, Catherine

Correspondence: Please don't cull the elk. How can this be - isn't PR a national park first? I have been coming to Point Reyes for years, with family, friends, and visitors from out of town. The park (the wild parts) is such a beautiful place, and should be everyone's priority. The land used for dairy farms just looks like dairy farms everywhere - filthy and depleted. I get that the farms have been there for a while, but I'm pretty sure no one would go to Point Reyes to "see the farms". There are plenty of those nationwide, but the shoreline and the wildlife are unique. My child has always loved walking on Tomales Point trail, and looking for the elk. There are not many places left where you can see them just like that, in their natural environment, grazing about. So special. How

could anyone propose any elk be removed, killed? When we go over to PR next time and look for elk, what do I tell my kid?

#275

Name: Sutter, Sally

Correspondence: I feel very strongly these elk were here before these buildings and they have priority. We need to start preserving wildlife and I firmly feel the elk have a right to live without threat of being culled! Unacceptable!

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#277

Name: Amarello, Melissa

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative F for the General Management Plan for Ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative F is the only plan under the EIS consistent with The National Park Service's mission to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

The General Management Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore should prioritize the preservation of natural resources, native wildlife, and visitor opportunities over private profit. Alternative F is the only alternative in the draft EIS that does this. Killing wildlife to accommodate commercial interests is inconsistent with the mission and spirit of the National Park Service. Instead, restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

Choose native wildlife, natural resources, and visitor opportunities over private profit by choosing Alternative F.

#278

Name: Hyde, Hilary

Correspondence: 1. More bike access and trails 2. Less beef ranches and definitely not more than 10 yr leases 3. Keep tule elk at present location and herd size 4. Return oyster farms (less pollutants than beef!!) 5. Or get rid of all private leases.

#279

Name: Vincent , Monica

Correspondence: I am concerned about the deterioration of our National Heritage Park in Point Reyes. Taxpayers have voted to preserve this sensitive beautiful shoreline for all to enjoy now and into the future, and unless we have given up on the future! The impact of cattle would not fit with the herds of elk that is now present in Point Reyes National park. Cattle with their impact on soil, water should NOT be raised on rare and shrinking shorelines. A better use? Teach children about our natural world and the importance of preserving some natural open areas. Teach them to walk through the park and observe their natural world for once it disappears it is not replaceable. No farms, cattle, sheep, chickens should be raised here. Thank you

#280

Name: Anzalone, Annette

Correspondence: 1. THE RANCHERS SHOULD FENCE IN THEIR LEASED LAND AND THEIR ANIMALS.

2. People and wildlife should be able to access the rest of the park.

#281

Name: Pinkham, Chelsea

Correspondence: To the Point Reyes National Park Service,

I am submitting my public comment in favor of Alternative F- the end of commercial ranching on Point Reyes and the expansion of public use. Increased public use in place of ranching would bring in revenue in addition to, most importantly, return the national seashore to its rightful status as belonging to the public. After all, National Parks were created "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people"; and it is clear that "the people", or the American public, opposes commercial use in National Parks and on public lands. Public use (in sustainable doses, of course) can inspire citizens to fall in love with our public lands, and give incentive for the public to want to protect them. I will never forget how deeply impacted I was after my first camping trip to Yosemite as a child; it sparked a lifetime of love towards open spaces and an unwavering desire to protect them at all costs. When I began extensive research on the Point Reyes ranching issue, I was absolutely dumbfounded with the sheer destruction so clearly documented yet conveniently ignored by NPS, an organization which I have always respected and revered to the highest extent. In NPS' environmental impact statement it is acknowledged that ranching causes soil erosion, water pollution, and endangerment of native plant and animal species. Ravens attracted by ranching predate on threatened Snowy Plovers, frogs are likely trampled by hooves in cattle ponds, animals become entangled in barbed wire fencing, and cattle compete with the native Tule Elk for grazing. It is ludicrous to think that cattle, an introduced, domestic species would be given priority over native, endemic species which the land rightfully belongs to. The Tule Elk have roamed the California coast for over 10,000 years. Is it not obvious that a native ruminant species which has evolved for such a drastic time period to fill its specific niche in its given ecosystem would be better suited to manage and graze the land than domestic cattle? As a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, environmental advocate and National Park admirer, it truly breaks my heart that an organization as reputable as the National Park Service would compromise both animal welfare and environmental stewardship for the sake of appeasing commercial interests. I know that NPS knows what is happening is wrong, and hope with all of my heart that you will exercise your legal right to evict these ranches immediately. The Tule Elk, the Snowy Plover, the California Red Legged Frog, and concerned citizens across the United States are depending on you to make the right decision.

Sincerely, Chelsea

#282

Name: Gendreau, Rob

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore I applaud the Park Service's decision re managing the elk herds.

And I'm also glad they have managed to strike an appropriate balance with the historic cultural uses of the land in the area. Pt Reyes is unique in that regard, and was a model for integrating and preserving ag uses while preserving open space and habitat. One can see the results of that ethic throughout Western Marin and in many other locations, both in government managed land and outside of it.

#283

Name: Janes, Joshua

Correspondence: The proposed plan to exterminate tule elk on Point Reyes and replace them with cattle is a disgusting perversion of the true mission of the national parks service. These animals are nearly extirpated from California and soon will be if corrupt environmentally-negligent planning like this is allowed to continue. Please come to your senses and start protecting the lands and ecosystems that your organisation is supposed to protect.

#284

Name: welsh, shari

Correspondence: Please protect our wildlife and places for them to live. First the BLM is trying to kill Native Elk at Point Reyes Seashore. The BLM/ DEPT OF INT/ UADA / USFS/USWS are all corrupt and serve the cattle / meat/ dairy thugs and are doing the opposite of protecting Americans, wildlife or the environment. They are trying to kill Elk for cattle ranchers - get the subsidized cattle off Point Reyes and all our lands! PLEASE PASS A LAW TO PROTECT OUR LANDS, PARKS, FORESTS, WILDLIFE, WILD HORSES FROM CATTLE / SHEEP RANCHERS AND CORRUPTED GOV AGENCIES !

CATTLE RANCHERS WHOSE MANURE AND METHANE NITRATES POLLUTED RIVERS STREAMS CAUSING DEATH OF SALMON AND CATTLE RANCHERS CAUSING GLOBAL WARMING ALSO KILLING SALMON AND EVERYTHING - STOP THEM FROM MURDERING WILDLIFE GET RID OF CATTLE THEY ARE DESTROYING OUR PLANET! CATTLE ARE AN INVASIVE SPECIES AND CAUSE DESERTIFICATION, NOXIOUS WEED INVASION, DESTRUCTION OF ALL WATERWAYS, DESTRUCTION OF ALL NATIVE PLANTS, SPREAD DISEASE, E COLI, SALMONELLA, MAD COW AND CATTLE RANCHERS MURDER NATIVE WILDLIFE TO TAKE OVER WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR THEIR DESTRUCTIVE CATTLE.

#285

Name: Barraza, Rachelle

Correspondence: We shouldn't be killing animals just so we can get some meat and milk. It's just wrong. It's their home not ours.

#286

Name: Watson, Brian

Correspondence: Alternative F is the best solution. No meat industry on public lands!

#287

Name: Werner, Maximilian

Correspondence: Regarding allowing ranching at the Point Reyes National Seashore, I urge you not to go through with it. As a long time resident of Utah and denizen of the West, I have seen first hand how destructive cattle are to these areas and to wildlife. If the NPS has any foresight at all, it will scrap its plan to permit grazing. The American public, of which I am a member, does not want it. Ranching is an outdated and destructive means of making a living. It enriches the few to the detriment of many, including our wild places that, now more than ever, need all the protection they can get.

#288

Name: Popchak, Richard

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

I do not support Alternative B of the Draft General Management Plan (GMPA) and (EIS) for ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore. I do not believe we should be prioritizing cattle over Tule elk. I do not support a management plan that allows ranchers to receive enhanced benefits when the best alternative is to completely remove the ranching. There was never any intention of permanence when the national seashore was established.

Sincerely,

Richard Popchak

#289

Name: Gardner, Kirsten

Correspondence: I oppose the plan to allow ranching operations to expand in Point Reyes. I believe it is time for the ranchers to leave the public park. I oppose the killing of any Tule Elk. Everyday there is more scientific evidence of the harm caused to our environment by ranching and animal agriculture. To allow these operations today in a public park of all places, and to kill native wildlife who were there first, is unconscionable. I think you should do the right thing, not what wealthy and powerful lobbies and corrupted politicians say you should do. Be brave. I have seen the documentary "The Shame of Point Reyes". It's terrifying and sad. I am spreading the word about this everywhere I can. Thank you, Kirsten Gardner

#290

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I support the proposed general management plan amendment draft environmental impact statement. Point Reyes is a model of natural and commercial harmony. The farmers and ranchers should be allowed to farm, raise different animals and provide overnight accommodations on ranch and farm property. Culling of the elk herd should occur as necessary.

#291

Name: Sweeney, Ellen

Correspondence: The Tule Elk are native to the Pt. Reyes area; cows are not. Ranches take up 30 percent of the park and heavily pollute the area with feces and contaminated runoff, including E. coli. This not only degrades the environment for the elk and other wildlife who live there, but degrades it as an important tourist attraction. Yes, people really do come from other countries to see the gorgeous California coastline and Tule Elk. In addition, we pay taxes to the government to protect our federal parks. But instead of protecting this beautiful park, not only do ranches get government subsidies for animal agriculture, our federal taxes also pay for the upkeep of these ranches. The ranchers are hardly the poor, struggling farmers they portray themselves to be. Please put an end to this travesty before other ranchers start destroying other national parks.

#292

Name: Torma, Jane

Correspondence: You have to do the right thing here. The ranchers and farmers have been paid for the land, it is no longer theirs. The cattle are foreign invaders on our public land, not meant to be there because they destroy the native grasses. The Tule elk are native, meant to be there! Get rid of all the cattle and leave the land to the native elk and plants for the public to enjoy! Isn't that your job?

#293

Name: Hernandez, Jesus

Correspondence: Do what ever it takes to keep it wild if cattle ranchers want to stay the rents should increase 100

fold elks where there first. Bring back native Americans too after all they are the true inhabitants of Point Reyes not the cattle ranchers why shouldn't they be allowed to repopulate ?

#294

Name: Rust, John

Correspondence: With 90 million cattle in the US they are overwhelming much of the natural landscape. There are very few Tule elk. National parks are places to prioritize native plants and animals. Cattle disturb the landscape, eroding it, leaving manure, cause erosion, and disturb natural waterways. The National Park Service is charged with protecting natural places. Do your job! Eliminate the cattle from Point Reyes National Seashore. Respectfully submitted. Thank you.

#295

Name: Forsyth, Susan

Correspondence: Do not kill the tule elk!

Are there any limits on the number of cattle? Has the thought that dairy ranching might decline because of its impact on global warming been explored?

Why limit the elk?

Please move some of the herd to another location.

This species needs to thrive, not be limited.

#296

Name: Jaynes, Lorna

Correspondence: No cattle or other ranching. Save the tule elk and other native soexies

#297

Name: Oppenheim , Juliet

Correspondence: Please protect the precious land we have left! Do not choose profit over wildlife. National parks are gems for all citizens to come, enjoy, and be in awe of nature. I have visited Point Reyes and want the park to fulfill its mission of protecting and preserving wildlife!

#298

Name: durham, jack

Correspondence: Point Reyes should be kept for Elk and other wildlife. No cattle please.

#299

Name: Bailey, Mark

Correspondence: The NPS preferred plan for management of Pt Reyes is disgusting. One look at the place driving through leads one to the conclusion that cattle ranching is not only out of hand, leading to extreme degradation of the park's natural integrity, but it simply cannot be justified in any way for a public lands policy.

Additionally, to cull the native elk in favor of cattle is an insult. I'm amazed that cattle ranching is allowed at all in the park. It is simply unjustifiable.

For years I have been visiting the Seashore and have always been disgusted with the allowing of ranching within the Seashore boundaries. It's offensive and should never have been allowed in the first place, much less perpetuated. Stop this giveaway to cattle ranching-they are undeserving.

#300

Name: Young, Scott

Correspondence: Our fellow USA citizen & international friends that visit Point Reyes National Seashore are always visiting to see nature & natural wildlife. Miles of bar wire fences, cow poo-ponds, pee-creeks, horrible erosion, liquid tankers, industry commercial buildings, toxic tidal pools is NOT a positive sight. Did not the USA citizens pay for Point Reyes National Seashore? Have not the terms of the original agreement been 100% satisfied? What is wrong with natural nature being allowed to thrive and visitors allowed to peacefully enjoy nature in a National Seashore? Is Point Reyes National Seashore a National Seashore for all to enjoy or a commercial industrial for-profit enterprise that benefits only a few and harms many? Mass cruelty & mass-killing of the Elk and other wildlife for a cruel, polluting, damaging cattle & dairy industry to profit from on a National Seashore makes no sense to me whatsoever. Concerned Citizen, Scott Young

#301

Name: Oliver, Eric

Correspondence: I am concerned about the impact grazing has on the area, because across the country the presence of cattle have been shown to affect and stress local ecosystems, paving the way for invasive species, soil erosion, and decreases in water quality and availability. Ranching is part of a multiple use framework to be sure, but should be carefully balanced with other issues such as recreation and landscape-scale conservation of plant and animal species.

#302

Name: Archer, Lisa

Correspondence: Expanding agriculture and culling Tule elk is a terrible idea. These are public lands intended to provide both habitat for endangered wildlife and public recreation. There are plenty of areas where organic agriculture can occur in the Bay Area that don't compromise the ability of endangered animals to survive. Please leave Point Reyes alone and keep it wild and beautiful.

#303

Name: Conger, Valerie

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service, I am absolutely horrified at learning that the National Park Service is proposing killing elk to favor grazing allotments in the Point Reyes National Seashore. It is the National Park Service's mandate to protect Park resources for future generations, NOT to promote public grazing. To kill a wild animal that has far more right to the land than any domestic livestock does is completely and utterly senseless and morally wrong. We already know that the human population cannot sustain itself on a diet of meat - the planet simply cannot meet the demands of a growing world population. To favor grazing allotments over protecting precious wildlife resources is not only absurd, wrong and utterly unconscionable, it is also a complete waste of natural resources and involves kicking the can down the road instead of embracing the very reality that humans cannot continue to consume meat in the quantities they do if they wish to feed a growing population of humans. The National Park Service is required to protect the Parks' wild resources. The National Park Service needs to be reminded of this and needs to abandon any thoughts of killing elk to favor private ranching interests on public lands. The elk belong to the American People who pay taxes to support the National Parks. It is the National Park Service's responsibility to protect these elk against private ranching interests. Respectfully, Valerie Conger

#304

Name: Jordan, Peter

Correspondence: To kill off the native elk for the profits of private industry on public lands meant for the enjoyment of the natural beauty and wildlife is absurd. I do not believe this is in the interests of public stewardship of the land. I do not believe this proposal is anything but a corruption of the duty entrusted to those who are charged with protecting these lands.

#305

Name: Chaffee, Mary Jane

Correspondence: I understand there is an effort to kill the naturally existing elk in the Point Reyes area of California in order to make room for privately owned...Privately Owned...cattle. Apparently the elk are eating the grasses and vegetation that the Privately Owned cattle owners would prefer go to their cows. So they are opening a kill season on the indigenous elk in the area to eradicate the problem. I have seen this so many times. On public land, to naturally existing wildlife that has been migrating and living for eons in an area, ...the law (and morality) is bent and twisted to accommodate a private citizen or corporation in order for them to make more money and control Public Land to their advantage. As a citizen I am outraged by this.

There should be no killing of elk or any other animal at Point Reyes in order for a private citizen or corporation to make money off grazing cattle. This has to stop, at Point Reyes and every other Public Land.

#306

Name: arsanis, lynn

Correspondence: I am against the plan to reduce the tule elk by killing a set amount yearly. They are common and original animals to this area and deserve to thrive and enjoy their natural environment. I am not in support of allowing more cattle to graze and eat the natural foods as needed for the elk. I do hope this problem has other more natural alternatives to allow all animals to share this beautiful habitat together. thank you, Lynn Arsanis

#307

Name: Brown, Terrance Chitcus

Correspondence: The Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore Reserve was established by the US Congress by Public Law. The recent EIS Preview developed by entities out and away from the Pt. Reyes Tule Elk and the Reserve. Should be mindful of the circumstances that surround this one sided biased document that redefines the term "Animal Capacity" at the Pt. Reyes Reserve. The NPS-EIS further suggests that the NPS may kill Adult Tule Elk at will to maintain small Cattle size herds that can be killed any time by the New Historic Farmers -LLC, Industrialized Dairy Farms, and Cattle ops that will increase veal production by 2021. These proposed guidelines that have been put forth by the NPS will for ever change the Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore Reserve. There is nothing in the original legislation that permits long time/permanent living on the Pt. Reyes Reserve. It was set aside for the Nation to enjoy. It was not set up to cater to a Marin Zoo for 10,000 Head of Cattle. 600 Pack Horses. 6,000 Goats. 4,000 Pigs, 4,000 new Dairy Cattle. 7,000 Head of new Cattle. And 900 Chickens. This does not include the Education Centers and the Lecture Theaters that will be scattered through the Reserve. The Federal Government has Federal Agencies that operate under Federal law and guidelines that manage federal lands, federal leases, and Cattle. The new proposal to manage the aforementioned is both absurd and out of bounds for the National Park Service. Cease and Desist Return the Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore back to the Public.

#308

Name: Seid, Becky

Correspondence: Number of cattle grazing in Point Reyes: 6,485 Number of free-roaming tule elk: 212 Pounds of dry-weight forage an average adult Holstein dairy cow eats daily: 50 Estimated pounds of dry-weight forage an average tule elk eats daily: 9 Studies showing environmental impacts or overgrazing by elk at Point Reyes: 0

Number of imperiled wildlife species at Point Reyes for which livestock grazing was a factor in their listing as endangered or threatened: 14 Gallons of water cattle drink each day in the Seashore and GGNRA lands: 156,000

From this information, it would appear to anyone with common sense that the cattle are the ones negatively impacting Point Reyes. Their numbers should be lessened, not the NATIVE Tule elk. NPS's "Preferred Alternative B" is a wholesale giveaway of our public land. It prioritizes ranching over recreation, wildlife and protecting natural resources. It commits our national seashore to commercial cattle grazing for decades to come. Point Reyes National Seashore belongs to all of us and should be managed for the greater public good and not a few commercial ranching interests.

#309

Name: Pajot, Laura

Correspondence: I support the Alternative F plan for the Point Reyes National Seashore and the north district of Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

I believe that public lands should be only available for wildlife and public usages. The use of Public Lands for leasing for livestock operation grazing, etc, is not the best use of those lands for all citizens' of the United States of America.

I believe that the additional opportunities for use of some of the vacant ranch complexes to support a higher level of visitation such as a car-camping campground, larger trailhead, and other visitor facilities is best for these lands. With the removal of ranching operations, NPS would have additional buildings to consider using for park maintenance operations as well as additional structures that could be considered for removal if no appropriate use could be found. Once ranching has been removed, it will be wonderful to have additional implementation planning for visitor use that comprehensively addresses and evaluates trail-based recreation, day use, and overnight opportunities in the park could be needed to reconsider the distribution of visitor opportunities. I believe that NPS should not limit the population growth or geographic extent of free-range elk in Point Reyes. NPS management of elk would occur only to support other resource protection needs and management goals.

#310

Name: Flanagan, Molly

Correspondence: I am deeply disturbed by the NPS's recommendation to adopt Alternative B. As you know, this would extend a 20-year lease to cattle ranchers and require Tule Elk living on those lands to be killed. This is both environmentally and ethically untenable.

The environmental impacts of animal agriculture have been documented, both globally and locally. According to the UN, farming animals is the source of 51% of greenhouse gasses on the planet. In Pt. Reyes, it is no different, the beef and dairy industries are the largest emitter of greenhouse gases. Additionally, these farms are polluting coastal water systems, eroding soil, spreading invasive weeds and degrading habitats, all of which impact wild species living on land, in creeks, and in the nearby ocean. The 2019 United Nations report on climate change calls for reforming agricultural practices, specifically reducing cattle to mitigate dangerously high temperatures, drought, and extreme weather events.

What kind of analysis could possibly justify a proposal that would allow this to continue? It is unacceptable to prioritize industry interests over habitats and the species who rely on them. And it is deeply unethical to kill elk to enable the exploitation of cattle, for profit. The citizens of the Bay Area and visitors to Pt. Reyes from all over the world care deeply about these lands and the creatures who inhabit them. It is imperative to find a solution that protects life in this sensitive ecosystem, instead of destroying it. Environmental stewardship demands the following alternative:

No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashores Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

Thank you.

#311

Name: Prasad, Kamal

Correspondence: There are more cows in Point Reyes than there are Tule Elk in the whole world. We don't need another threat to the endangered species.

#312

Name: Holland, Susan

Correspondence: I support prioritizing these lands in their natural state over ranching interests. If some ranching can be done without harming the land, fine. However, there should not be 6x as many cattle and other livestock grazing here as elk, deer and other native species.

#313

Name: Donohue, Roxanne

Correspondence: Why are you using our National Park land to give welfare to ranchers which in turn causes more environmental damage and adding to the climate crisis we need our wild animals to keep our eco system in good order the way it was meant to be!

#314

Name: Kopf, Inger

Correspondence: environmental issues/impact topics analyzed;

It is well established that ranching is harmful to the environment - PLEASE take a PROGRESSIVE stand. The time of messing around for antiquated desires is over!

THANK YOU

#315

Name: N/A, Marcus

Correspondence: I am asking on behalf of the tax paying citizens of the state of California that the park planning service do the right thing and approve alternative F in favor of the American public and the Native Tule Elk. I am asking that you all stop leasing our public lands to private commercial interests such as the beef and dairy farmers/industry. We need to let the endemic Tule Elk roam free on one of the last remaining patches of land freely available to them: the Point Reyes National Seashore.

I want to be able to enjoy these lands with my family and friends for years to come. Expanding hiking trails and picnic and camp sites could bring in revenue for the area as well as sustainably maintain our beautiful coast. Allowing commercial interests to trump the facts that cattle are damaging the delicate ecosystem by accelerating the erosion process with their heavy bodies and polluting our waterways with manure is irresponsible.

Please don't be fooled by claims that non native ruminant animal grazing is regenerative. How can this be when most other native established predator and prey species are displaced or killed to protect farmers profits? As a

proud Bay Area resident and life long Californian, I humbly ask that you protect the interests of our citizens, our environment and our native species over that of commercial profits.

Thank you for your time.

#316

Name: Poole , Patricia

Correspondence: Totally against allowing leasing of parks for ranching. We bought these lands for environmental purposes, not so that ranchers can make money. Stop usurping our national parks for private business. The taxpayer funded these lands and they aren't for making profits for private industry to utilize and damage.

#317

Name: Adams , Julie

Correspondence: Let the Elk Live !!

#318

Name: Fogle, Holly

Correspondence: We have visited Point Reyes many times and have always delighted in it. The last time we were there we saw bobcats which was a thrill. The new proposal to allow row crops, cull the elk, etc seems counter to everything a National Park stands for. I can see row crops and cows anywhere.... just drive through the entire midwest. But the ocean, elk, bobcats, owls, etc are what makes Point Reyes special and worthy of visitors. Please preserve that for future Americans. Sincerely, Holly Fogle

#319

Name: Collins, Chris

Correspondence: Please do not make these changes. Protect the tule elk, protect the habitat. Stop the commercialization!

#320

Name: Frazier, Maggie

Correspondence: We, the taxpayers bought out the dairy & beef ranches in the 1960s & 1970s - these were supposed to be relocated OUT of the park. NOW the Park Service wants to give these businesses (thats what they are) 20 year leases & KILL THE NATIVE ANIMALS in order for these businesses to continue? These ranchers agreed to relocate - why is this not happening? The native animals deserve to live there without being harassed & killed so that these ranchers can continue pasturing their cattle in a National Park? All over this country, native animals are being culled in order for ranching corporations to continue their destructive ways. There should be NO question as to which entity continues to live in our National Park! Why is there this attempt to undo the agreement made years ago? And TWENTY year commitments? Ridiculous. These businesses and their NON-NATIVE animals do not belong in a National Park.

#321

Name: Albert, Deborah

Correspondence: This is an atrocity and nothing short of raping our public lands. We must protect our wildlife.

#322

Name: Hew, Sean

Correspondence: The NPS should not go through with this proposal. Point Reyes is a unique habitat with species rarely seen in these types of environments. California residents would much rather restrict the farmers and protect the habitat for wildlife. Please do not cull the elk or introduce any new livestock to the region. If anything, we should be taking steps to remove the ranchers and return Point Reyes to a truly protected land.

#323

Name: Pavese, Tamara

Correspondence: We need to stop giving every bit of our public land to cattle ranchers. The spaces for wildlife are dwindling. They have more rights to this land than anyone else. If cattle ranchers don't have the land for their property then they need to dwindle their own inventory. Not start putting "it" on public land.

#324

Name: Campi, Nathan

Correspondence: The mission of the NPS is to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.". In this case there's no preservation of natural resources and the wildlife and landscape will be impaired. Point Reyes is an amazing local park where I regularly go on mini safaris. I see burrowing owls, elk, bobcats, foxes and coyotes every time. Irregularly I see badgers, harriers, otters and other amazing wildlife. Allowing row crops and more domestic farm animals will impinge on these wild animals and bring them into conflict with ranchers. In the NPS rules and policies we need to preserve the land and wildlife, not alter it.

We also need to not cull the elk population. We already depopulated elk from the state at large, they need to be allowed to coexist with cows and be allowed to thrive.

#325

Name: Barrington, William

Correspondence: My wife and I first visited Point Reyes a few years ago and we intend another few days at Reyes Station in October so we can spend more time in this magical place. I cannot see any reference to the impact on visitor numbers including those like me from overseas and I am sure tourism whether local or from overseas contributes beneficially to the local economy. I would be loathe to visit Point Reyes again if further commercialization spoils the flora and fauna of the point. I can see the necessity of managing the elk herds for their own future but not just to line farmers pockets. I hope common sense will prevail and these unique herds and environment will continue to be protected for generations to come.

#326

Name: Cohen, Susan

Correspondence: This proposal is ill-conceived and will undermine the purpose of our National Parks. Point Reyes is beautiful and should be preserved not sacrificed to commercial interests.

#327

Name: Kingen, David

Correspondence: Once again the greed of a select few out way the desire of the majority. This is public land keep it that way! You will feel the affect at the poles if you do this!!!

#328

Name: Steider, Linda

Correspondence: Please do NOT cull the beautiful Tule Elk, there are not that many of them. I had the honor &

privilege of watching them several times and hope my grandchildren who live in CA will see them one day. We are already closing down enough national park areas in the name of mining, drilling, grazing and there truly isn't enough room on our planet any more to put greed over the animals who roamed before we took over their space.

Row crops? In the beautiful grasslands & wildlife habitat? Where will you move (or do you also plan to cull) the Northern Harriers and other birds that nest on the ground there? Or the rodents, rabbits, etc that are food sources for coyote, bobcats, fox, & raptors? Once the crops are planted there will be pesticides, killing off any remaining species, butterflies, bees, ladybugs, etc.

New domestic farm animals ~ why? Isn't there plenty of room for them in the Central Valley? Why are you trying to squeeze them into this amazing national area of beauty & serenity that millions of visitors and locals enjoy so immensely. You know farm animals will bring 'predators' (who are already there!), causing more conflict with the farmers who will want to kill the bobcats & coyotes for eating chickens or chasing down a goat or harassing pigs & sheep if not killing them for food.

I love the National Park Service. Wherever I go, I find the closest National Park to visit so that I can see birds and wildlife, wild open areas and fill my soul with peace and joy. I am a fervent supporter, but this proposal is devastating to wildlife. Please don't do it!

#329

Name: Robin, John

Correspondence: I am opposed to elk culling, row crops and new domestic farm animals for Point Reyes National Seashore. This is a priceless habitat along the California coast that must be preserved in its current state. Politicians voted into office should prevent the greed of special interest groups to outweigh the wishes of their constituents and maintain our national commitment to preserve natural spaces. This is a land grab that must be stopped.

I vote and pay taxes and I will monitor the politicians who are in favor of this proposal. You will lose my vote if you advance this agenda.

John Robin

#330

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am vehemently opposed to any amendment that allows new agricultural species and/or row crops on our National Park Lands. Our national parks should be dedicated to native species like the Tule Elk. The Tule Elk should be the priority, NOT the cattle.

Sincerely, MZ

#331

Name: Schott, Pat

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a recreational area for my family. I am not fully apprised of all the competing interests given that I live over a thousand miles from there. From my perspective, I understand the need for farmers to get bigger, perhaps expand their operations and add to the economy.

However, that will come at a cost of dissuading vacationers and visitors to the area. I would have no interest in coming to that area of the country if it is just another farming area, with row crops, fertilizers and manure pits. Less tourism will affect the whole San Fran area. I think there are quite few others like me in this regard.

Secondly, it is my understanding that the farmers are leasing the land and that it is not their land. Don't the wild species therefore have precedent over commercial operations?

Third, given the current low farm prices, it appears there are too many farms in the USA now, producing too much milk and too many tons of soybeans and corn. US farmers are producing more than the US and world markets can absorb. Do we really need to encourage more farming and is that a good balance now? Farm prices would say "No." We don't need more large commercial operations. Perhaps we need less farms and a more broad based economy based on something like eco-tourism. There is a market for that world-wide.

#332

Name: Quoyeser, Alison

Correspondence: The National Park Service recently published their proposal for the future management of 28,000 acres of land currently leased to beef and dairy ranchers within Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The proposal is devastating to wildlife. It includes:

The culling of tule elk
The conversion of public land to commercial row crops
The introduction of new domestic farm animals
All of this...inside your National Park.

Elk Culling:

6,000 cows compete with 125 tule elk for grass inside the National Park. This has caused the lease holders to push for the removal of the tule elk. In the proposed NPS plan, the elk population of the Drakes Beach herd would be capped at 120 and each year the National Park Service would kill as many elk necessary to reach their proposed limit.

Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The killing of elk to mitigate a conflict with cows is incomprehensible and against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources.

Row Crops:

The NPS proposal would allow current park grasslands and wildlife habitat to be converted to commercial row crops.

Today row crops are not allowed in the park. Why is the NPS allowing this new land use? How does this provide maximum protection for our wildlife? This land is home to bobcats, coyotes, badgers, long tailed weasels, grey fox, tule elk and black tailed deer. It is home to mice, gophers, snakes, lizards and countless insects. It is home to ground nesting birds such as northern harriers, red winged blackbirds and sparrows. It is hunting grounds for red tailed hawks, white tailed kites, great horned owls, barn owls and dozens of other species. The conversion of this land will have a devastating impact on the park's native species, let alone the environmental impact of pesticide use, new fencing, rodent and rabbit conflicts, commercial vehicle traffic and all else that comes with commercial farming.

New Farm Animals:

Lease holders will be allowed to raise previously unauthorized domestic animals for commercial purposes including pigs, chickens, sheep and goats.

Look what has happened with the conflict between grass eating cows and tule elk. It ends with the killing of tule elk. What is going to happen when a bobcat takes a chicken or a coyote takes a pig? The introduction of new domestic animals will MOST CERTAINLY create conflict with native wildlife. Major habitat loss will also happen for native animals from this new land use. This must not be allowed.

The current proposal by the National Park Service will have a massive negative impact to the park's native wildlife. I am absolutely devastated by this news.

#333

Name: Joder, Brian

Correspondence: Hello National Park Service,

At what point will you STOP allowing cattle grazing on PUBLIC LAND against the will of the majority of people? Not to mention the DAMAGE cattle grazing does to any area they are allowed to be in.

How much is it to lease this land? How about if you put that land up for public lease to OTHER users (conservation/recreational or other PUBLIC uses)? Why do cattle ranching have priority?

These are PUBLIC lands, not for the profit of private industry. When will the NPS start acting like they are for the benefit of the PEOPLE instead of PRIVATE companies or individuals.

Please DO NOT continue the land leases for cattle ranching.

#334

Name: Zipp, James

Correspondence: This National Park has been treated like a private ranch for years against rulings many years ago. To now make matters worse by allowing new crops and farm animals not to mention the killing of native elk to make way for more cows in a National Park is against the entire concept and just plain wrong.

Jim Zipp

#335

Name: Luk, Andrew

Correspondence: No farming of any kind inside Point Reyes Nat'l Seashore & Golden Gate Nat'l Recreation Areas!

#336

Name: Carss, Derick

Correspondence: As a Marin County resident and environmentally concerned citizen I strongly object to these plans. We spend our tax dollars to preserve our most important lands, protect our native species, and maintain the integrity of our natural world. These plans are in direct conflict with these principles.

The NPS has an obligation to protect native species: • We should not be prioritizing the monetization of non-native species over the protection of native ones • As the only National Park unit that is home to tule deer, their protection should be our number one concern

Beyond contradicting the basic principles upon which the NPS was founded, there is a genuine concern for the precedent this sets. Protecting the rights of industry over the natural environment with cows taking priority over tule elk is a dangerous path to go down. Introducing new domestic animals would likely put other native species in conflict with domestic animals (i.e. domestic chickens versus native bobcats), and before long the integrity of the entire park would be lost.

For these reasons, please reconsider both the ideas to cull tule elk and introduce more domestic animals.

#337

Name: Heath, Jessica

Correspondence: These proposed measures benefit a very small number of leaseholders within the public land, while having a negative impact on the wildlife that land is reserved to protect. The wildlife's needs must be given primary consideration, and leaseholders must come work within those constraints, not the other way around. The proposed measures must be struck down.

#338

Name: Martin, Paris

Correspondence: The proposal for the public lands should prioritize conservation and natural habitat protection as there is very little left in the US compared to what there was in the past. Keeping ranching to the bare minimum in this park will help preserve biodiversity (which is in a downward trend across the world) and help preserve habitat that acts as a carbon sink in the fight against climate change. The proposed management plan should have minimal or no ranching for the park and instead focuses on habitat and animal protection

#339

Name: Ballard , Momie

Correspondence: Just move them from the area Or reroute them to a different area. Don't kill them.

#340

Name: Roth, Annie

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor of Point Reyes, I am completely opposed to the harmful measures outlined in this proposal. The culling of tule elk is unacceptable. These native animals have a right to that land. The farmers in point reyes are constantly breaking the rules (putting disease-tainted cow feces in elk habitat, leaving dead calves out, etc) yet somehow their needs are put before those of native species. These farmers are lucky the state allows them to raise cattle here, they are getting greedy asking for more of the park to destroy for agriculture. If you've seen these ranches you know how much damage they have caused to the landscape. This is a national park, its natural resources belong to all of us, not a handful of farmers exploiting legal loopholes.

#341

Name: Dacus, Lorelei

Correspondence: The proposed changes by the National Park Service to Point Reyes National Seashore would be terrible for the park. At this time when the current president is doing everything he can to devastate and destroy the environment and diminish national parks, the National Park Service must do everything it can to sustain and support our parks. As a supporter and contributor to the National Park Service, Point Reyes and the National Park Assn, I am truly saddened that, in particular, you would consider the conversion of public land to commercial row crops. As someone who lives in an area where hemp production has taken over every piece of available acreage, i can tell you it is a depressing prospect for national parks to change to any row crops. I truly have sympathy for ranchers and farmers but I believe culling the elk population and adding new farm animals is in the long run, a short sided approach and will be more harmful to the overall beloved wildlife of the Point Reyes National Seashore.

#342

Name: Buehler, Riley

Correspondence: Please rethink these measures. The NPS is meant to safeguard our natural parks and wildlife, not sacrifice them to industry.

Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The killing of elk to mitigate a conflict with cows is incomprehensible and against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources.

Today row crops are not allowed in the park. Why is the NPS allowing this new land use? How does this provide maximum protection for our wildlife? The conversion of this land will have a devastating impact on the park's native species, let alone the environmental impact of pesticide use, new fencing, rodent and rabbit conflicts, commercial vehicle traffic and all else that comes with commercial farming.

The introduction of new domestic animals will MOST CERTAINLY create conflict with native wildlife. Major habitat loss will also happen for native animals from this new land use. This must not be allowed.

#343

Name: RAFFEL, COREY

Correspondence: What is going on here. Point Reyes is a National Seashore, it is not a farm. The original 25 year leases to the farms have been extended far beyond the original agreement. Efforts by the NPS should be directed to protected the natural environment of the park, not to increasing the activities on the farms, which will be detrimental to the wildlife. 600 elk, 3000 cows, and the elk are a problem? They are a native species that needs protection, not culling. The park does not exist so that we can put more money in the farmers' pockets. Do your job!

#344

Name: Barrett, Wade

Correspondence: I visit the park regularly. I would like to see more Elk and fewer subsidized dairy cows on this publicly owned land. Thank you.

#345

Name: Woodard, Michael

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam: We are longtime vacation visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore. I find the proposal to cap the Tule Elk population at 120 head, and to substitute row crops for grasslands appalling. The impact on the natural environment and visitor experience would be highly negative. These proposals are especially infuriating given NPS's eventual destruction of the oyster business inside the Seashore. I have to ask, "What and whose money is wagging this dog?" I will be forwarding my concerns to Senators Angus King and Susan Collins, both known for their advocacy for Maine's parks and wildlands, as well as Representatives Golden and Pingree. Sincerely, Michael Woodard

#346

Name: Buehler, Robert

Correspondence: The present use of this protected land through lease to ranchers is invasive enough to the native animal population. The proposed change is horribly ignorant of the whole idea of protected wilderness space that has been part of America for at least 150 years. I strongly support the rejection of the proposed change.

#347

Name: Dunlap, Diana

Correspondence: This is SO wrong, trading commercial use of land for protected ELK. I thought this was a National Park, not to be exploited

#348

Name: Costanzo, John

Correspondence: Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The culling of tule elk is wrong-headed after they have returned from the brink non-existence. We need more diverse areas to help them thrive.

This land is home to dozens of mammal and bird species. The conversion of public land to commercial row crops is another misguided idea that will threaten these species.

I'm also befuddled to the reasoning for introducing new domestic farm animals. This will surely promote clashes with wild animals and if the decision to cull tule elk is any hint, this will not go well for wild animals.

I strongly recommend that the NPS follow proposal A: leave things as they are.

#349

Name: Stansfield, Lesley

Correspondence: I remember hiking the lost coast and coming across a big beautiful elk feet from the path. What a thrilling experience to be so close. I also have seen elk in Pt Reyes and would much prefer to see them than cows. There are far too few places to see wildlife these days and the places that they live are precious. Please do anything possible to keep agribusiness from taking over natural areas. Lesley

#350

Name: Hutchison , Heather

Correspondence: Are you effing crazy? The whole purpose of the Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore is the preservation of native wildlife and a place to go to get away from commercialization and human encroachment. This proposal is nothing short of criminal mismanagement of public resources. With massive extinction events occurring all over the world, and stress, depression, and suicides at an all time high, why in the world do you seek to destroy one of the few sacred retreats the people have to seek solace and peace? I vote a huge and overwhelming NO to this proposal!

#351

Name: Conner, Blair

Correspondence: This is crazy. Why would we decrease the amount of wildlife in a national park and then increase the commercial farming inside it? We're supposed to be protecting the natural environment!

#352

Name: van Gogh, David

Correspondence: This is an outrageous plan. National Parks are the one place people can go and experience nature in it's purest form. Please don't implement this plan or any other that allows plants and wildlife to be killed at the expense of business interests.

Respectfully, Dave van Gogh Eagle Scout 1985

#353

Name: Dancsecs, Walter

Correspondence: Hello, I am opposed to the NPS' proposal to cull tule elk, introduce or allow additional farm animals within the park and I am opposed to introducing row farming to the park.

#354

Name: goldfarb, Steven

Correspondence: The introduction of farm animals into Point Reyes is inconsistent with the purposes of the area which is home to many native animals whose very existence will be threatened by this action. This land should remain available to the general public and not for commercial private gain.

#355

Name: Hackett, Cheryl

Correspondence: I strongly disagree with killing of the Elk. The taxpayers bought this land for preservation purposes, not to raise cattle, raise other farm animals, nor for crops or some organized tourism.

If cattle & Elk can co-exist without stripping the land, then I'm ok with a short lease for grazing. If the lease is short, it will be easier to keep the tenant in check. If not, then the cattle grazing should go, not the Elk.

#356

Name: Shaw, Karen

Correspondence: This is a national park reserved for the use of the general population not farmland. If someone wants to farm they can buy a piece of property like the rest of us farmers. Do not destroy this beautiful seashore. Do not cull the tule elk. Do not allow row crops to be planted. Do not allow pigs and sheep to be raised there. Please allow this park to remain in its pristine form for the education and enjoyment of everyone.

#357

Name: farina, cindy

Correspondence: I really don't understand why both wildlife / Elks and cows can't coexist !They have for many years. It would be an absolute sin to kill off these beautiful creatures.

#358

Name: Van Runkle, Aleeta

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a national park attracting scores of domestic and international visitors and educating countless individuals, young and old. It has always been one of my favorite family destinations. My three sons have hiked and picnicked there since they were weeks old. Why is the National Park Service so beholden to farmers, including the commercial farming industry, that it is sacrificing the land and animals it is legally charged with protecting? When did the NPS interpret leases clearly made for a limited term into an entitlement that will change the use and purpose of lots in a national park? California voters are being hoodwinked into believing that the purpose of a national park is to help private individuals become more competitive in the farming industry.

The native elk of Point Reyes are a national treasure! Do your job and protect this Nation's treasure!

#359

Name: Thornton, R

Correspondence: Please allow farmers and ranchers in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area to lease the land for 20 or more years. The dairy and cattle ranching families need to be able to

graze their livestock to be able to feed us. This is a perfect environment to raise livestock. In addition, please allow them to expand their operations to include educating the public by hosting tourists. They need to be able to include all farm animals to feed us. Farm to table is an excellent way for the public to know where their food comes from and for the ranching families to be able to support themselves and the environment. It has already been proven that they are excellent stewards of the land.

#360

Name: Sechrist , Kathryn

Correspondence: I oppose the expansion of ranching operations and slaughter of native elk. National protected areas should consider wildlife and natural ecosystem processes first and foremost. National protected areas should never ever bend to accommodate industry; whether that industry is oil, gas, real estate, or ranching. This wild space was home to the elk, and deer, and bobcats long before humans ever settled. Of course they "interfere" with some ranch property-it was their home first! Instead of punishing wildlife for doing what is natural, maybe provide incentives for ranchers and businesses to be more innovative in their operations. The less we mess with what little wild spaces are left for wildlife the better. At some point we must put our foot down and say no more development, no more expansion, use what you have more responsible, and let wildlife and nature be. We are nature's stewards. If we don't protect our precious wild spaces, they will be lost forever. Please don't allow the expansion of ranching and slaughter of elk.

#361

Name: Rivas , Mary

Correspondence: I am fed up with our wildlife and public lands being destroyed to satisfy a few individuals who want to use our public lands for their own profit. We are losing our wild horses and Burros, our wolves, our coyotes, our Bears, and many many non-predator animals just so private individuals can use our lands for their own gains. This is another example of how the wishes of the majority of Americans is being ignored. We want our Wildlife and lands preserved for future generations.

#362

Name: flaherty, margaret

Correspondence: I am very confused as to why my tax dollars go to support the cattle industry at Point Reyes. Why is the priority to feed cattle over Tule Elk? Why are these ranchers raising beef if they can't afford any other way to feed them then to kill the native animals in the region? How is this the behavior of a National Park? Subsidizing a private industry that is a major factor in climate change is not prudent. Maybe there is a history that I don't know about.

#363

Name: Huizinga , Jeff

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to the park, I sincerely hope that wildlife (including elk, coyotes, weasels, badgers, and birds) and the well being of the ecosystem are given priority over farming and agricultural operations. I believe that this is in the spirit of the parks mission, and in accordance with the agreements made with those who have ranched in the seashore for decades. Thank you.

#364

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Leave the park to the native animals, don't cull the elk herd. Don't develop the park for farming. The park is for the public. Act ethically. You have an important role. Fulfill your promise.

#365

Name: McRoberts, Karen

Correspondence: Why on Earth are you doing this????? We travelled across the world to see PT Reyes Wildlife - were so happy to do so, and now to hear this. Please do not continue - an Elk cull????? Develop space for wildlife - so precious these days. PLEASE!!!

#366

Name: Zinzi, Shanti

Correspondence: What a catastrophe

I oppose the cull of tulle elk I oppose row crops and i oppose introduction of new Farm animals. Make a vote for the environment and wildlife! Enough is enough

#367

Name: Maguire, Janis

Correspondence: I get SO confused. Is this a National Seashore, a park for all the people, a haven for wildlife, especially the Tule Elk almost eliminated from Earth? Or is it just about a place to make a buck and ruin everything and anything in the path? I can't be more specific and wanting the place to stay a national wildlife haven. If you're going to "manage" those Tule Elk by killing them off, it's just beyond my comprehension. I go here to see the wildlife, to see a bobcat hunting, to see healthy coyotes, to see deer, and the beloved elk. To see birds, hawks, predators. Not to see cows grazing, pesky flies, dust flying from a ranch or rows of corn. Let it be.

#368

Name: Noles, Lorna

Correspondence: I am opposed to the elk culling, row crops and new domestic farm animals for Point Reyes National Seashore. This is a priceless habitat along the northern California coast. I grew up in the area and now take my children to enjoy the natural beauty of the area whenever we visit back home. Current and future generations deserve to enjoy this area preserved in its current state. Sincerely, L. Michele Noles, MD

#369

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This is devastating. Please do what it takes to stop this from happening!

#370

Name: Newbold, Julie

Correspondence: As NPS develops the next GMPA for Point Reyes, do not continue extending ranching benefits. Ranching does not further the purpose of the Point Reyes National Seashore. Perpetual ranching should not be allowed.

Private ranching on 28,000 acres at Point Reyes National Seashore is heavily subsidized by taxpayers. Impacts from the beef and dairy cows are well documented: soil erosion, water pollution, invasive plants, declines in fish and bird populations, conflicts with wildlife, loss of public access to public land. Native Tule elk, the iconic symbol of Point Reyes Seashore, are found in no other national park.

What's needed: Tule Elk over cattle. A national seashore for all and for future generations over 24 ranches.

Do not continue extending ranching benefits in Point Reyes.

Thank you for giving my comments careful consideration.

#371

Name: Degenstein, Erin

Correspondence: Regarding the Preferred Alternative:

"Managing" a Tule Elk herd by artificially controlling the population as a means to further accommodate domestic agricultural production on the land is counter to the Park's purpose of protecting native ecosystems. A natural Tule Elk herd, part of the ecosystem the park is charged with protecting, would include complex social dynamics within the herd which would be damaged by sudden and random eradication and hazing of individuals. Numbers cannot be equated with health when it comes to herd species.

Increasing the types of agricultural animal and plant species produced and maintained on this land would lead to further disturbing interactions with native ecosystems and species.

Expanding ranching is again counter to the Park's purpose of protecting native ecosystems, including rare and disappearing grasslands.

#372

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: So you want to take public lands. Kill off the native species. Let a private cattle rancher run his cattle on the land, and this is to be to who's benefit? The public? The elk? The public land? The cattle rancher? How does this action benefit the public? Free beef? Nothing about this makes any sense unless someone in this is making a buck. Then it makes all the sense in the world. Why not just set the whole damn thing on fire, instead of slowly killing the entire habitat at a snail's pace while acting as if you don't know what's next. Elk dead. Coyote's, foxes, or whatever else threatens cattle DEAD. Cattle crap and run-off ruins watershed. Who the hell manages this crap? Is it not clear what the outcome will be? No, probably not. There's no past history of complete failures and ruined habitat to glean the smallest bit of knowledge from. Damn geniuses.

#373

Name: Falcon, Jennifer

Correspondence: Hello,

Since I'm no longer a resident of California, and not a scientist or anything, my advice may be considered "comments which are not helpful".

Artists like me have traveled around the country drawing, taking photos, and exploring protected places including Point Reyes.

I would have avoided it if I knew the wildlife were being killed or there were other forms of misuse like grazing for the profit of private business.

There is also a health problem in this country due to over-consumption of meat.

These issues all effect our country's future.

#374

Name: Potter, Brandon

Correspondence: I am reading today to urge that the National Park Service not implement any proposal that

increases grazing or agriculture within Point Reyes National Seashore boundaries. Additionally all existing leases should be phased out of use; the National Park Service should we focus on conservation and natural resource protection, not multiple extractive resource use, particularly if such use requires killing and reducing habitat native wildlife, such as Tule Elk.

Protect the wildlife and natural resources of our National Parks. These are not lands appropriate for private leasing for farms and agriculture.

#375

Name: Crews, Hayley

Correspondence: I believe this project will cause additional wildlife/human conflict at the park, which will end up detrimental to the park's native wildlife. As a certified California Naturalist I would be very disappointed and saddened if this project went ahead.

#376

Name: Asel, Joshua

Correspondence: This is absolutely sickening. It is incomprehensible to me that the National PARKS Service would allow such culling, farming, and expanded ranching onto the very lands they are supposed to PROTECT FOR WILDLIFE. Not only that, but the land also belongs to the public, not some greedy ranching companies who are intent on creating further conflicts with wildlife that will surely only result in more deaths of the wild animals themselves. The proposed culling of the Tule Elk is DISGUSTING. There are over 10,000 cattle competing with only about 125 Tule Elk and you want to CULL THEM?? Is this branch of the National Park Service INSANE?? There is no moral justification for the actions of killing what is essentially an Endangered Species and one of the most successful conservation stories IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD! HOW THE HELL COULD YOU DO THAT?! If you actually go through with this, you all who support this will all be a bunch of dirty, rotten, COWARDS; bending to the sickness of greed and corruption. The betrayal of the past NPS service members who saved that land and MIRACULOUSLY brought back the Tule Elk from Extinction would have them ROLLING IN THEIR GRAVES. Where is your honor to uphold the protection of wildlands? Where is your FREEDOM? Where is the FREEDOM for the wild animals who call Point Reyes National Seashore home? Because I sure as hell don't see it in this new plan. A plan which would only cause pain and suffering at the beckoning, whining call of a few ranchers whose opinions DO NOT outweigh the public's opinions that clearly say THIS PLAN TO REMOVE ELK AND OTHER WILDLIFE CANNOT HAPPEN. When really you boil it down, the new plan to cull, plant row crops that are currently not allowed to be planted, introducing new farm animals and the resulting destruction of natural ecosystems is RAPE. The wildlands (that the NPS is SUPPOSED to be PROTECTING) belongs to the wildlife and the public. NOT THE RANCHERS. DO NOT LET THIS NEW PLAN HAPPEN. FUCK THAT. STOP CREATING CONFLICTS AND LET THE WILD BE WILD.

#377

Name: McConnell, Susan

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the proposed changes, which would have a severe and negative impact on the wildlife of Pt. Reyes.

#378

Name: Armbruster, Robert

Correspondence: I am firmly opposed, and quiet honestly surprised, by this proposal. I have lived in the Bay Area for 26 years, and Point Reyes National Seashore has always been known as a wildlife refuge. It is what gives this pristine land a sanctuary for lots of animals that are native to the area, and should be protected as part of the National Park. The thought of killing elk for cows is absurd. Introducing domestic farm animals will no doubt disturb the ecosystem. What will happen when the bobcats decide they want to take an easier prey on a domestic

animal because of this decision? I would think there should be a thorough environmental impact study, and vote by the public. Educate the public on why this measure is coming up, and find another solution. Killing innocent wildlife should not be the answer, especially in an area that is supposed to be PROTECTED as a National seashore.

#379

Name: Cregar, John

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

I have just read a brief on your proposal for use of 28,000 acres in the Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

Let's start right there. This is a National Park meant for the use and enjoyment of the the local residents but inclusive with the 100,000's or so visitors who come to enjoy this area annually. The ranchers have been given a grant by the Federal Government to use this land. There is no ownership involved. Thus, the Feds are the decision makers.

I have lived in Marin County for 50 years and take advantage of this vast open land quite often. The wildlife we see on our trips is a treasure. I tell friends who live in urban situations and they are in awe that we have this resource at our door step.

With your proposal, you are threatening to destroy this habitat, and for what reason. We are starting to move away from cattle ranching with the huge negative impact it has on the environment (23% of the methane gas released into our atmosphere) and the amount of water it takes to raise one cow, among a host of other things. And now you want to contribute to the devastation. Just unthinkable. I'm curious,,,,,,whose pockets are being lined by this deal.

Please rethink your position. It will have nothing but negative effects.

Thank you, John B. Cregar

#380

Name: morris, kevin

Correspondence: I disagree with this draft EIS for the following reasons:

Elk Culling:

In the proposed NPS plan, the elk population of the Drakes Beach herd would be capped at 120 and each year the National Park Service would kill as many elk necessary to reach their proposed limit.

Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The killing of elk to mitigate a conflict with cows is incomprehensible and against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources.

Row Crops:

The NPS proposal would allow current park grasslands and wildlife habitat to be converted to commercial row crops.

Today row crops are not allowed in the park. The conversion of this land will have a devastating impact on the park's native species, let alone the environmental impact of pesticide use, new fencing, rodent and rabbit conflicts, commercial vehicle traffic and all else that comes with commercial farming.

New Farm Animals:

Lease holders will be allowed to raise previously unauthorized domestic animals for commercial purposes including pigs, chickens, sheep and goats.

Look what has happened with the conflict between grass eating cows and Tule elk. It ends with the killing of Tule elk. What is going to happen when a bobcat takes a chicken or a coyote takes a pig? The introduction of new domestic animals will MOST CERTAINLY create conflict with native wildlife. Major habitat loss will also happen for native animals from this new land use. This must not be allowed.

Summary:

The current proposal by the National Park Service will have a massive negative impact to the park's native wildlife. I am a frequent visitor to the Point Reyes National Seashore and I want to see it preserved as the beautiful natural resource that it is.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kevin Morris

#381

Name: Scanlan-Rohrer, Anne

Correspondence: I am not in favor of several of the proposed provisions. I fear that allowing row crops and new domestic animals will have adverse impacts on the wildlife in the park. The conversion of the land could have a devastating impact on the park's native species, let alone the environmental impact of pesticide use, new fencing, rodent and rabbit conflicts, commercial vehicle traffic and all else that comes with commercial farming. The introduction of new domestic animals will quite likely create conflict with native wildlife. Major habitat loss will also happen for native animals from this new land use. Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The killing of elk to mitigate a conflict with cows is incomprehensible and against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources.

#382

Name: Morrent-Swerdlow, Sieglinde

Correspondence: My family and I visited Point Reyes 3 years ago and were fascinated by the abundant wildlife we saw, especially the tule elks, horned owls, barn owls, egrets, blue herons, bob cats and many more. There are not many places in California, where you can see so much wildlife in a relatively small area. How can you allow this to be destroyed with your new plan for increased commercial use? Your plan should be to return this area to its natural beauty as soon as the leases for farming run out. There are many other places in California which are suitable for farming. Point Reyes is not one of them!!! You should be the protector for wildlife, not the destroyer. This plan is totally against the conservation of nature. Please reconsider and keep Point Reyes' natural habitat for future generations. They will thank you for your foresight. Sincerely, Sieglinde Morrent-Swerdlow

#383

Name: Habibi, Kimia

Correspondence: I strongly urge the Park Service to reconsider the proposal to expand ranching and to

exterminate some of the elk at Point Reyes. As has been well demonstrated, farm activity is extremely detrimental to the environmental health of the land and the farming allowed at Point Reyes now is a sufficient commitment to allowing farming to continue on the property. There is no compelling need to expand farming there.

In regards to the elk, they are a huge draw of tourism to the region. While they represent a conservation success, their number are not nearly so large as to warrant culling. The elk are such a special creature in our California landscape. We should promote them more, not dismiss their numbers.

Thank you for your consideration.

#384

Name: tucker, christine

Correspondence: Surely there has got to be another solution to the elk population than exterminating them! It is truly magnificent to see them grazing, and I always look forward to my first sighting. How about re-locating some of them to other protected sights? And maybe even in other parts of Point Reyes. They are fairly segregated out by Pierce Ranch, but could wander elsewhere.

#385

Name: milford, joan

Correspondence: Dear sir, As you know, the Trump administration does not believe in science or climate change or anything that cuts into the profits of his donors. I read an article today that showed solar farms that were planted with plants that attract pollinators. It even had bee hives for honey bees and milkweed for monarch butterflies. That is what I would prefer to see on our public lands, national forests and national parks- - not livestock. I want to see wildlife and wolves and wild horses. Climate change needs to be addressed, and livestock contributes to the problem. Livestock decimate our public lands and pollute the water. An increasing number of people are embracing a plant based diet, both for their own health and the health of the planet. It is past time for ranchers and the oil industry to come to grips with changes that must be done to protect our planet. It is time for ranchers to find another way to earn a living that doesn't contribute to climate change. Its time for ranchers to make a living that doesn't involve inflicting misery to livestock. Its time for the federal government to stop forcing taxpayers to subsidize these welfare ranchers. Please leave to elk alone. They cannot be sentenced to death simply for 'eating too much grass.' We need a kinder and gentler world. Please contribute to that kindness. Thank you.

#386

Name: Evans, David

Correspondence: I am very pleased with the preferred alternative that continues ranching at PRNS and the new structure built into the plan. The plan provides reasonable and necessary structure to how ranch lessees operate within the PRNS, how elk will be managed, and how the overall integrity of PRNS will evolve congruent with its founding legislation. I am in overwhelming support of this proposed alternative being adopted. I have 2 items i would like to see modified/updated: - Add "Meat and Crop" Processing to Farm Core Diversification for "Small Scale On Farm Processing, including cheese" to balance the opportunity for all ranches. The plan mentions cheese and I would like to see the plan specify meat and crop products so that the opportunity between Beef and Dairy operations is represented. Example: "Small Scale On Farm Processing, including cheese, meats, and crops"

Great Job PRNS!!

#387

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: There is absolutely no reason to allow this in our public parks.

#388

Name: Healingline, Helgaleena

Correspondence: Elk are an endangered species. To limit the population in a closed reserve, ship them to areas which can support the elk.

Do NOT expand non-reserve uses, such as ranching, on reserve lands! If ranching must persist, it needs to be subordinate to the needs of protected species.

Thank you for your careful attention to this.

#389

Name: Opsahl, Judith

Correspondence: Tule Elk have historically lived on Pt Reyes. Farm animals have not. National Parks (including National Seashores) have always had the mission to preserve the natural wildlife of the Park or Seashore, both the fauna and the flora. It does not have the mission to raise local farm animals, which can be raised on farm land throughout the US. I know farm animals have been raised at Pt Reyes before it became a National Seashore and ending those farms access to that land would be a hardship the farmers, but we owe it to the Tule Elk herd who predated the farm animals to preserve their land so that they can live there and thrive. Judy Opsahl

#390

Name: Musselman, Jim

Correspondence: Raising cattle is not a natural or historical part of life at Point Reyes. The presence of tule elk has been a part of the Point Reyes environment for at least tens of thousands of years. The recent but continuing presence of cattle, introduced from Europe as recently as the 1800s, is a nonnatural use of this land that interferes with the life cycle of the native elk and other native plant and animal species. Therefore, please bring about the phasing out of cattle ranching at Point Reyes as expeditiously as possible. Cattle ranching at Point Reyes harms the natural flora and fauna (including the tule elk) that are native to Point Reyes. The tule elk traditionally had access to, and need for their healthy survival, the lands currently occupied by cattle at Point Reyes. Please phase out the cattle and let the tule elk roam freely once again.

#391

Name: Walter, Franklin

Correspondence: If what I am hearing is true, this will in my opinion be devastating. To the point that I will probably stop coming to the park. This park has been in recent years an annual location for my wife and myself. Also for others at my recommendation. To allow this type of use and to cull the native species is reprehensible! What is going on with you people! You must be supporters of the current attitudes in this country that feels we as a species have no responsibility to the rest of the natural world and only serve private interests. This is disgusting and I am sad to say indicative of things to come. Please reconsider.

#392

Name: Record, Mary

Correspondence: What a disgrace that the National Park Service is even considering this. Please remember that your role should be to protect our public lands and the wildlife that live there. Your role is not to do what's best and most convenient for agriculture. At a time when wildlife is becoming more and more stressed because of climate change, our government, instead of putting policies in place that may help ease their stress, wants to push every wild species off the cliff. It's shameful. Please rethink this.

#393

Name: cernac, joe

Correspondence: It is high time to put into place the agreements that were settled many years ago per ranching and private property on Point Reyes National Seashore. Ranchers were paid off in the 1960's. They agreed to leave in twenty five years or death of seller. They have not kept their part of the agreement. They took the public money and now they want to change the rules. No ranching is the preferred option. That means no cattle. The original agreements should have been implemented years years ago. The preferred option is to phase out cattle. The prioritization of biodiversity needs to be a preferred option. Restoring native plant communities to the seashore's pastoral zone would be the preferred option. The preferred option would maximize wildlife habitat.

It's time to rid Point Reyes National Seashore of these ranchers who are taking the public dole. They sold out years ago. Point Reyes to the people. Paz, Joe

#394

Name: gomery, jane

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#395

Name: KRACHMAN, JULIE

Correspondence: This proposal will further ruin this national park. All of the cattle leases were TEMPORARY - - they shouldn't be renewed for the following reasons & this plan should not be approved for the following reasons:

6,000 cows compete with 125 tule elk for grass inside the National Park. This has caused the lease holders to push for the removal of the tule elk. In the proposed NPS plan, the elk population of the Drakes Beach herd would be capped at 120 and each year the National Park Service would kill as many elk necessary to reach their proposed limit.

Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The killing of elk to mitigate a conflict with cows is incomprehensible and against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources.

Row Crops:

The NPS proposal would allow current park grasslands and wildlife habitat to be converted to commercial row crops.

Today row crops are not allowed in the park. Why is the NPS allowing this new land use? How does this provide maximum protection for our wildlife? This land is home to bobcats, coyotes, badgers, long tailed weasels, grey fox, tule elk and black tailed deer. It is home to mice, gophers, snakes, lizards and countless insects. It is home to ground nesting birds such as northern harriers, red winged blackbirds and sparrows. It is hunting grounds for red tailed hawks, white tailed kites, great horned owls, barn owls and dozens of other species. The conversion of this

land will have a devastating impact on the park's native species, let alone the environmental impact of pesticide use, new fencing, rodent and rabbit conflicts, commercial vehicle traffic and all else that comes with commercial farming.

New Farm Animals:

Lease holders will be allowed to raise previously unauthorized domestic animals for commercial purposes including pigs, chickens, sheep and goats.

Look what has happened with the conflict between grass eating cows and tule elk. It ends with the killing of tule elk. What is going to happen when a bobcat takes a chicken or a coyote takes a pig? The introduction of new domestic animals will MOST CERTAINLY create conflict with native wildlife. Major habitat loss will also happen for native animals from this new land use. This must not be allowed.

The current proposal by the National Park Service will have a massive negative impact to the park's native wildlife. I am absolutely devastated by this news.

#396

Name: McMorrow, Scott

Correspondence: GMP Amendment c/o Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

RE: GMP Amendment

Dear Superintendent Muldoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the GMP Amendment. I am writing in support of Alternative B for the General Management Plan for Point Reyes National Seashore. In addition to supporting Alternative B, I urge you to please extend the ranch leases for the full 20-year period, and allow for a diversification of activities on these ranches.

Thank you.

Scott McMorrow

#397

Name: West, Louise

Correspondence: Some options described in the EIS would have a potentially devastating impact on native species of wildlife in PRNS. Especially alarming are proposals to allow the introduction of previously excluded domestic animals [pigs, chickens, sheep, goats], and to permit row crops on land that is now a refuge for ground-nesting birds. Currently, Park grasslands are habitat for a great many species that are rapidly losing this type of habitat to urban "development," such as bobcats, weasels and badgers, and all the smaller life forms on which they depend. The Park is also home to a number of raptors that similarly would be deprived of habitat. The NPS was established "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations". I cannot see how the proposals in the draft EIS would do any of these things, especially the last. The NPS mandate does specify providing for public enjoyment, and everyone who has ever visited a national park must surely appreciate that, but NOT at the cost of impairing the land and wildlife held in trust for future generations. PRNS is one of the few remaining treasures along the Pacific Coast. Please preserve it. Sincerely,

Louise West

#398

Name: Jeske, Ryan

Correspondence: My wife and I had a wonderful visit to Point Reyes National Seashore in 2018, and we were amazed at the amount and diversity of wildlife and scenery in that area. We can't wait to visit again.

In regards to the current General management plan EIS, we feel that no alternative should be implemented that culls elk, allows for row cropping or allows the introduction of new domestic farm animals. This is public, national park land, and should be preserved for future generations to enjoy in a state of wilderness, not modern agriculture. Surely the US is not so hard up for additional farmland that we need to begin growing crops on our public lands? In addition, the cultivation of crops will result in a large negative impact on existing wildlife by removing habitat, causing conflict if wildlife disturbs or eats the crops and will increase the amount of fencing in use in the national seashore. Not only will it disrupt the lives of the animals that live there, but it spoils the view for the public visitors to this wonderful place.

New farm animals have no place in a public park, either. It seemed as though my wife and I saw a hawk on each telephone pole during our visit. What is going to happen when hawks and raptors begin to eat the chickens? How about when one of the many coyotes or bobcats takes a pig or chicken? This introduction of additional farm animals will cause more disruption to the wildlife, and increase the conflict between ranchers and wildlife. Point Reyes is a wonderful national park, lets leave it as wild as possible.

I am also opposed to the culling of the Drakes Beach tule elk herd. These were some of the most interesting animals we saw during our visit. These elk are native to the area, and have made a great comeback since the 1800's, and it would be a shame to place the needs of non-native cattle above those of the native species. The national park service was set up to preserve our nation's natural resources. I fail to see how culling the naturally occurring, native and once critically endangered elk herd in favor of ranching and cattle operations helps to meet this goal.

Thank you.

#399

Name: Derevan, Richard

Correspondence: Alternative B, which would allow ranchland expansion would be a disaster for Point Reyes and its wildlife and birds. My understanding is that when Point Reyes was established in 1962, ranchers were paid a significant sum of money in exchange for ending ranching operations (I think) around 1987. Yet NPS continues to extend leases and ranching operations for the benefit of a few families to the detriment of the general public, PRNS wildlife and birds, and the land itself. That is plain wrong. These are public lands and ranching uses - - historical though they may be - - should be ended. In fact, it's past time to end them.

Instead of preferring Alternative B, which among other things, introduces row crops for the first time, NPS should fulfill its mission to protect the land and wildlife and provide opportunities to the general public. Just think how much better PRNS would be if ranches and fences were phased out. Alternative F is by far the best alternative. Don't be cowed by political pressure from a few wealthy ranching families who should have left Point Reyes decades ago. Do your duty and allow more wilderness to return to Point Reyes.

Though I live several hundred miles away, I come to Point Reyes at least once a year to photograph wildlife. So I am familiar with the damage caused by ranching in Point Reyes. PRNS could be a real gem if NPS took its mission seriously rather than catering to ranching uses.

#400

Name: kirwood, judith

Correspondence: We travelled from Melbourne, Australia specifically to see this amazing areas wildlife.

We would hate to see the proposed crop changes and continued cow grazing.

A beautiful preserve - there aren't enough left - especially so close to major tourist cities

JK

#401

Name: Mack, Ellen

Correspondence: Pt Reyes National Park and National Seashore is a national treasure. It is a unique piece of land with abundant wildlife, more bird species than any other National Park in the US and is the only National Park that is home to the Tule Elk. The purpose of our National Parks is to preserve a habitat for such iconic species.

Pt Reyes NP is unusual in that farming takes place within its confines. These farms were grandfathered in and provisions were made that, with time, they would close down (i.e. not be sold or passed on to the next generation) so that the land could revert back to its natural state. Not only has this not happened, but the current proposal to greatly expand farming in Pt Reyes is reprehensible. Introducing row crops will not only take away from the natural beauty and wonder of the land but it will introduce the use of pesticides and destroy existing grasslands that are so needed by wildlife.

Introducing new livestock species such as pigs, sheep and chickens will cause even more problems. Additional fencing will be needed and conflicts between wildlife (coyotes, bobcats) and livestock are inevitable. The next request will be that farmers be allowed to kill these wild species in order to protect their livestock.

Let's keep Pt Reyes as a National Park and National Seashore, not as an expanding area for farming. The park belongs to all of us, not just to these few farmers.

#402

Name: Elizalde, Bianca

Correspondence: This proposal is outrageous and I'm thoroughly against it!! We need to be protecting wildlife, not taking over their habitat. I have spent money visiting this beautiful park many times over and have witnessed the beauty of the diverse ecology present here. Development will destroy the balance. If this pushes through, I will take my money elsewhere and not support it.

#403

Name: Zahavi, Naomi

Correspondence: There are so few wild places left, and so few wild animals. What a shame to "cull" tule elk in favor of cattle. It is easy to move in that direction, but perhaps impossible to recover from it. A terrible idea.

#404

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: "To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Organic Act of 1916 establishing the National Park Service

Alternative B does not support the act for which the NPS was established! It's unfathomable that the NPS would entertain or recommend anything that goes against what the NPS was established for! It couldn't be more obvious that the NPS is bending to commercial special interests by allowing increased ranching and addition of row crops.

Killing elk is not a solution. Per the EIS, "...removal of a native species for ranching considerations would be unprecedented in the national park system and would be inconsistent with state management of elk on ranchlands outside the park". Any alternative, including B that proposes killing of elk, cannot and should not be considered a valid alternative.

It's time that the NPS listen to the majority that want to preserve and restore this beautiful park! The real solution is to phase out cattle and not allow other livestock or other agriculture. Allow the land to restore to its natural state, restore the habitat that was there before ranching destroyed it.

#405

Name: Greenberg, Janis

Correspondence: I am opposed to the changes suggested to the Pt Reyes National Park. I don't see any information about what the public gets out of these changes. All the ranching is having negative effects on the land, water, and animals of the PRNS. The ranchers were paid previously to leave after their leases were up.

Why should we extend the leases when they have already been paid to give them up.

Why should we let ranchers pollute a national seashore.

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC GETTING OUT THIS. nothing that I can see.

#406

Name: Morfin, Emily

Correspondence: We are absolutely against any development as proposed- -a travesty to our treasured park. We will do anything and everything to prevent this!!

Emily and Peter Morfin

#407

Name: Ingram, Thomas

Correspondence: Growing up in Petaluma Point Reyes has always been my pride and joy. I grew-up working in the Dairy Industry and can think agriculture for paying my way through college. Most of my high school friends are dairy farmers. This proposal hurts all of them.

During a recent visit to Point Reyes I was so proud of the fact that we had the vision/smarts/maturity to put a little land aside. Point Reyes with its natural beauty and isolation is the perfect place to allow wildlife to prosper.

I spend at least 20 days in the park each year and have recently tried to convince my wife to allow me to purchase property in Inverness as this is the area that I want to retire.

Then with horror I was speaking to a ranger about how special Point Reyes was, a crowned jewel a place so close to metropolitan San Francisco. He told me of the proposal to reduce the population of Elk that has so successful rebounded and allow the lease holders to start farming. That short term-politics was going to reverse the purchases / leases with Dairy Farmers. What? Why? I was shocked...lost for words are we that ignorant really....

Sonoma County is struggling as dairy farmers can't compete with Canada Milk prices and I know that dairy farmers are selling off their prized cows as they can't compete and leasing more land to the wine industry...this proposal actually hurts an already struggling agriculture industry while destroying one of our few nature reserves remaining. It is completely backward thinking...

This proposal seems to be another vindictive federal proposal that can not be reversed if allowed to move forward. Let's please not allow short-term politics to destroy Sonoma Co / Marin Co. Crown Jewel...

(Although I heard about this via email it is talking with local dairy farmers who actually appose and locals that care about our community that brought this to my attention)

We have to be bigger than this....

Regards, Tom Ingram

#408

Name: Jensen, Steen

Correspondence: Dear Sirs

Point Reyes is a National (Seashore) Park. Ranches were bought out, but were leased back, with the understanding that they would eventually be phased out. Because, in the end, Point Reyes is now a National Park. Enhancing the ranches- -adding animals, crops, hostels- -is going in the wrong direction. You do not farm a National Park. Please, return to the short-term lease renewal system, with no substantial property improvements, which had before been in place. Please remember that we, the people, now own this land, and that this is our National Park- -and not someone else's private B&B.

Respectfully,

Steen Jensen

#409

Name: Kathman, Stefan

Correspondence: My preference is for alternative F. It is most in keeping with the mission of the NPS. Tule elk are threatened, and limiting their range and numbers is not good for the long-term health of the population. There are so few areas left where wildlife is protected, and it would be a shame to undercut one of their few remaining areas for the sake of cows. Any proposal to include other farm animals or crops on Point Reyes would be even worse, and have adverse effects on other wildlife species. Point Reyes should be allowed to be reclaimed by nature as much and as quickly as possible.

#410

Name: Sulprizio, Deuta

Correspondence: My wife and I are weekly visitors to the PRNS, and we wholeheartedly support the Draft Environmental Impact Statement as proposed.

#411

Name: Gondak, Ross

Correspondence: I support plan B. I used to support the environmental organizations aka:lobbies from Marin and beyond but I no longer do. My concern with them is that they have become two one sided in their seemingly mindless quest to return any or all Marin land to it's natural state, as defined by them and their "experts". The most recent egregious examples are the taking of San Geronimo Golf and recreation ares from widespread & supported public usage and "rewilding it" to used their terms. before that was the much loved and appreciated Oyster farm on Tomales bay.

#412

Name: Frazier, Rachel

Correspondence: The issue arising in CA about the elk is unfair to the environment and ecosystem. When the government first bought that land to turn it into a state park they payed the ranchers money to stay their and graze their animals. Now how is it fair decades later that they think it can just all change and agreements be broken and wildlife be murdered just so their livestock have more grazing land. They themselves can move their cattle or any other livestock out of the national park to graze if they need more grazing land. Also you stated that the elk carry a disease if this is true and is why you can not relocate some of the elk as fear of spreading to other wildlife. Than how is the meat safe to eat? How is the elk safe to be grazing with livestock? I call BULLSHIT on your entire article. And all you want to do is kill innocent wildlife for greedy ranchers and farmers. Save the elk, save the environment, save the ecosystem!

#413

Name: N/A, Priscilla

Correspondence: Hi there

In Aldo Leopold's classic essay, "The Land Ethic", he states the basic principle of his land ethic as:

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

By this standard, I think the proposal is very wrong:

1. Elk Culling: Elk is native to the Point Reyes Peninsula and there are enough resources to afford more than 120, if humans can control their greed. After all, It's a competition between 6000 cows and 125 tule elk.
2. Row crops: I lived in Madison, WI for four years before I moved to CA. There's a movement in WI that try to convert more and more farm land to wildlife habitat. And UW Madison is doing a great job on this. It's common sense commercial farming has a devastating result on native specials and people are trying to right all the wrongs as we become more civilized. Why the reverse is proposed here is incomprehensible.
3. New farm animals: New farm animal will definitely bring new conflicts. Soon people will want to kill coyotes and bobcats to protect the chickens and bigs. Do you have plans to handle that?

Ultimately, it comes down to if you believe we humans have a moral responsibility to the natural world. I'm looking forward to your answer.

Sincerely, Priscilla

#414

Name: Wagner, Pat

Correspondence: I am upset & disheartened to learn of the preferred plan the National Park Service is proposing for the Point Reyes Seashore. The Park Service should be in the business of protecting property for plants, animals and future generations. Committing any part of the Point Reyes land to ranching is unacceptable. Especially coastal land!

NPS's "Preferred Alternative B" is a wholesale giveaway of our public land. It prioritizes ranching over recreation, wildlife and protecting natural resources. In sum, it commits our national seashore to commercial cattle grazing for decades to come.

Economics and climate change threaten the Seashore ranches' viability. There's a surplus of milk, prices are falling, and both beef and dairy consumption is declining. To shore up the ranchers, the NPS wants to grant 20-year leases and allow them to "diversify" by growing and processing crops and adding more livestock-pigs, chickens, goats, and sheep—to their operations. Their plan calls for shooting any Tule elk that "trespass" on the ranch lands. This last piece alone is outrageous. Many plants and animals are stressed around the planet due to climate change and we don't know where all of this will end up. It's totally short-sighted to be killing native wildlife. Please consider a much better alternative, below. We need to stop prioritizing ranching on all our public land, starting with Point Reyes.

The preferred alternative: No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

Please keep the precious Point Reyes area pure. Someday soon I hope to return to CA and visit there. My husband & I have been visiting many National Parks this past decade and would love to see all Park space preserved for people, plants & animals.

Thank you!

#415

Name: Tobin, S.

Correspondence: GMP Amendment c/o Superintendent(Point Reyes National Seashore(1 Bear Valley Road(Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Dear Superintendent, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed GMP Amendment at Point Reyes National Seashore. Before expressing an opinion, I would like to address one key scientific issue, that of exposure and transmission of Johnes Disease. Johnes Disease is named after Dr. Heinrich Johnes (pronounced yo-knee), a veterinarian and bacteriologist in Dresden who discovered in 1895 that the disease was apparently caused by a mycobacterium. For additional details, see the Johnes Information Center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison: <https://johnes.org/general-information/history/> The disease was first found in the United States in 1906-7, and the causal organism was officially named Mycobacterium paratuberculosis in 1922. Unfortunately, tests of live animals for the presence of the bacterium yield many false negatives, so a substantial proportion of infected animals are not detected. In addition, animals can shed the bacterium in feces for years before showing symptoms. Fecal exposure is thought to be the most efficient means of transmission, especially at birth or for young animals. In 1979, five of the ten dairy herds in Point Reyes National Seashore had cows testing positive for Johnes. In 2007, 68% of U.S. dairy herds and 100% of large dairy herds had at least one cow that tested positive for Johnes. For more information, see the USDA summary at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/NVAP-Reference-Guide/Control-and-Eradication/Johnes-Disease> Therefore, it is probable that the dairy farms at Point Reyes have animals infected with Mycobacterium paratuberculosis today. Twenty-six elk were sacrificed (plus one that was already dead, for a total of 27) and necropsied in 2016. Twenty-six elk represented losing a substantial proportion of the herd to identify the two bull elk who were infected. To the best of my knowledge, the owners and managers of the Point Reyes dairy herds have not offered to sacrifice a similar proportion of animals for a research program to determine whether their herds are infected. In the absence of such definitive information, it seems that the elk may well be in more danger of contracting Johnes Disease from the dairy herds than the reverse. Many of the previous opinions offered by the dairy ranchers and their supporters cite the danger of infection with Johnes Disease as a reason to remove the elk, but the fact that the disease name is mis-spelled in the same way in every comment suggests that those comments may not be based on independently verified scientific information. One thing does seem clear: the National Park Service lacks the budget and personnel to monitor responsible land use regarding the cows and the elk and to deal with fecal contamination, containment issues, fence repair, return of strays, and ecosystem degradation. Without unbiased monitoring and enforcement, the two competing uses

appear incompatible. To me, this means that it is time to remember that the National Parks are established to display the natural world to visitors, rather than to showcase commercial operations or to ensure their profitability. My vote is to remove the dairies and allow the ecosystem to recover. I support Alternative F.

#416

Name: Horton, Deanna

Correspondence: We need to save the Tule Elk!!! Ranchers cannot get away with murder!! It is open public land - this land is for our wildlife! STOP ALLOWING CATTLE RANCHERS TO KILL OFF OUR WILDLIFE SO THEIR CATTLE CAN ROAM AND EAT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY!!! It's not right! This land is for our wildlife!!

Thank you - please do not allow the killing of the Tule Elk.

#417

Name: Horton, Dan

Correspondence: We need to save the Tule Elk!!! Ranchers cannot get away with murder!! It is open public land - this land is for our wildlife! STOP ALLOWING CATTLE RANCHERS TO KILL OFF OUR WILDLIFE SO THEIR CATTLE CAN ROAM AND EAT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY!!! It's not right! This land is for our wildlife!!

Thank you - please do not allow the killing of the Tule Elk.

#418

Name: McCann, Ellen

Correspondence: It's time to stop our war on wildlife and stand up for their interest and not the interest of ranchers. If we keep going like we're going, the only wildlife our grandchildren will be able to see are "assurance populations" in zoos and BBC reruns of Our Blue Planet. Transportation and big ag are killing our planet. Stand up for the Tule deer not for cows. If we keep going as we are, the only thing left on this planet will be us, companion animals and farm animals. I like wildlife!

#419

Name: Kammerud, Lance

Correspondence: This amendment draft impact plan is anti-wildlife and needs to be opposed. STOP THE WAR ON WILDLIFE!!

#420

Name: rudin, linda

Correspondence: Ranching is unsustainable. We need a new vision for the Seashore. The preferred alternative:

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Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests.

Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education.

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#421

Name: Figueredo, Leoni

Correspondence: Please protect Point Reyes National Park and Seashore. Do the right thing and make your family and your descendants proud. Protect our land, and the vital biodiversity that dwells within it. Let the ranchers find more appropriate land to raise their cattle, a major contributor to climate change and deforestation. It is not beef or dairy cattle that will sustain us, but biodiversity. Our public land is rich with it. Let's encourage it; learn from it, and educate with it. In 50 years' time, 100 years' time, let the people laud and praise your names - those that did what was right, what was best, and protect our very special national park. People like you have the power to effect change and influence the future and leave a legacy for our children and our children's children. What is the alternative ... eroded shorelines, degraded and barren lands, a fast buck, and cut-price sirloin?

#422

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The creatures that God originally put on the land have more right to it than livestock. America does need anymore cattle. America's obsession with beef is not only destroying the land but also the health of this nation. Every effort to protect America's wildlife must be used

#423

Name: Tannahill, Lesley

Correspondence: I am sick at heart to hear of this plan to use our national park for development. Pt. Reyes National Seashore was set aside for the protection of natural species and the spiritual and recreational enjoyment of people. No part of it should be destroyed by introducing new farming, ranching or other money making activities.

#424

Name: Schulman, Maria

Correspondence: The Park Service should not prioritize the private economic interests of some two dozen cattle ranchers over the preservation of vulnerable native species.

Instead of implementing this plan, the park should refuse to grant 20-year permits and leases to cattle and dairy ranchers. Ranchers have overstayed their original permit limits already, and long-term leases would set a terrible precedent in favor of private, commercial industry over the future of our parks and the health of California ecosystems. There should be no diversification of ranch operations, and the park should revoke permits for all cattle and dairy operations and restore the leased land to its original, pre-industry state.

Additionally, I would like the park to update their education and visuals to reflect its mission: wildlife preservation. Information tablets that currently highlight dairy and ranching history should be replaced with ones that showcase the park's biodiversity and its work in wildlife protection and restoration. Finally, the fence at Pierce Point Elk Reserve should be taken down so a migration corridor can be created for that Tule Elk herd.

#425

Name: Allen, Rebecca

Correspondence: Do not allow culling of the Tule Elk for more cattle.

Since 1970, the world has lost 60 percent of its wildlife, according to the World Wildlife Fund. That took 50 years. How long do you think it will take the kill off the remaining 40 percent?

Please do not add to the loss of wildlife.

In 2018, according to a biomass study, 60 percent of all mammals were livestock, 36 percent here humans and an astounding only 4 percent were wildlife.

More and more people are learning about the recent IPCC's report about reducing meat and dairy. Please do not be pressured by the Cattle business.

Please do not the kill elk, so men can then kill cows.

#426

Name: Koon, Lori

Correspondence: I am in opposition to the killing of the Tulle Elk so we can allow more cattle grazing. We should be scaling back on meat consumption as it's a huge contributor to global warming. On the other hand, we should be protecting and working towards healthy diversity of wild animals which is crucial to the wellbeing of all life on the earth. I would argue that public land should not be leased to business that impact the planet negatively.

#427

Name: Hudson, Spencer

Correspondence: I write to oppose the proposed killing of Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. This action prioritizes the profits of a handful of privately-owned cattle ranchers at the expense of a vulnerable population of critically important wildlife.

The NPS took a bold move in enforcing contractual obligations of the commercial Drakes Bay oyster farm and the service should do the same here. Refuse to grant 20 year leases to ranchers and refuse to allow diversification of farming operations

Instead, implement a plan to emphasize the primary mission of wildlife preservation, eliminate the for-profit ranching operations and return the land to its pre-industrial natural state

#428

Name: Kruta, Jason

Correspondence: The Point Reyes National Seashore should not be used for cattle grazing - The Park Service is required to manage Point Reyes National Seashore without impairing its natural values and for the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the local natural environment. This means prioritizing native animals such as the tule elk, not selling our Parks to private ranchers.

#429

Name: Hershowitz, Jonah

Correspondence: The role of the government is to protect the public interest, and in the use of public land, to ensure the greatest good to the greatest number. The tule elk population should be considered from the perspective of the public, not the narrow needs of a small number of cattle and dairy farmers. We are in a human-caused crisis of habitat and biodiversity loss, we cannot continue to make the same policy mistakes.

The ranchers have had it good enough. The park should refuse to grant 20-year permits and leases to cattle and dairy ranchers; they have overstayed their original permit limits already, and long-term leases would set a terrible precedent in favor of private, commercial industry over the future of our parks and the health of California ecosystems. There should be no diversification of ranch operations, and the park should revoke permits for all cattle and dairy operations and restore the leased land to its original, pre-industry state.

The park should promote its mission of wildlife preservation, showcasing the park's biodiversity and its work in wildlife protection and restoration. Finally, the fence at Pierce Point Elk Reserve should be taken down so a migration corridor can be created for that Tule Elk herd.

Thank you.

#430

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I oppose the plan to cap the tule elk population. Our public lands and national parks should not give priority to private ranchers and cattle grazing. Wildlife must receive priority and care over any activity that ultimately destroys habitat and furthers climate catastrophe. Cattle ranching is known as a terrible contributor to air and water pollution. NPS should not prioritize such activities.

#431

Name: Evans, Patricia

Correspondence: Biodiversity, species preservation, climate change mitigation and public recreation would be maximized by eliminating all ranching and returning the land to its historic native vegetation.

#432

Name: Motz, Julie

Correspondence: This is a terrible idea. The nation and the world do not need more beef cattle or continuing consumption of beef. Let's let the ranch land go wild and allow the elk to flourish.

#433

Name: Friedman, Lauren

Correspondence: Ranching is unsustainable. We need a new vision for the Seashore. The preferred alternative: • No ranching. • Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. • Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. • Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. • Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

#434

Name: Cascio, Gary

Correspondence: Eliminate all cattle and cattle ranching now.

#435

Name: Harper, jill

Correspondence: Please stop with the killing. We are killing our planet and there is no reason for it. Meat is killing our planet faster. Why are you supporting an industry that is destroying our world? Please, why is it that people who want animals dead have more rights than those of us who want them to live? It's barbaric and wrong. These animals have every right to be as you and I do. Please, do the right thing.

#436

Name: Eagle, Jane

Correspondence: Get the damn livestock out of OUR parks. We want Elk, not PRIVATE PROFIT at OUR public expense.

#437

Name: Greenleaf, Lori

Correspondence: Don't kill elk.

#438

Name: Schneider, Steve

Correspondence: The National Park Service recently published their proposal for the future management of 28,000 acres of land currently leased to beef and dairy ranchers within Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The proposal is devastating to wildlife. It includes:

The culling of tule elk The conversion of public land to commercial row crops The introduction of new domestic farm animals

THIS IS WRONG! Keep the area as it is. It's our park and not for dairy or beef producers or crops. The National Parks are for public use only and NOT commercial use. This is a very stupid idea.

Steve Schneider

#439

Name: Gray, Jennifer

Correspondence: I believe the ranches should be phased out and the National Park should abide by its mandate to provide maximum protection to the natural resources of this land. The culling of elk, addition of row crops and the allowing of new domestic animals such as goats, sheep, chickens and pigs does not prioritize protecting our natural resources. It will only remove habitat for wildlife as well as create conflict for predators who will prey on these new domestic animals.

The ranchers out here kill wildlife indiscriminately - coyotes, bobcats, deer, squirrels. I know this because I live here, and not only do I hear the gun shots, but they boast about it. They do not care about the local wildlife at all. The ranchers out here feel they are entitled to eliminate any wildlife that comes onto "their land" except it is not their land, it is "our land" public land. Ranchers do not belong on parklands. The park today is bombarded by commercial vehicles such as hay trucks, gas trucks, feed trucks, silage trucks, manure spreading trucks and other industrial equipment. The roads are in terrible condition in the park. The increased traffic, new vehicles to support transport and collection of vegetables, and transport of new domestic animals will only worsen the already damaged roads and lessen visitor experience. I am completely dismayed by the NPS's decision to allow the expansion of ranching activities inside our National Park. I urge the National Park Service to disallow any expansion of any ranching activities and to focus on maximum wildlife protections and improved visitor experience over private interests. Thank you.

#440

Name: Bottjer, Sarah

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to ranching at the Pt Reyes National Seashore, and in fact I oppose use of that land for any domestic livestock. Letting livestock graze and impact the land in multiple ways will destroy precious habitat, negatively impact biodiversity, and threaten the ecosystem overall. This land represents a precious resource that should be used to preserve wildlife habitat and native plant communities, and to foster scientific research and education. I want my grandchildren to be able to experience the wonder of nature in a natural environment, and not be left with trodden-down pasture land. People should be eating less meat to mitigate the impacts of global warming, which is another reason not to sacrifice this natural environment to commercial interests.

#441

Name: Wise, Ruth

Correspondence: I think it is a crime that we are destroying our national parks and other wild places to turn them into pasture fields for livestock. I grew up on a dairy farm and am well aware of what livestock can do to a landscape. Ranchers are aware also. To sacrifice our wonderful beautiful places and the wild animal that are dying to cater to ranchers is appalling. The crimes against nature that our country continues to commit, when we know better, should make us all weep with shame. Especially those responsible.

#442

Name: Atilas, Dennessa

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a sacred place for me. Part of its allure is the wild life and nature preserves alongside the ocean. The juxtaposition of the wild so close to the hustle of city is really special. The center for Biodiversity says population control of the elk would do harm to the biodiversity. That's unacceptable. Trust the scientists and experts.

#443

Name: Dailey, Penny

Correspondence: I don't think this is a very good management plan especially if you are Tule elk. If this plan can't be implemented without killing any animals DON'T implement it. Why should cattle take precedence over animals that are living there? I'm not down on cattle I just don't think any animals should be killed.

#444

Name: Watson , Daren

Correspondence: I live in a tourist area now near North Myrtle Beach. People come here to see the natural beauty of the beach and the animals and birds that are natural to this area. They do not come to see cows or dairy farms. When I visit California I come to see the mountains the beach the elk Etc if I want to see dairy farms I'll go to Wisconsin

#445

Name: Fava, Linda

Correspondence: I read in horror the proposal of the changes at Point Reyes. Our public lands should be managed for the "public many" and not for the few who would benefit from the proposal. 6,000 cows compete with 125 tule elk for grass inside the National Park. This has caused the lease holders to push for the removal of the tule elk. In the proposed NPS plan, the elk population of the Drakes Beach herd would be capped at 120 and each year the National Park Service would kill as many elk necessary to reach their proposed limit.

Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The killing of elk to mitigate a conflict with cows is incomprehensible and against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources. 6,000 cows compete with 125 tule elk for grass inside the National Park. This has caused the lease holders to push for the removal of the tule elk. In the proposed NPS plan, the elk population of the Drakes Beach herd would be capped at 120 and each year the National Park Service would kill as many elk necessary to reach their proposed limit.

The conversion of this land will have a devastating impact on the park's native species, let alone the environmental impact of pesticide use, new fencing, rodent and rabbit conflicts, commercial vehicle traffic and all else that comes with commercial farming. Lease holders will be allowed to raise previously unauthorized domestic animals for commercial purposes including pigs, chickens, sheep and goats.

What is going to happen when a bobcat takes a chicken or a coyote takes a pig? The introduction of new domestic animals will MOST CERTAINLY create conflict with native wildlife. Major habitat loss will also happen for native animals from this new land use. This must not be allowed.

#446

Name: Orr, Jr, Louis

Correspondence: The Tule Elk were brought back from near extinction by careful management of their habitat. Please do not "Cull" the herd to allow ranching!

#447

Name: Petrie, Peter

Correspondence: There should be no livestock leases on any land within National Parks and Monuments. We come to these places to see wildlife, not someone's grazing operation. These lands are supposed to be preserving nature, I want to see deer and elk and wildlife, not cows. Public lands should be for the public's enjoyment; and not for ranching, mining, or oil extraction.

#448

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Ranching is unsustainable. We need a new vision for the Seashore.

The preferred alternative:

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#449

Name: Schuetz, Arthur

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a gem which must be preserved. No culling of elk (limit the number of cattle instead), no row crops, no new farm animals.

#450

Name: Anderson, Sharon

Correspondence: This should not be allowed. The lease for the ranchers should have been up a long time ago and the cattle removed. It is careless to allow more livestock of various types and row crops as it will affect the whole environment of species that live in the area. Killing the elk to make room for cows is absurd. Not right! The cattle need to be off the lands and the park restored back to what is supposed to be without cattle and ranchers polluting it.

#451

Name: echo, emek

Correspondence: Hi, We have already lost 60% of wildlife since 1970 according to the World Wildlife Fund or that the IPCC just came out last week with a report saying to reduce meat and dairy, better yet help to promote plantbased products to take place of the destructive animal products. It is unnecessary and cruel to make room for more cows or anything else. Thank you

#452

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the planned culling of Tule Elk, which are a vulnerable species, in Point Reyes. The Park Service is required to manage Point Reyes National Seashore without impairing its natural values and for the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the local natural environment. Instead of implementing this plan, the park should refuse to grant 20-year permits and leases to cattle and dairy ranchers. Ranchers have overstayed their original permit limits already, and long-term leases would set a terrible precedent in favor of private, commercial industry over the future of our parks and the health of California ecosystems. There should be no diversification of ranch operations, and the park should revoke permits for all cattle and dairy operations and restore the leased land to its original, pre-industry state.

#453

Name: Poole, Gracie

Correspondence: Please keep the tule elk herd as is. This herd and one more in lake county CA are the only tule elk in the world. If population control is needed in the point Reyes herd, please allow the local native tribes to hunt and also allow recreational hunting to help thin population within reason. Killing wildlife for no reason other than to please the cattle industry is absolutely disgusting and disgraceful!

#454

Name: La Rose, Christina

Correspondence: Please don't thin out this herd there is barely any tule elk left on this planet these magnificent creatures have been a part of this ecosystem for thousands of years. Why would you want to put another animal on the extinct list. By thinning out this herd you are giving it a bigger chance of doing so. I would like to suggest moving the herd nicely and in a way so they can adjust and survive.

#455

Name: La Rose, Bethany

Correspondence: The extermination of the tule elk in Point Reyes would be detrimental to the local native ecosystem, just as cattle have been. Cattle destroy biodiversity, add greenhouse gases, waste water, and have caused tule elk in the area to test positive for Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis. We have enough cattle in California. Get rid of the permits for the farmers and leave the elk alone!

#456

Name: L.Metsinger, Patrica

Correspondence: Having cows at the sea shore is RIDICULOUS...Their feces will contaminate the water and they smell will run off people ..Save the shore and scrap the cows.

#457

Name: Valley Rancheria, Redwood

Correspondence: The ELK that are occupying the Park, have every right to live together. They are like a Tribe /Family and to separate them would be wrong to do to them. They established their own family and have been good business for the Park. If the Park is getting too small for the growth of this family, then buy more land (surrounding Land) so they can travel more places.

If they are becoming too much for the cost of the land owners, then re-locate them to the same area so their family can stay together.

#458

Name: Weigl, Chris

Correspondence: Leave the tule elk alone!!!! Ranchers do not deserve cheap government land to feed their cattle. Why should the elk be killed in order to graze the cattle? This is speciesism choosing one species of animal over another. Why can't the cattle ranchers lease land instead of getting grazing rights? Since this a park and protected land, keep the cattle out. Raising cattle for meat is not sustainable and is contributing to climate change. Save the planet, eat plants.

#459

Name: Raab, Rudi

Correspondence: We are providing these comments regarding amendments to the way in which the National Park Services proposes to alter the 1980 agreement governing Point Reyes National Seashore.

We are in favor of Option - No Action and opposed to Option B, the NPS preferred option for the following reasons:

- Cows are not indigenous to California and ranching at any level is not compatible with preservation of the Pt Reyes resources. So instead of lethally culling the elk herd for the preservation of the cows, the cows should be removed in order to preserve the elk herd at least its current level.

- Adaptive reuse as a maintenance strategy sounds like government double talk. Hidden in hat language is the unimaginable certainty that such tourist facilities as beds and breakfast will be established in the middle of this national park.

- Additional diversification is another double speak for establishing new pork and poultry factories which are totally incompatible with this national park - or any national park.

In the 1980 agreement, the ranchers were given a grace period, at the end of which they were to cease operations and return the land to its natural state. The grace period is over and instead of expanding commercial operations in the park, that grace period should be ended.

#460

Name: Sinclair, Francis

Correspondence: Hello,

I would like to thank NPS for creating and presenting these planning documents and opening them up for comment for reasonable comment period. I would like to provide my support for Alternative E or D or generally promoting the idea of scaling back Ranching activities throughout the park. I believe that the Park's natural areas and natural wildlife should be the parks new priority with the accession (from me) that ranching should still continue in the park at least for now. Adjusting the balance in this direction should have positive effects for the wildlife as well as possibly increasing interest in the park for visitors. It is hopefully obvious to planners that Ranching activities and Environmental concerns are generally at direct odds with each other. With the exception of certain wildlife that thrive in low grassland habitats, the return of additional shrubland and reduction of damaging effects of ranching should generally have net positive effects on the overall environment there. In the areas where conditions are kept the same there would be no negative change but in the areas where ranchland is reduced there would be a net positive change. Where ranching has been discontinued this should also allow NPS to create wild areas with a much more thorough ecological balance. When measured against benefits to specific endangered species or specific pollution measurements the effect may seem minor but the cumulative effects may be larger across the whole ecology and probably for larger mammals and possibly future plans for the park. Areas adjacent to these primarily wild areas should have net positive additional affects as well. Also it seems as though at

least with wildlife enthusiasts culling the rare tule elks to give grazing priority to legacy cattle farming activities seems to be a very unpopular plan. Given that the NPS is generally a natural area maintenance and protection service it does seem to be counter to its goals to promote a plan which would establish a program that seeks to destroy natural wildlife in the park.

So in short, please consider the cumulative effects of increasing ranching activities and seek to do the opposite. Further consider how NPS may be perceived as an agency as it seeks to promote a lethal wildlife management strategy to prioritize cows over wildlife.

#461

Name: La Rose, Theresa

Correspondence: To eliminate any Elk is furthering the issues that this land faces. There is so many more options for ranchers and eliminating an already endangered species is cruel and unethical. Please consider how the native community has taken care of this land for so many generations and after being forcibly removed from ancestral grounds, this feels like a slap in the face. We once coexisted with all species. If you have to kill them off, please allow the natives in this area be involved in the ethical slaughter and proper way to use its remains.

#462

Name: Biggart, PhD, Nicole

Correspondence: I am very concerned about the impact of additional farm animals at Pt. Reyes, particularly cows and pigs. They damage the soil and create compaction that is not compatible with the National Seashore's native species and their fecal matter limits habitat for other uses and species. This is very special land with an ecosystem that can easily be damaged and running livestock on it is something that can be done on less historically and naturally valuable land. It is hard to understand why there elk should be culled but cows increased!

#463

Name: Orłowski, Rachel

Correspondence: Having just visited Point Reyes National Seashore I want to emphasize that the park should be first and foremost a place of conservation, preservation and wildlife without any development and very little additional human footprint.

#464

Name: Lanigan, Puller

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

In all the years I have been out to Point Reyes, I have seen PLENTY of cows, but I have NEVER seen the Tule Elk. I don't think many people visit California to go look at the cows. I love cows, but they aren't the draw. The coastline and wildlife are the draw. I understand the ranchers sold their land to the government and hopefully, they invested their \$2m wisely and it is worth more now than in the 60's. I can't believe the Elk rebounded so quickly after the 200 died a few years ago during the drought. Is the total number of Tule in this Park at 120? If so, that is below genetic viability.

I am also disturbed to hear that the Elk are infected with Johne's Disease bacteria. My familiarity with it, is from dirty livestock pens and after viewing some of the cattle pastures, I feel that the cattle are also over produced and damaging not only the environment but the wildlife as well. If the Elk are infected with this bacteria, this is a travesty and reflects poor management on both National Park Service and the local ranchers.

If this is the reasoning behind reducing the Tule Elk population, then I would just as soon lose the cattle too. The pastures need the rest. Johne's Disease is an organic farm's disaster.

Leave the Elk, lose the cows.

Respectfully,

P.Lanigan

#465

Name: Dandrea, Patrick

Correspondence: Please do not let this sacred and special place change. I can't describe the feeling I have when I have hiked to Point Tomales among the majestic Tule Elk. It literally feels like we are in a different country or planet... one where animals and man share equally in nature's beauty. They have such a small amount of space already, please do not take more away. They have no voice to fight for themselves, so please listen and do not let ranchers take over the Tule Elk Reserve. We cannot let this happen!

#466

Name: D, P

Correspondence: With animal species around the world going extinct, we should be more thoughtful before considering the Slaughter of wild animals. We have plenty of cows. There isn't any need or shortage of a farm animals. It is important to preserve space for nature.

#467

Name: Jones, Robert

Correspondence: I advocate for adopting Alternative F.

This alternative does the least harm to our environment and has the most positive outcome for preserving the natural ecosystem. We do not need more or the same number of cows if we are to survive the spiraling greenhouse gas catastrophe. We need far less, no cattle if goals to stabilize global warming are to be met. Certainly, we need to move away from meat and milk products production if balance is to be renewed on the Earth. Far too much land, including public land, is devoted to livestock.

The NPS should be supportive of maintaining (and restoring!) a more native ecosystem - isn't that what it says in the NPS charter? That's certainly what I expect and deserve from the venerable NPS.

I am supportive of protecting and reintroducing predators to help the Elk achieve sustainable numbers. I realize this may be insufficient and that some Elk shooting may occur.

It is not the mission of the NPS or the public in Public Lands to foster private businesses. Do you really need this reminder? I am unbelievably sick and disgusted by the low grazing fees and horrid welfare ranching, mining, and logging that occurs on my public lands.

If I am over-ruled and you stubbornly or politically adopt a pro-cattle alternative, I want full commercial value attached to grazing fees. I want the cattle off my lands, and if they stay because of politics, I want full rent and grazing and water and other fees charged and returned to the NPS.

Soil compaction, soil loss is a big deal and this should be enough to support Alternative F. This, of course, relates to watershed viability.

Watershed. Yes, adopt Alternative F and restore the watershed capability of this fine area.

Enlargement of visitor services? Yes, within reason and dictated by maintaining the continuity of the ecosystem and necessary biological zones and corridors for wildlife. Stopping the grazing will make this more possible.
Alternative F.

I advocate for adopting Alternative F.

#468

Name: Griffin, Gregory

Correspondence: I oppose cattle being allowed in the area in question. There are other areas that would be more appropriate for cattle grazing. There should be significant concern for the environmental impact of cattle grazing on such an ocean area.

#469

Name: Moore, Richard

Correspondence: So its a no brainer get rid of the cows 14% they have nothing to do with a state/national or any other kind of park! It always seems like you guys hear exactly opposite of what the people say they want so I wont be surprised if you do the wrong thing but I will be angry with you!

#470

Name: Gabby, Taylor

Correspondence: Please prioritize wildlife and our unique ecosystems. These things are much more important than commercial agriculture interests. Please protect the Tule elk.

#471

Name: Chasse, Melissa Rose

Correspondence: The first time I drove to the Point Reyes Lighthouse, I was confused and horrified to see large cattle ranching operations inside National Park Service lands- -lands that are supposed to be set aside for the benefit of all to preserve our national heritage.

The adverse impacts of ranching on soils, water quality, vegetation, wildlife and visitor experience are undeniable: piles of manure, muddy trails, accelerated erosion, weed-infested pastures and gigantic heaps of rotting vegetation called silage. These are not the kinds of conditions I, as a tax paying citizen, expect when I visit MY public land- - especially land set aside to preserve native flora, fauna and landscapes.

The ranched lands at Point Reyes are largely coastal prairie, an environment almost completely lost and destroyed by ranching and development. To put it bluntly, the coastal prairie, as well as the plants and wildlife it supports, is rare and deserves full protection and restoration as implied by conferring it National Park status.

I DEMAND an end to cattle operations and grazing on National Park lands. I DEMAND the National Park Service do its job and protect, preserve and restore these endangered coastal prairies FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. These National Parks belong to me, my family and all of my fellow citizens. It is time we take priority over the few ranchers who continue to rape our public lands for their own benefit.

#472

Name: Vogee, Kim

Correspondence: To the National Park Service + Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore, I applaud the decision regarding the Ranch Leases and I fully support your proposed plan!! Very well done and please stay this course!! You have done well and don't let the critics get you down! THANK YOU!! Gratefully, Kim Vogee

#473

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: PROTECT THE ELK!!! BECAUSE PARKS ARE FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION, NOT RANCH PROTECTION-WHY ELSE DO PARKS EXIST?!

#474

Name: Bowles, Nick

Correspondence: GMP Amendment c/o Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

I was shocked to read in today's Chronicle of the Park Service's proposal to dramatically change the use of Point Reyes National Seashore. The lands in question were to be protected for their agricultural use at the time and for the public's benefit as a Park. The current land use and leasing approaches has worked well to permit continuance of legacy ranching while creating a park for the public and also provide for habitat for the successful reintroduction of the Tule elk.

This proposal is about greed-nothing more! Sure, ranchers might make more money by operating hotels, introducing many invasive species (chickens, pigs, sheep, goats, horses, etc.) and introducing many more crops. Even making cheese! But these are not legacy activities and may actually harm the traditional cattle ranching. And none of them will reverse the environmental damage and greenhouse gases produced by ranching. Instead these proposals will make matters worse.

In a very limited way, some commercial uses in some parks (e.g. hotel/restaurants for visitors in remote parks) have a public benefit and need to be permitted. But that is not true here. Here there is no public benefit.

Further this creates an expensive administrative burden -the proposal envisions different zones and parcels (some very small) with different permitted and forbidden uses. All of this will need to be designed, established, leases negotiated, monitored and enforced. A large and perpetual money pit for the Government with no benefit to the public's Park.

The to be introduced animals (pigs, sheep, etc.) will act as a magnet and bring in coyotes and other predators - causing even more tension and difficulty.

And, of course, 'culling' the Tule elk should be unthinkable.

Please, the Park Service's plan should be dropped

Sincerely

R. N Bowles

#475

Name: Demney, Carl

Correspondence: Hello, I go to the Point Reyes National Seashore to see the wildlife several times a year and am a parks supporter. Please respect the wilderness. Thank you, Carl Demney

#476

Name: Howard, Valerie

Correspondence: Valerie Howard 8/11/2019

GMP amendment, C/O Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Pt. Reyes CA 94956

I demand no elk be killed! That proposal is unacceptable public policy. Careful though results in this better solution: 1. The elk retain the right to roam freely on their ancestral lands. 2. The farm animals go to live at the farm animal sanctuary for the rest of their lives. 3. The ranchers and farmers are given subsidies to buy land elsewhere in California, and retrained to grow walnuts and almonds, a much better source of protein, much needed globally. 4. Pt. Reyes National Seashore is protected as a natural habitat for all the wildlife who live there.

Valerie Howard

#477

Name: Struckett, Rachael

Correspondence: I am extremely perturbed to learn of these proposals to change the management of the Point Reyes area. One of the USA's biggest strengths as seen by visitors from overseas is the National Parks system in the USA.

Point Reyes was originally put under protection to "save and preserve for the purposes of recreation, benefit and inspiration, a portion of the diminishing seashore of the US that remains underdeveloped". In such areas we should be protecting natural resources, not undermining them. It is incumbent on all of us to protect habitats of this nature for future generations to enjoy. Point Reyes' proximity to San Francisco makes it an ideal recreation area - over 2 million visitors a year shows its pull.

I am not in favour of culling, especially of a species such as the Tule Elk, which is not commonly seen elsewhere in the world. It is an iconic beast which greatly increases the attraction of this beautiful peninsula. If the elk were to be culled using a shot gun, this would make other wildlife species in the area increasingly shy. It is the diversity of wildlife in this area which makes it attractive to walkers, photographers and naturalists alike. When I visit this area, as I plan to do in the next year and beyond, I trust that I will continue to have a chance to see animals such as Bobcats, Tule Elk, Grey Foxes and Black-Tailed Deer. I very much hope too also see Northern Harriers, Red-tailed Hawks, Great Horned Owls and a variety of shore birds.

This wilderness area is a fitting backdrop to the seashore itself, so it would be a great shame if the landscape were further altered towards commercial agricultural pasture for a mix of domestic animals. Historic ranching is one thing, but row crops and use of pesticides are quite another.

Please, please reconsider your proposals before it is too late to save the unique qualities of this area.

#478

Name: MacDonald, James Brian

Correspondence: To: National Park Service 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Comment to EIR, up date to Point Reyes General Management Plan for Tule Elk: All comments in full and not abbreviated to be included in the administrative record.

I would like to register my complaint of the lack of meaningful public participation as required by NEPA in these proceedings. The only reason I now of these proceedings is through a article I read. This is a National Park and a National issue, There should be a link on the opening page for any National Park Service opening page clearly informing the public of their rights to participate in these and other proceeding and a clear link to any and all documentation. Notification should be on those pages for a minimum of thirty days before calling for public comments. Being able to point to 5 links down stream where the public could have found this information is not meaningful public notification or participation. Even when calling the park service I was not given a clear link to

these proceedings only Point Reyes opening page (go.nps.gov/pore/gmpa) nor would they put me on a contact list.

Sincerely: James Brian MacDonald

#479

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: DON'T KILL!

#480

Name: Seronello, Lee and Ann

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent- I am writing you and your Committee asking you not kill the elk to make room for more farming and grazing. I live in Napa, CA and we visit Point Reyes National Park often and enjoy seeing "normal" wildlife. There is plenty grazing are in Sonoma and Muir hills. Leave things alone and protect our coast. The Federal government at this time, does not care to protect our natural areas is about \$. Sincerely, Lee and Ann Seronello

#481

Name: DeOliveria, Lois

Correspondence: Dear Point Reyes "protectors". Why is it that the tule elk come in second to pigs, chickens, and cows? This is their land and have NO choice in the solutions offered, which bend over to pacify the farmers. We should be far more appreciative of the few wild animals we have left. We are losing more and more wild species every day and should put more value on them than ranch farm animals, which are plenty and not going extinct. Please keep in mind in your solution search that there are many other species that may be impacted by the answer. Farmers should have their small spots other places not in a sensitive environment reserved for the tule elk. I hope someday that your grandchildren and etc...have the joy and privilege of seeing such beautiful WILD animals and not have to see these animals in books or media due to being re-placed by farm animals.

Please think long and hard about your solution at Point Reyes! I beg of you to protect the tule elk at all costs!

Thank you.

Lois De Oliveria

#482

Name: N/A, Julie

Correspondence: Tule elk are only found in this area of the world. Do not place profits above the land and species you are obligated to protect.

#483

Name: Kinnell, Sterling

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I'm very disturbed by the NPS's recent proposal for the future management of Point Reyes National Seashore and the GGNRA, which will include the culling of the tule elk herd that lives there and the introduction of row crops for commercial farming. I visit both of these park areas at least a half dozen times each year, often more, and I'm aware of what the general public will lose if this proposal is enacted.

This area is the only national park where the tule elk exist. There is no scientific evidence that the herd has grown too large for the habitat of the park. The proposal to cull this herd is not stemming from an inability of the park to sustain it, but rather because the herd competes with cattle owned by local ranchers who lease some of the parkland for grazing. If the resource of park grassland is becoming scarce, then it is the responsibility of the leasing ranchers to limit the size of their livestock herds accordingly. It is not the responsibility of the National Park Service to limit wildlife populations in order to optimize profit-making potential for leasing ranchers.

Additionally, the Park Service proposes to allow some of these ranchers to begin the row planting of commercial crops, a new form of land use for the park. It is one thing to allow the leasing of grassland, which is habitat that can be shared by cattle and wildlife, but to make natural habitat unusable by wildlife so that it can be exploited by private interests is not protecting the park and its natural resources.

Lastly, the proposal to allow some of the ranch leasers to introduce other types of livestock to park areas, such as pigs, goats, and chickens, seems to lack any foresight of consequences. The environmental damage, including pollution of water resources, caused by hog farming are well known, as is the unbelievable stench that accompanies the raising of pigs. Pig farming is incompatible with the purpose and function of national parkland. And when ranchers' goats and chickens inevitably fall prey to coyotes and other natural predators that live within the park, will there be even more commercial pressure to "cull" other populations of native wildlife?

If the ranchers who lease park property find it insufficient for their needs and wish to expand their operations, they should acquire additional private property at their own expense to grow their commercial enterprises. The Point Reyes National Seashore and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area belong to the public. I see nothing in this new management proposal that serves the public interest or that enhances the natural resources of the park. If this proposal is adopted, it will be self-evident that the National Park Service is more concerned with serving private commercial interests than in protecting natural resources that belong to all of us.

Sincerely, Sterling Kinnell

#484

Name: morrissey, patricia
Correspondence: Good Day,

Now more than ever our wildlife is being encroach upon by businesses. The elk are an important part of our wild lands. If the dairy farmers are impacted then perhaps they can reduce the amount of dairy cows. we certainly haven't a shortage of milk or dairy products. Opening this door to business over nature is a dangerous proposition it feeds into the governments new attitude that environment and business cannot work hand in hand. I strongly oppose thinning out the heard for the profit of farmers, ranchers or businesses bottom line.

#485

Name: Tucker, Kirsten

Correspondence: I am disgusted that the National Park Service would prioritize private ranching inside a national park over protecting natural resources; I do not see how this is consistent with the NPS mission. No elk should be killed to satisfy a conflict with cows. The introduction of new domestic farm animals and row crops will create conflict with native wildlife and should not be allowed. There is no place for commercial farming inside a national park.

#486

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Leave the elks alone! There is enough destruction of the Earth already. Please let me know to co-exist with Nature!

#487

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Leave the elks alone! There is enough destruction of the Earth already. Please let us learn to co-exist with Nature!

#488

Name: Walker, Matt

Correspondence: To the NPS:

Our national parks are NOT FOR SALE. Throughout your history, you've had the difficult responsibility of balancing the preservation and protection of our most extraordinary lands with making them accessible to the public--us, the owners. By and large I think you've met that challenge pretty well.

How in the world does this proposal advance either of those missions? It's utterly crazy and completely contrary to the purpose of our parks.

The introduction of new domestic animals will MOST CERTAINLY create conflict with native wildlife. What do you think will happen when a bobcat takes a chicken or a coyote takes a pig? Major habitat loss for native animals will also result from this new land use. This absolutely must NOT be allowed.

The current proposal by the National Park Service will have a massive negative impact to the park's native wildlife. It will also set an unacceptable precedent that the rapacious people who have a grip on our government will use over and over again.

The national parks are NOT commercial ventures. They were established precisely to prevent this from happening. Come to your senses and bury this nonsense where it can never raise its greedy, ugly head again.

#489

Name: RICHMOND, LONNA

Correspondence: I am writing in opposition to your preferred plan, which i think is biased against wildlife.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands and wildlife habitat at Point Reyes to artichoke farms and other row crops, as well as the expansion of commercial livestock farming to introduce sheep, goats, pigs or chickens. This would inevitably lead to conflicts with other native wildlife in the park resulting in ranchers calling for killing of coyotes, bobcats, foxes and numerous birds.

Not only is this giving 20-year lease terms to 15 private dairy and beef ranches encompassing about 26,100 acres, but it would expand ranching leases into an additional 7,600 acres of the park that are currently not authorized for cattle ranching.

It includes vague aspirational management guidelines to protect natural resources from damage from cattle grazing and ranching, but the Park Service has been unable and unwilling to enforce many of the current grazing lease conditions. The plan would authorize excessive levels of cattle stocking that have led to overgrazing, resulting in significant soil erosion, degradation of water quality, damage to endangered species habitat and the spread of invasive plants in the park.

The reintroduction of tule elk to the Point Reyes peninsula has so far been a success story for the conservation of native species and restoring ecosystems, in keeping with the mission of the National Park Service.

The plan prioritizes private agricultural interests over the preservation of public lands and wildlife. " It just seems like the Park Service has basically rolled over and given the ranching interests everything that they've demanded," said Deborah Moskowitz, president of the Mill Valley-based Resource Renewal Institute. "What it means is that once again the park is not putting the protection and wildlife and habitat first.

#490

Name: Vandeman, Michael

Correspondence: What were you thinking?? Mountain biking and trail-building destroy wildlife habitat! Mountain biking is environmentally, socially, and medically destructive! There is no good reason to allow bicycles on any unpaved trail. Mountain bikers are already breaking the law by riding on trails (such as the Coast Trail) closed to bikes. There is no good reason to reward them with more bike access.

Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: <https://mjvande.info/mtb10.htm> . It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else - - ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking...

A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <https://mjvande.info/scb7.htm>). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.

Mountain bikers also love to build new trails - legally or illegally. Of course, trail-building destroys wildlife habitat - not just in the trail bed, but in a wide swath to both sides of the trail! E.g. grizzlies can hear a human from one mile away, and smell us from 5 miles away. Thus, a 10-mile trail represents 100 square miles of destroyed or degraded habitat, that animals are inhibited from using. Mountain biking, trail building, and trail maintenance all increase the number of people in the park, thereby preventing the animals' full use of their habitat. See <https://mjvande.info/scb9.htm> for details.

Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?

To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video:

<http://vimeo.com/48784297>.

In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: https://mjvande.info/mtb_dangerous.htm .

For more information: <https://mjvande.info/mtbfaq.htm> .

The common thread among those who want more recreation in our parks is total ignorance about and disinterest in the wildlife whose homes these parks are. Yes, if humans are the only beings that matter, it is simply a conflict among humans (but even then, allowing bikes on trails harms the MAJORITY of park users - - hikers and equestrians - - who can no longer safely and peacefully enjoy their parks).

The parks aren't gymnasiums or racetracks or even human playgrounds. They are WILDLIFE HABITAT, which is precisely why they are attractive to humans. Activities such as mountain biking, that destroy habitat, violate the charter of the parks.

Even kayaking and rafting, which give humans access to the entirety of a water body, prevent the wildlife that live there from making full use of their habitat, and should not be allowed. Of course those who think that only humans matter won't understand what I am talking about -- an indication of the sad state of our culture and educational system.

#491

Name: Takaht, Cindy

Correspondence: I am very much against using our taxpayer money to help the cattle industry. They are a multi-billion dollar industry and DO NOT need to have our government help them with grazing land. Our natural wildlife need our natural wilderness to maintain their health and wellness. I do not care about cattle and I demand that federal dollars do not go to helping an industry that is very responsible for environmental degradation. The time is over for my money to go to helping them destroy more natural American assets. The whole world is watching.

#492

Name: Lawrence, Ann

Correspondence: Dear General Management Planners,

Pt. Reyes National Seashore land is for all the people to enjoy. The perpetuation of cattle on the land, which contributes methane gas into the air (causing greenhouse gases and desecration of the land) is not in our best interest. We have enough sources of dairy from other areas that are not set aside. The original lease for this land has already been honored. The understanding was that the land would go back to its natural state after the initial period expired. So, to suddenly implement a policy which would expand farm use and guarantee this footprint on the land for 20 years is highly objectionable to me and abrogates the original promise to keep this land protected for all, forever.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ann Lawrence

#493

Name: Gould, Theresa

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore wildlife must be protected. Tule elk, bobcats, coyotes, and other species are threatened by the expansion of farmed animals. Protect wildlife in our national parks.

#494

Name: Lazenby, Morgan

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

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#495

Name: Lahovitch, Mary
Correspondence: Hello,

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#497

Name: Baker, Sharon

Correspondence: When all the trees and animals are dead and the air, land and water polluted will you then realize you and your progeny can't eat money.

#498

Name: Crain, Anthony

Correspondence: Livingflorabuildings.blogspot.com. save animals

#499

Name: Davis, Ryan

Correspondence: Hello, Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#500

Name: N/A, N/A

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#501

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#502

Name: Komras, Henrietta

Correspondence: I can't believe that President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The only reason this is being done is to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife

THIS IS JUST PLAIN WRONG AND SO IS KILLING INNOCENT ANIMALS FOR PROFIT AND TO APPEASE FARMERS

SHAME ON YOU SHAME ON YOU

#503

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#504

Name: Stanton, Mary

Correspondence: As a citizen who cares deeply about all creatures who share our Earth I strongly oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The plan to shoot up to 15 elk every year serves merely to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. It would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use-while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. It also would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs-a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

My objections do not stop there. Furthermore:

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Thank you for considering my thoughts and acting accordingly.

#505

Name: Cagey, Sharon

Correspondence: Hello I am writing to protect Elk and to keep them being please keep our wildlife safe Thank you! Sharon Cagey

#506

Name: DiMartino, Penelope

Correspondence: PLEASE do not allow tule elk to be shot at Point Reyes. This is their only habitat. haven't humans done enough to cause the ex Endangerment of another precious animal species? We, the public are getting more and more fed up to hear of your intentions!

#507

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Save the Tule Deer from Point Reyes Seashore from slaughter for the greed of a few. Remove all cows from the national seashore. remove the cows now

#508

Name: Clark, Todd

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#510

Name: Root, Edith

Correspondence: Does this land exist for private profits or is it public land to be shared by all?

#511

Name: Moreno, Alejandro

Correspondence: It's wrong and you shouldn't put our resources at risk because of your wrongdoing .anyhow I completely oppose these actions in destroying our nature's preservatives!

#512

Name: Desmond, Sheila

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

Killing the Tule Elk is not the way to manage our forests, grasslands, or our ecology. First of all, if the Tule Elk are taking over the area, then one of the problems is lack of predators. Of course, the ranchers wouldn't like to see more predators because of their cattle. However, another problem is giving the ranchers free access to National Park land without first thinking about the wildlife that lives in the Park.

Please reconsider your decision. Killing by humans of the Tule Elk for any reason should be unacceptable.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sheila Desmond

#513

Name: Gottejman, Brian

Correspondence:

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#514

Name: Oswald, Fred

Correspondence: I have heard disturbing news of a nefarious Park Service plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The plan would allow shooting up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. This extremely unwise plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including methane production, degradation of water-quality and soil erosion.

The plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs which would cause much more damage.

I urge the Park Service to reject this destructive plan.

#515

Name: Gandolfo, Deborah

Correspondence: I was appalled to read that you plan to slaughter Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. As you know, this is the only place they live, whereas ranchers have many places they can use for grazing. I was a frequent visitor to Point Reyes when I lived in California. Seeing an Elk would be the highlight of a visit there. Protecting wildlife should now be a priority over commercial interests. With millions of species at risk of extinction, why are we still killing them just because they might "inconvenience" us. I always believed California was a leader in environmental issues. Please continue that trend and abandon your plan to kill the Tule Elk.

#516

Name: Peterson, Susan

Correspondence: I completely oppose the killing of elk in Point Reyes and elsewhere. We have plenty of meat available without destroying the beautiful wildlife which are breathtaking to view and enjoy. Nature would seem sterile without its wildlife. Please protect the elk and all other species as well.

Thank you. Susan Peterson

#517

Name: Harlib, Amy

Correspondence: Save Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes!

I totally agree with these talking points from the Center for Biological Diversity.

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It is time we look at tending to our native animals and not COWING to sheep/cow owners.

#519

Name: HEGLAND, PATRICIA

Correspondence: GET THE CATTLE OUT OF OUR PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS. THEY PRODUCE METHANE GAS WHICH IS HARMFUL TO OUR PLANET. THESE RANCHERS NEED TO GET THEIR OWN LAND, RAISE THEIR UNIT PRICE IF YOU WON'T GET RID OF THEM.

#520

Name: Dodge, Dana

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

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Thank you

#521

Name: Teevan, John

Correspondence: I am contacting the National Park Service in relation to the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Wildlife and natural scenery motivate my wife and I to visit Point Reyes and other national parks.

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Finally, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for considering my comments.

#522

Name: Pallansch, Jess

Correspondence: Hello.

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- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Jess Pallansch

#523

Name: Engard, Georgette

Correspondence: I oppose killing of wildlife to appease livestock owners. Don't allow killing Tule Elk at Pointe Reyes. It's unconscionable and a threat to the ecosystem and balance of biodiversity.

#524

Name: Buschena, Cindy

Correspondence: I love the national parks and am a nature enthusiast. I go to parks to enjoy nature, scenery, wildlife, and rare plants. I'm very concerned about plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. It is the only national park where these rare animals live! I believe that native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

The elk in Point Reyes are an important part of the landscape. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration. A lot of time, money and effort went into restoring tule elk in Point Reyes. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park. They should not be shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Please do not allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching will create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching is inconsistent with the Park Service's "Climate Friendly Parks" plan, as cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases.

#525

Name: Krause, Susan

Correspondence: As a wildlife biologist, and as an American, I am appalled that you are considering killing native elk, to appease people that are grazing livestock on OUR land!!!!!! Please do the right thing, for our native wildlife and the majority of Americans. Susan Krause

#526

Name: Tignanelli, Doreen

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#527

Name: Whitaker, Gene

Correspondence: It's a park. Please let it be a park for the ever expanding public to enjoy. Let ranchers and farmers go elsewhere. Point Reyes National Seashore needs to be protected from grazing and farming. Please let it be a natural grassland and other habitats providing a home for the elk and other wildlife. People and elk may need to be controlled to protect the natural environment, but use by cattle and other livestock and farming need to be eliminated.

#528

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am a concerned American who cares about wildlife and the environment. Please drop the ridiculous plan to shoot up to 15 elk every year in California's Point Reyes National Seashore to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land.

This misguided plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use, while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. The plan would further allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There is absolutely no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Please do everything possible to protect the tule elk, which are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Further, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please get rid of agricultural and ranching activities at Point Reyes, and protect the tule elk and other native species.

#529

Name: Ramauro, Michelle

Correspondence: To Whom This May Concern/National Park Service I am shocked to learn of the NPS plan to shoot and kill native Tule elk on Point Reyes National Seashore. Why would you do this on public land? Public land is not there to serve the interests of for profit cattle grazing businesses. Not only do you plan to kill these native elk, there are no plans to protect the fragile ecosystem from damage and pollution due to cattle grazing.

You want to explore further farming, agricultural and livestock interests that would further damage the area, exploit grasslands and threaten the survival and right to thrive of the Tule Elk.

These elk are rare and this national park is their home. Protect them, allow them to thrive. If you must consider allowing cattle and livestock ranching and farming then do so in a way that protects and preserves the land and serves the environment in an integral and beneficial way so that all may thrive.

Your thinking on this is narrow minded and out dated. Rise to the occasion, be creative, smart and inclusive. These actions will just further more damage to our planet and our climate. Think of future generations. This is our only home! Thank you for your attention to this serious issue. Dr. Michelle Ramauro, Keene, NH

#530

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: If you can verify the truth about this I will listen. If this story about having Tule Elk shot near Point Reyes is actually a truth and you are proving our President Trump is all for this and promoting this, the public needs a true statement not fake news as is all the public is given regarding President Trump from "News" and Deep State Government agencies who are not truthful, only political leftists now.

#531

Name: Johnson, Linda

Correspondence: I was DISGUSTED to just read that Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. I am personally getting very tired of having to defend our animal friends from this lunatic and his cronies. His assault on the environment and other species needs to STOP. Besides that, Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands! Also, natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

I don't need to tell you (or do I?) that Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals!

And currently the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around!

Our Park Service should NOT allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should not be allowed at all in my opinion. We all need to give up our dependence on beef and stop the mass production of this meat as it is negatively impacting our environment. Not to mention that cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Hear our voices ... you MUST not proceed with Trump's plan. This goes against everything those of us who love and enjoy visiting nature (including Point Reyes) stand and fight for. And fight we will continue if needed!

#532

Name: Henley, Michele

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Your plan to kill up to 15 Tule elk cows on California's Point Reyes National Seashore plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Your plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

It is very important to allow the wild species to live in this national park area without being killed just to make a profit of this land at the expense of wild animals. I want to keep Point Reyes as pristine as possible as I know many people who enjoy this area for its natural beauty.

Thank you for your time.

Michele Henley

#533

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing to ask the National Park Service to protect tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service should not allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

It appears to me, a concerned citizen and voter, that the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

#534

Name: Sanders, Robert

Correspondence: Please reconsider a plan to shoot Tule Elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore. A healthy population of this unique species is integral to the health of our environment in the area. A cruel policy should not

be implemented to appease a special interest already receiving subsidies from the federal government, harming the eco-structure, and enjoying a thriving industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

#535

Name: Miller, Carol

Correspondence: Do not kill tule elk or open up Point Reyes to domestic animals. Leave it alone.

#536

Name: Tanimoto, Sydney

Correspondence: Hello,

I was shocked when I learned that the National Park Service plans to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Point Reyes has been one of my family's favorite places to go on weekend getaways and the tule elk are a big draw for us. We love seeing these animals thrive at Point Reyes and the National Park's plan jeopardizes what makes Point Reyes so great. I am writing with strong opposition to the Nation Park Service plans to kill native Tule Elk.

I understand that there are ranches in Point Reyes, but those ranchers are enjoying subsidized grazing fees and housing, and taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements. They are guests on public land, and should not be allowed to encroach or endanger the natural wildlife of Point Reyes.

Best, Sydney Tanimoto

#537

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#538

Name: Drucker, LM

Correspondence: I am writing to oppose a current NPS plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

NPS would shoot (or allow to be shot) up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. The plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. Your plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Agricultural and livestock business, as well as mining and other commercial interests, have intruded enough upon our public spaces and their wildlife. Please stop this current plan to help ranchers and farmers at the expense of the tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore.

#539

Name: Wood, Peter

Correspondence: I oppose the killing of any tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore.

Get livestock off our public lands! Public lands are for wildlife, not livestock!

STOP TRUMP'S WAR ON OUR WILDLIFE!

#540

Name: Sabinson, Mara

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please live up to your mission and abandon this proposal!

#541

Name: Dowling, Holly

Correspondence: Dear Sirs:

I am a native Californian and grew up in the town of Greenbrae. As a child my family frequently visited Point Reyes and I have fond memories of viewing the elk there. I strongly believe that the elk should have precedence over the wishes of ranchers, whose goal is to continue using public lands for their cattle.

The Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Please, do the right thing and don't give in to the special interests of the ranching community.

Sincerely, Holly Dowling

#542

Name: Leitner, Joel

Correspondence: Hi, I'm writing to object to your proposal to allow culling of up to 15 of the Tule elk herd at the Point Reyes National Seashore. This land is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not be shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches already enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. And BTW, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

And finally, the Park Service absolutely shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native

predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts, to the complete detriment of the mandate of the Point Reyes Act: "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

I hope you will reconsider this policy, and work for the benefit of the park and its natural inhabitants, not the ranchers looking to maximize how much they can take advantage of it.

Thanks.

#543

Name: Armstrong, Susan

Correspondence: Teddy Roosevelt quote: The wild life of today is not ours to do with as we please. The original stock was given to us in trust for the benefit both of the present and the future. We must render an accounting of this trust to those who come after us.

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#544

Name: Brackney, Elisabeth

Correspondence: I'm shocked to hear the Park Service is putting a higher priority on private cattle grazing at Point Reyes over protection of rare tule elk that occur nowhere else. There is no place for commercial enterprises such as artichoke farms, chicken or pig farms, etc. in a national park, which should preserve natural environments and their native species and be enjoyed by the public for its natural beauty.

Please, do not kill any tule elk and keep cattle ranching and any farming operations out of Point Reyes National Seashore! The park should be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

Sincerely, Elisabeth Brackney

#545

Name: Holzheimer, Jorge

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#546

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

I AM AGAINST THIS!!!! PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS HORRIBLE SITUATION. THANK YOU

#547

Name: Crage, Kristin

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The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife

#548

Name: PEAK, TINA

Correspondence: AT Point Reyes the natural environment, plant life and wild life are what is valued. Commercial enterprises can be allowed but only if they don't impact the main reason for the park. The park is not there to serve agricultural interests such as farming or animal production. These uses degrade the environment and introduce non-native parasites and invasive plants.

The main focus of the park should be to preserve the natural environment and preference should be given to the native ecosystem. Please plan accordingly.

#549

Name: McMullen, Colleen

Correspondence: I am writing you to protest the planned "culling" of the Tule elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore. This habitat is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

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Finally, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thanks for your consideration

#550

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Re: California's Point Reyes National Seashore

The practice of grazing cattle and other livestock on public lands needs to stop. Given the state of climate change it is irresponsible to continue this practice. The land needs to be conserved for biodiversity (e.g., saving, not killing the tule elk) as well as carbon sequestration. A predominantly meat-based diet needs to be on the decline. Ranching certainly shouldn't be subsidized by access to public lands!

#551

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

DO YOUR JOB! Protect this gorgeous area that draws multitudes of tourists each year to see such beautiful creatures as the Tule Elk herds. These herds are why I and a number of my friends make many trips a year to hike the Tomales Point Trail. Why is the resolution always to kill something that is deemed "inconvenient" by a few persons who are making money from this land - please show a bit more creativity than that and listen to those of us who actual use this land for its current intended purpose.

#552

Name: Narbutovskih, Anna

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be preservation of the natural environment. Commercial agricultural leases on these public lands need to stop. Grazing cattle is destructive everywhere and allowing it on public land is rude.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

If you want a natural control for the tule elk, bring back the wolves.

#553

Name: Gravette, Kristina

Correspondence: To Who It May Concern:

I am dismayed to hear of President Trump's National Park Service's shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. I urge you to cancel this plan immediately, for the following reasons:

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- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Sincerely, Kristina Gravette

#554

Name: Gordon, Marc

Correspondence: I have been to the Point Reyes National Seashore many times, and can state that it is a national gem that contains largely unspoiled seashore, grasslands, and woods. This National Seashore must be protected for future generations to enjoy in a pristine state. Grazing, farming, and other commercial activities are inimical to the mandate for how the park should be managed and protected, and rather than increasing the commercial activities they should be rapidly and completely phased out. Please reverse all current plans that call for maintaining or increasing grazing, farming, and other commercial activities at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

#555

Name: Rosso, Brit

Correspondence: I am submitting my comments to you, based on your draft EIS, which includes the killing of part of your local herd of Tule Elk to provide better grazing conditions for introduced, non-native cattle. I have visited PORE many times, and have had been very fortunate to have seen part of your local elk herd. Please refer to and consider my thoughts in your planning process, listed below;

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I ask you to take a close look at your unit's "enabling legislation" to remind you and your staff of the original intent from congress on establishing the Point Reyes National Seashore. Please remember the core mission of the NPS, to preserve and protect resources unimpaired for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

#556

Name: Makurat, Joan

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#557

Name: Potter, Doris

Correspondence: Please accept the following comments:

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. They should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

As a nature photographer I appreciate the natural wildlife of these precious areas. I ask you to not destroy the value of Point Reyes.

Thank you.

#558

Name: Carrasco, Carmen

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#560

Name: Trinkoff, Donna

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The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's

main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Point Reyes is a national treasure and should be preserved. Not only that, we need to preserve native elk. This is the only place they live. Cows can graze somewhere else.

#561

Name: Adams, Holli

Correspondence: You can do the right thing for your grandchildren, their children and grandchildren. We are now poised to either ruin the ecosystem or save it. You are the last hope for the beauty and the self-regulating system of Nature. There is nothing to do, but support Nature. Without it we cannot survive. Each specie that goes extinct creates a hole in the fabric of life and then the animals down the food chain multiply and destroy the ecosystem, AND the animals above that extinct specie has no food. Over and over and over again we are creating a bad brew of collapse AND it's coming faster than you think.

We have been lied to repeatedly. Those in power know what's coming, but they choose to think they can insulate themselves with money and power. The truth is coming out. More and more people, the world over, can see and feel what the future looks like and it's not healthy.

You are the leaders. You have a complete and total obligation to nurture the system that feeds us and allows us to breathe clean air and drink clean water. You can do the right thing. You must do the right thing for the future of all, not just the financial comfort of the few.

The bottom line isn't truly the bottom line. The true and real bottom line is the foundation of life - a healthy ecosystem that is interdependent and cooperative. Your grandchildren will be devastated when they discover that when you could have changed the trajectory of the destruction you didn't. Don't hurt them. Don't leave them with a world in turmoil - climate refugees fighting for water and food. We will all be refugees eventually if we don't change this coming chaos. Money will only last so long in a world that's burning, flooding and melting.

Many young people now are in a panic about what to study and what business to go into as they are afraid to study for a world that won't exist. Please use your leadership to make the correct choices for a future for all of us, especially your family yet unborn.

#562

Name: Shan., korinna

Correspondence: Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to you to ask you to oppose the killing of tule elk in Point Reyes. Their recovery is the result of the successful restoration of the ecosystem. The reason seems to be the shortage of food for tule elk and cattle. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. Also commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Please lend your voice for these animals and put a stop to the killing of the native wildlife. All wildlife and all living being create a delicate balance on earth that we all benefit from and should not be destroyed or interfered with for profit.

Regards

Korinna Shan

#563

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* We, the public, own this land and pay taxes to do so. The ranchers need to keep to their own private land. This is just another disgusting land grab by ranchers and a corrupt federal administration that will allow it. Stop, just stop already. This is NOT the National Park Service that I have respected in the past.

#565

Name: Malyon, Ann

Correspondence: Native wildlife before ranchers and livestock owners. Your the National Park Service, to serve "The People' in general, not private businesses.

#566

Name: Ferguson, Scott

Correspondence: I must submit my objection to the NPS' shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

Your agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. The plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Please do not let this plan take effect.

#567

Name: Chambers, Tara

Correspondence: Hi,

I will keep this short!

Please STOP murdering Elk at Point Reyes! They have a right to their life and home just as we do!

Thanks, Tara Chambers

#568

Name: Robinson, Pat

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#569

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#570

Name: Figuera, Linda

Correspondence: I'm writing in an attempt to save the Tule Elk from being massacred in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

It's shocking to me how little regard there is for life. What gives anyone the right to just go in and exterminate these animals to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land? It's disgraceful.

I hope the Parks Department will reconsider its decision. I hope they find a conscience. Just leave Nature alone and all will be right in the world. Thank you.

#571

Name: Ramer, David

Correspondence: This plan the Trump administration proposes is dead wrong. Shooting the Elk to appease the local ranchers is outrageous, but more egregious is allowing farming in the Point Reyes National Seashore area, and introducing domestic animals too. This must be stopped before it ever gets consideration from Congress or the Senate.

#572

Name: Belvill, Debra

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#573

Name: Granlund, Fred

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. They should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Today, the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

We, the People (the owners of Point Reyes National Seashore) demand that this misguided plan be abandoned in favor of the original purpose of this valuable resource.

#574

Name: Keiser, Robert

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#575

Name: Drake, Priscilla

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But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

This is a terrible idea. How will our children and their children learn about the tule elk if they are no more. Please defend these elk. Thank you for reading.

#576

Name: O'Connor, Teresa

Correspondence: I just learned the alarming news that the National Parks Service has a plan to kill up to 15 Tule elk per year at Point Reyes National Seashore, yet another wildlife-destroying plan of the Trump administration. This is public land and the United States should not be subsidizing ranchers who find the elk too much competition for their grazing cattle.

This poorly-thought-out plan will further damage sub-standard grazing habitat, erode the soil and impact water quality.

As if that were not bad enough, part of this plan would open this land to artichoke farms and allow farmers to graze goats, sheep and chickens. We are converting productive farmland for development in this country and now the NPS is proposing turning this National Seashore into rangeland/farms? this is absurd, and it is unnecessary.

Point Reyes is a national treasure, and should be preserved for the native wildlife so that all visitors can enjoy this spectacular natural habitat. Please do your job- -to PROTECT wildlife areas.

Thank you.

#577

Name: Grimm, Ronald

Correspondence: I have visited Point Reyes National Seashore a couple of times. It has its own majestic beauty.

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Please consider strongly about not shooting the Tule elk of the Point Reyes National Seashore. This is a National Seashore area and should be left alone to nature, not hunters.

#578

Name: Lukowitz, Wendy

Correspondence: Save Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes!

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#579

Name: Burke, Cynthia

Correspondence: You are the PARK service, not the CATTLE or Dairy,etc. farmers' service. ACT LIKE IRT. this plan is an abomination.

#580

Name: Christopher, Sandra

Correspondence: Public lands should not be used for private ranching and farming. These activities would destroy wildlife, native plants and water quality. Cattle are a primary source of greenhouse gases. The Park Service would be going against its own plan for "climate friendly parks".

#581

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a resident of San Francisco, I can recall the first time I saw the tule elk at Point Reyes. It was thrilling to see the herd on the hillside. Please keep these wild animals as part of the ecosystem, and do not promote commercial activities, such as the ranchers propose.

Thank you.

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#582

Name: Hirt, Deb

Correspondence: Stop Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes

Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. This is a sure recipe for endangering and eradicating the species. Activity like this destroys ecosystems and has caused a shift of balance for quite some time. We must learn from our errors, as this will only cause our own demise.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Not permitting a few native animals from enjoying natural resources is cruel and unusual.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. After all, this administration seems to love Roundup and the money that it makes for Big Ag, where it is good for people or not, which it isn't, being a proven carcinogenic. If we destroy the 3-Bs- -birds, bats, and bees, how will pollination continue?

It clearly will not, and we will be starving ourselves. This is not a moot point. We must make intelligent decisions, resounding what is good for all concerned, not the love of money. Reconsider inane efforts and work for the good of all.

Thank you for your consideration.

#583

Name: Endress, Daphne

Correspondence: I am very disappointed and shocked to hear about the plan to kill native tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. We should be doing everything we can to protect wildlife considering how many challenges they face.

Point Reyes is a beautiful area and should be kept as is. No part of it should be converted for ranching or farming...ever. We must preserve the little natural lands we still have.

I implore you, do not disturb the land or wildlife at Point Reyes. Keep this treasure as is.

Thank you, Daphne Endress

#584

Name: Mueller, Marilyn

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#585

Name: Brenner, Natasha

Correspondence: We are losing bits of America, The Beautiful, every day. Do we have to kill beautiful animals just to satisfy people with money? Please don't contribute to the murder of innocent creatures who are part of America.

#586

Name: Pappas, Robin

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk in Point Reyes - these animals are rare and deserve to be protected - let's preserve, not destroy, our wonderful public lands and nature spots, and try to live in harmony with them.

#587

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REMEMBER THIS IS MY TAX MONEY AT WORK AND I DISAPROVE OF THIS WHOLE PLAN!

#588

Name: Beyer, P

Correspondence: While I fully understand the concept of grazing rights, I cannot for the life of me understand

why the agribusiness community is allowed to dictate how the US National Park service manages the US Parks. These are for the people to enjoy, NOT the agribusiness livestock and monoculture/farming interests. This erosion of regulations must stop!

#589

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Thank you. Joseph Wenzel

#590

Name: Xavier, Marjorie

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a national treasure, its seashore and especially its elk. We must protect the elk and not shoot them. Tourists are not going to be happy to hear that the elk they come to see are being killed. They do not come to see cows. Work out a plan that will give the agricultural interests a place, but do not do it by killing elk.

#591

Name: Pasholk, Kelly

Correspondence: Point Reyes is one of my most valued California places. The natural setting, wildlife, and quiet are a godsend for people living in northern California (as once did). The Point Reyes Act specifies management for maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of native ecosystem restoration which has taken great effort, expense, and time to reach the level of success it has. Ecosystem

restoration is a key element of the Park Service's mission. Point Reyes is the only national park where Tule elk live. This should be celebrated and these beautiful animals should be protected. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park in peace.

Wildlife and habitat needs to be protected, the park preserved with the natural ecosystem a priority.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. Agricultural activities such as mowing should not be allowed in park areas where it could harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants or diseases. Row farming certainly does not belong in the park. Surely there are ways of helping farmers without sacrificing our wild and natural places like Point Reyes.

Respectfully, Kelly Pasholk

#592

Name: Heiman, Naomi

Correspondence: Please do not allow killing of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore.

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#594

Name: Quick, Holly

Correspondence: Please prioritize natural values, native wildlife like the Tule Elk, public access and enjoyment at Point Reyes National Seashore.

In particular, Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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Please help protect this priceless national treasure and its wild animals and plants. They deserve to be given priority and commercial activities need to accommodate them. It's the right thing to do!

Thank you.

#595

Name: Williams, Christina

Correspondence: Hello, I am writing you today to ask that you please not allow the shooting of Tule Elk. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks"

plan. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Please don't allow the shooting of Tule Elk. Thank you

#596

Name: Morales, Jackie

Correspondence: I am a native Californian who has enjoyed and treasured The Point Reyes National Seashore for decades. I am voicing my strong objection to the idea of killing Tule Elk in the Point Reyes National Park. These wonderful animals are unique and highly valued by visitors to the Park. There shall be no release of park grasslands to additional grazing or farming rights. These National Parks belong to the all of the citizens of our country and it is your duty to protect them, insuring their natural habitat and inhabitants. Areas in Point Reyes outside of the park, provide plenty of opportunities for livestock and farming. You must protect our National Parks, by virtue of your name, you are in service of the parks, not private interests seeking destructive intrusions. Sincerely, Jackie Morales

#597

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Hello,

I have these comments about the plan for Point Reyes:

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I hope the plan will be changed.

Thank you, Laurel

#598

Name: Quentin, Margaret

Correspondence: Dear Sir:

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#599

Name: Houser, Brian

Correspondence: It's time we AMERICAN TAXPAYERS stopped subsidizing commercial/private companies and individuals. The endangered native deer populations have a more justifiable claim on the land not cattle. Cattle barons need to supply their animals with food not the US taxpayers.

#600

Name: daniel, diane

Correspondence: Please do away with the plan to destroy the elk on Point Reyes. These lands that they live on are supported by taxpayers and are designated to support the wildlife and grounds. That private for profit ranchers are allowed to use these grounds for grazing seems illegal, why is this allowed yet destroying elk is considered acceptable. Protect our wildlife while we have some left or in time our planet will no longer exist.

#601

Name: Henderson, Parrie

Correspondence: There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on the public lands of Point Reyes National Seashore. YOUR JOB is to manage it for maximum protection, restoration, and preservation.

It is OUTRAGEOUS that my tax-payer dollars or MY public lands are going to provide preferential grazing fees and leasing to farmers and ranchers on public lands. If they can't afford their own land, maybe they shouldn't be doing that business! Why shouldn't I start growing potatoes on the National Mall for God's sake!

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I greatly respect the National Park Service and have participated in multiple volunteer efforts with you. Under this administration the NPS is in danger of loosing its way. This is NOT what most Americans want.

#602

Name: Jackson, Jan

Correspondence: STOP THE KILLING!

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#604

Name: Goldfarb, Georgia

Correspondence: Cattle are contributing to climate change. It is unhealthy to eat cattle. We do not need to promote and subsidize unhealthy activities.

Pt Reyes National Seashore was created to preserve wildland. Tule elk are part of that ecosystem. Human agricultural needs are not. Leave the elk alone.

#605

Name: Monroe, James R

Correspondence: I am appalled at the National Park Service considering culling native tile elk in their endemic habitat of Point Reyes National Seashore to appease dairy and ranching interests. These bovine special interests have been in the park long enough and it's time they get the same boot as Drake's Bay Oyster Company. Private business has NO business in OUR national parks. We will fight you!

#606

Name: Duncan, Jaye

Correspondence: Save Tule Elk from being shot at Point Reyes! This is the only National Park where they live.

Please don't convert the park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops. This is a park! There is no reason to let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs in the area. Once again: this is a park! Wildlife belongs here!

#607

Name: Hazen, Pamela

Correspondence: With the possible exception of using cyanide bombs to kill wildlife, which Trump's EPA has just walked back, this administration has undoubtedly been responsible for the deaths of millions of animals, birds, fish, etc. Trump is in favor of raping every last piece of beautiful wild lands because of his love affair with fossil fuels. Parts of the Grand Canyon are still unsafe because of radiation, and Trump wants to mine for more uranium in the Grand Canyon. Have you ever flown over an open pit copper mine? It's a scar on our earth that can't be fixed or unseen. We have the awesome treasures in this country called National Parks. I'd be willing to bet Trump has never been to one. The closest he gets to nature is the White House lawn and golf. Our gorgeous Nat. Parks should be 100% protected as well as all their inhabitants.

Why on earth would the EDA (Environmental Destruction Agency) want to shoot the mule deer at Point Reyes. ??? Leave them alone in their protected Nat. Park.

Every day of this administration more species die. More often than not, horribly. All because of Trump's callous attitude. It seems every belief he holds regarding life on earth is born out of disdain for everything "not" Trump. He's all that matters.

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#609

Name: haaf, william and

Correspondence: once again you people show how you bend over to favor and accommodate farmers and hunters vs leaving open land alone. i wonder what your children will think of your actions.

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#610

Name: Gerrodette, Tricia

Correspondence: Cattle grazing on public lands in the western U.S. is generally detrimental. It's also costly in taxpayer dollars, as the fees collected, when they get collected, don't come close to matching the expense. Therefore, we the taxpayers are subsidizing cattle on our public lands. That's been bad enough to put up with but now to have native animals shot (wolves) or otherwise removed (native elk) from our public lands becomes pretty disgusting. The elk belong on Point Reyes, not cows.

#611

Name: Setaro, Michelle

Correspondence: Please do not allow the killing of Tule Elk at Reyes Point. Please have Mercy. This is inhumane

#612

Name: Rose, Chris

Correspondence: I oppose the Park Services plan to get rid of Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. Our public lands must not be overrun with cattle. We must defend the Tule Elk and all Wildlife at all costs.

#613

Name: Hancock, Jonathan

Correspondence: Please protect Point Reyes National Seashore and the natural habitat that exists there. In

particular, please do not press forward with the plan to kill native tule elk over the coming years. These are indeed rare animals and this is the only national park where they live. They demand our protection.

Please say no to the wishes of some cattle farmers and other farming and allow this unique space to remain as is.

Thank you.

#614

Name: Allen, Ann

Correspondence: Pt Reyes National Seashore is an important part of the landscape and should take priority over commercial interests. The farmers are subsidized and the cattle populations are an important factor is green house gases. The reasons to protect the Tule Elk are endless. Thank you for your responsible reasonable support of the many considerations to protect the Tule Elk. Ann Allen

#615

Name: Hurlburt, Carol

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to a plan being proposed by the administration and the National Park Service that would allow the shooting of Tule elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore, the conversion of the park's grassland to farms and the introduction of livestock which will threaten water quality and soil.

I have had the opportunity to hike Point Reyes, and I would remind the Park Service that our national lands belong to ALL the people, not just private livestock owners and farmers who enjoy subsidized access to these areas, paid for my taxes. In addition livestock grazing will add to the carbon footprint that is endangering our future.

Enough already!

#616

Name: Levine, Marilyn

Correspondence: There is a shocking plan to kill native Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. The only place where these rare animals live. This is being done to appease private livestock owners. The plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to farm and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats etc.. This is a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

#617

Name: Shup, Marilyn

Correspondence: the proposal to kill Tule Elk so that private ranchers can freely graze cattle on our public lands is insane. These elk are only found on this one park - no where else. cattle unfortunately are being grazed freely on many of our public lands and in fact on most of our western public lands. The point of national parks is not to promote private enterprise, but is to protect the natural features (plants, animals, geology, native artifacts, etc.) and this proposal to kill off native elk is contrary to the NPS mission. once again this misguided administration is sacrificing all we have worked for, all we have protected for the sake of the already rich and the almighty dollar. Don't forget that what is lost in nature is lost forever. Please do the right thing and reject this terrible proposal.

#618

Name: Specht, David

Correspondence: Are you really as mean spirited or corrupt as Trump? Stop the killing on Pt. Reyes.

#619

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am vehemently against the killing of these Elk. These Elk BELONG here. The cattle do not. It is NOT the job of the federal government to protect and promote and provide grazing lands for ranchers to destroy. This land is supposed to be safeguarded, protected and enjoyed by the native life and visitors to the areas. Destruction of this habitat by cattle for a private enterprise is sickening and must stop.

#620

Name: Haak, Malina

Correspondence: I am pissed off by this idiotic plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

It's so stupid that up to 15 elk would be killed every year to just to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

Cows are a primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals!

#621

Name: Vurek, Lindsay

Correspondence: To consider killing the Elk and leaving the cattle and dairy ranches in a national park is the height of bad environmental policies, since the cattle are a main source of park lands water pollution. Please remove the cattle and let the Elk live. Lindsay Vurek

#622

Name: Oliver, Kelly

Correspondence: I greatly oppose the current plan under consideration for Point Reyes National Seashore.

I regularly visit this park with my family and have seen the negative impact allowing livestock to graze here has created. Allowing this practice to increase in the future will only make the situation worse in my opinion.

Public lands are one of the last places native plants and animals have to thrive here in California where over development has become rampant.

Please do not allow further degradation of this important protected area.

Thank you.

Kelly S. Oliver

#623

Name: Singer, Lauren

Correspondence: To whomever this reaches,

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please. We only get one shot at this. Make the right choice, Lauren

#624

Name: Tuscher, Ralph

Correspondence: It's insane to kill the native wildlife so the polluters can increase their destruction of our commonwealth lands!

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#626

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service, I am writing because I just learned of a proposed NPS plan to shoot up to 15 native Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore each year.

With all due respect, are you kidding me? Isn't the National Park Service supposed to be above politics and stewards of the land and our precious resources?

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Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Here are a few more things that the NPS is doing that I object to:

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Please do the right thing and protect the Tule Elk at Point Reyes. I will also be writing to my state senator, who may hold more sway with you than the general public. Hope so. Best, A Concerned Californian

#627

Name: Corby, Kathleen

Correspondence: I am a strong supporter for our National Parks. But it appears as if Trump's National Park Service is doing things differently. I am shocked to learn that there is a plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

Is it true that the agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

National Parks are supposed to protect and conserve our natural environments and wildlife from harm and/or destruction. It should without saying that Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

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Stop Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes!

#628

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#632

Name: Wilkinson , Quinta

Correspondence: You are to protect not delete the park wildlife and the plants. Ecosystems only work if all parts are there. You do know that Rosevelt would be disappointed. In fact I think he would be furious. I am. An ashamed of your not caring for and saving the ecosystem. You work for the citizens ... think of that

#633

Name: Heinly, Bridgett

Correspondence: I am writing to express my outrage of the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore.

This area of land is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There is no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. The natural habitat, wildlife, and public access takes priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

The tule elk's recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It has taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park. These elk should not be shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals for ranchers and their cattle. Currently, the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Ranches' commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife, not the other way around.

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Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So, the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. I urge the Park Service's plan to cull native tule elk be abandoned.

#634

Name: Ryter, Gisela

Correspondence: I am abhorred that our National Park Service is shooting Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Park in California. The Park Service is supposed to protect our public resources and treasures. Instead it yields too often to ranching interests, letting cattle graze and destroy our public lands. These Tule elk are a valuable economic resource for the area, attracting valuable tourist dollars. Why, I ask, are the public's interests always second to ranching interests? Dollars and votes!!! It is disgusting! It would be nice to be able to trust the Park Service to do what they are supposed to do: protect the public's natural treasures instead of special interests.

#635

Name: Frank, Sandy

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

The use of this public land for private use by farmers is wrong and the Tule elk should not be punished for this.

Please do not let the Tule elk be hunted.

#636

Name: N/A, Elaine

Correspondence: For my 85th birthday, in June this year, my family and I visited Port Reyes National Seashore, one of my favorite places in California. If you have ever been there, you must know how lovely it is, what a special place it is, with its unspoiled beauty, and especially its wildlife (birds, tule elk). Parks and national seashores should be protected, not exploited for private gain. The purpose of the National Park Service should never be perverted. Killing the tule elk and turning the grasslands into truck farms is a terrible idea. It will wreck a place of natural beauty and a refuge for all sorts of creatures; it will greatly impair the quality of the water, cause erosion, and spread invasive plants and diseases. I implore you, preserve Point Reyes and all its wild creatures, and do not turn it into a ranch for methane-producing cattle.

#637

Name: Chandler, Doris

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Here are the reasons why moving forward with this ill advised plan is problematic:

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Please cease and desist from harming Tule elk. Protect the flora and fauna and the beauty of this park.

#638

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#639

Name: Holbrook, Jim

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that access to the beauty and tranquility of the Point Reyes Park is vital to the mental health of the people using the park.

Proper trail use planning is vital to preserving a happy experience for all trail users. For me, this means that multi-use trails are wide enough, not too steep, and have safe sight lines (50 ft minimum) to accommodate hikers, bikers, and equestrians.

Trail rage issues happen when users are asked to share dangerous, single track trails which are on the sides of cliffs with blind corners.

From the equestrian view, Pt Reyes trails have an added peril of stinging nettles. If a bad encounter with a mountain biker happens, the equestrian's horse could end up dying from too much exposure to the nettles.

Hence, if the park service gives the mountain bikers access to the single track horse trails, this policy will result in pushing the horses off those trails.

Unfortunately, for equestrians, the mountain bike community has a much larger user and voting base. This gives this user group a much louder voice in trail use planning. The net result has been to end equestrian use of quality, single track trails in places where the mountain bikers decide they want access.

I believe that horseback trail riding provides a unique and valuable forest experience for the rider. I hope that the Park Service will give thoughtful consideration to good trail use planning along with preserving most of the existing equestrian single track trails in the future.

#640

Name: Bischoff, Melissa

Correspondence: I *strongly oppose* President Trump's National Park Service plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

We need to protect wildlife and the wilderness. Please take action to protect the tule elk in Point Reyes park, and Point Reyes park across the board, which includes all wildlife.

Thank you.

#641

Name: Speegle, Vickie

Correspondence: There are so many special bike lanes built on our Tahoe Forest Areas, etc. and all thru other areas and frankly the bikers aren't using them...they just go 10-15 mph on those narrow main roads and block traffic. They don't use the millions of dollars lanes that were built for them. We the horsemen are losing so many of our safe trails for horses. There is no way horse and bicyclists would be safe in that area you are proposing. Please reconsider.

#642

Name: Tigerlily, Eliot

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- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#644

Name: N/A, Sylvia

Correspondence: Hello, I am writing to oppose the proposed elimination of Tule Elk and increased agricultural presence in Point Reyes National Park. As I understand it, the current administration is attempting to allow for the destruction of native wildlife and fauna in a protected area in order to appease commercial interests. Farming and ranching should not be the priority in our protected national lands. Ranches near Point Reyes already enjoy subsidized housing and grazing fees. Tule Elk and other unique species like them have a right to exist in our national parks and do not deserve to be treated as nuisances. Protecting Point Reyes' biodiversity should be the National Park Service's priority. Please reconsider plans which would harm the Point Reyes eco-system by bringing in outside livestock or harming native species like the Tule Elk.

#645

Name: Kelly, Kathy

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the plan from the current president's NPS that would allow increased grazing of livestock by private interests in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, including introduction of sheep,

goats, chickens and pigs. Moreover, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops. At the same time, NPS would allow hunters to kill up to 15 rare Tule elk, supposedly to reduce pressures on the park, yet these elk live in no other national park. Our national parks must not be used to support private ranchers and hunters. The NPS should be developing plans to preserve this landscape, yet such uses do nothing to stop the damage already occurring from grazing, and just turn away from the need to protect water quality and stop soil erosion. Climate change is already making America's land, water, and air less hospitable to human habitation, yet this administration wants to keep handing over our valuable public resources to private interests. Stop this plan now and fulfill the intended mission of the NPS- -to protect and preserve landscapes that allow native species to thrive.

#646

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: To whom it may concern namely the hotdogs that make all of the important decisions,

From a nobody that votes and shoots his mouth off about knuckleheads that put money ahead of everyone else especially YHVH's Creation including the Tule Elk

I find it extremely troublesome, angering, and a real annoyance that increasingly I am asked to submit comments on Government Plans, which all too often deal with helping some get more money or keep what they have. And, the "they": the trouble-makers usually have more money than all of us nobodies combined. That said and more to the point. How in Hell could killing 15 elk per year be essential to the well-being of the ecology of Point Reyes, unless of course the elk are confined to a limited area not the thousands of square miles which surround Point Reyes? In order words, it appears to me that this plan to fix a so called problem only exists in the minds of those who have decided that the elk are restricted from ranging to other places i.e. ranch land or dairy farm land. If that is the case, then, the humans in the area are the problem, not the elk. If the ranchers and dairymen can't co-exist with the elk, we should move the humans to a more appropriate land like Wall Street in New York City, where they can fit in perfectly with all of those who love money more than YHVH's Earth. The Earth does not need humans; humans need The Earth. Obviously, some haven't grasp that when you begin removing a little part here and a little part there from YHVH's enormously complicated yet delicate LIVING MACHINE YOU SCREW EVERYTHING UP, IN TIME. We do not need backyard agricultural mechanics or political appointees from business and industry advising the real scientists at the National Park Service and other government agencies on how to care for The Environment. We need cooperation. To close, let the geniuses/ career National Park biologists put their heads together and do what is best for the elk. Humans will have to learn how to work around that good decision. Thank you for your consideration.

#647

Name: Pennington, Kenneth

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

#648

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: You must not allow tule elk to be shot at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. I have visited that area and enjoyed watching the elk graze - - and I believe the public has the right to be sure that these animals are protected, not shot in the interests of ranchers that take advantage of subsidized grazing and infrastructure.

#649

Name: Moss, Paul

Correspondence: Please consider the following comments:

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

NPS shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

#650

Name: Wilkin, Sue

Correspondence: Dear Sirs: Having read your plans for the Tule Deer habitat I have to wonder and ask "have you no decency"? When a species is gone, it's gone and you can't go back and fix the damage you've done! Where is your sense of right and wrong? Do you not care about the future of our planet and it's beautiful animals who should be protected for our children and grand-children? You need to ask yourselves "where is your moral compass pointed"?

#651

Name: Lee, Michael

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Please do not allow this horrible plan to go into effect.

#652

Name: Profant, Carmine

Correspondence: Since having the opportunity to observe wildlife living in their natural habitats motivates me and

millions of others to visit places like Point Reyes and other national parks, I strongly oppose allowing the hunting of tule elk and additional agricultural or other commercial activities in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

What's more, any publicly funded commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife, and the wildlife and public access should take priority over any commercial enterprises-not the other way around.

Mowing should not be allowed in park areas, as it harms endangered species or wildlife habitat, impairs water quality, causes excessive erosion and potentially spreads invasive plants/diseases. This practice is also the opposite of climate-friendly.

#653

Name: Middleton, Sharon

Correspondence: I'll keep it simple: Don't kill any elk (or anything else in any national park): and don't turn park land into farm land (artichokes, indeed).

#654

Name: Coontz, V Sharron

Correspondence: I am opposed to prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on the Point Reyes National Seashore. That area is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." The Act is clear: it doesn't involve commercial activities being a priority.

Recovery of tule elk is important to the native ecosystem being restored at Point Reyes, per the Park Service's mission. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

New crops, such as artichokes, could attract birds; new animals, such as pigs, or chickens, will attract more predators and cause problems at Point Reyes. Why increase wildlife conflicts?

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#655

Name: VanWinkle, Jean Marie

Correspondence: It has come to my attention through information received from the Center for Biological Diversity that the National Park Service has developed a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
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#656

Name: Lacina, Ricky

Correspondence: Dairy farming/grazing and other domestic livestock raising, for profit or not, are incompatible with tule elk and wildlife in general. People seem to harbor the erroneous belief that dairy operations, outwardly so peaceful, do no harm, yet their existence, not to mention expansion, pose an existential threat to native species, including plant life. One has but to look at the state of Iowa, where ginormous factory hog farms are destroying one of the grassland states. People in the vicinity can no longer even enjoy the outdoors because of the noxious smell, and what was once part of the best and most fertile soil in the world is being fouled beyond repair. The killing of tule elk should be stopped before it even begins. Or are they to endure the tragic fate of the American indigenous peoples?

And someone is sure to make the claim that the elk will be "humanely" destroyed. Who will volunteer a family pet for a demonstration?

#657

Name: Parker, David

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. • Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. • Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized

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#658

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Stop this reckless plan to kill tule elk now. Is a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

#659

Name: Neber, Cynthia

Correspondence: I am appalled by your plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals

I oppose your shooting up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. I oppose this disgusting plan to enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

I particularly oppose your plan to convert park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

#660

Name: N/A, Callum

Correspondence: Having been made aware of your plans I find myself disgusted, frustrated and bewildered. I will not go through all the reasons why you shouldn't implement this plan as I'm sure many compassionate people have already done as much. Instead I will simply appeal for you to understand that animals are not objects and that you are an animal yourself. If you have any remnants of kindness residing in you, then you will leave other species alone and let them live unburdened by human cruelty.

#661

Name: Solomon, Richard

Correspondence: I am writing today to ask that you not reduce protections for the Tule Elk. They are an essential part of the ecosystem in the park. Many years and much effort has gone into protecting them. Protection of ecosystem should take precedence over commercial gain.

#662

Name: Aylward, David

Correspondence:

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

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Please get your priorities straight. As the National Park Services you work for all Americans. As a common asset to all Americans, the health of these lands and their ecosystems should be prioritized over special interests.

Thank you

#663

Name: Koivisto, Ellen

Correspondence: Tule elk are natives; cattle are not. Tule elk evolved with and as a part of the Point Reyes biosphere; cattle did not. Tule elk contribute to the ecosystem at Point Reyes; cattle destroy it. Tule elk are necessary to the Point Reyes area; cattle are a blight.

Please remember your high school science. Business as usual (i.e. it's all about doing everything for business, no matter the cost) is destroying the ability of the planet to support life. DO NOT ignore science and think it'll all be OK. Because it's not and it won't.

No "culling" of tule elk. You want to shoot something, shoot the cattle.

#664

Name: Roane, Christine

Correspondence: I am horrified that President Trump's National Park Service has put out a plan to kill up to 15 native tule elk every year in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live!

And why this cruel murderous program? To appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this public land for their personal profit.

This is utterly unfair to the American people. Public land should be stewarded to safeguard wildlife (the tule elk, etc.), water quality and soil from erosion.

Worse still, this plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for more conflict with native wildlife.

The American people expect the federal government to act in the best of the public, for the living, and for generations in the future. This plan makes the Trump administration enforcement agents for the private good of profiteers, - it is a devastating attack on the public trust.

Please, consider the American public, and stop all action on this terrible, terrible plan.

#665

Name: Swanson, Debra

Correspondence: I am writing about shooting 15 Tule Elk in California's Point Reyes National Seaside park. Apparently this is the only area these elk live and it is imperative at this point and time to leave this area untouched. It is long past time that nature areas be left alone. Farmers and ranchers need to be responsible for their cattle and crops without invading this park. I want it left alone and untouched by commercial interests.

#666

Name: Squires, Joan

Correspondence: This is just another example of this administration putting cattle ranchers above the will of the majority of Americans. Our public lands were designated long ago to preserve the wild animals living there. This includes wild horses, burros and many other smaller species. These public lands were never meant to be used by private enterprises like cattle ranchers! Whatever happened to our government by the people, for the people! Most Americans feel betrayed by our own government! I pray for the day that this wrong is made right and cattle ranchers will no longer be allowed to use these public lands and the lands will be returned to their intended inhabitants - the wild animals who need it to exist! I want my grandchildren and their children to be able to see wild animals roaming our public lands as was intended!

#667

Name: Emerick, Craig

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

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#668

Name: McCoy, Melinda

Correspondence: I'm angered that the National Park Service would put cattle above Tule Elk on park land. I've been to Point Reyes as it is close to my son's home. It is a national treasure that needs to be protected not abused for the sake of local cattle ranchers.

#669

Name: Scriptunas, Judy

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#670

Name: Sophie, Joan

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to preserve the natural beauty and diversity of life at Point Reyes National Seashore. Natural eco-systems such as Point Reyes need to be protected from agricultural development. A major increase in extinctions is underway now on the earth, and may constitute the 6th mass extinction in the

history of the earth. But unlike previous mass extinctions, this one is being caused by human action. Our national parks should do all that they can to preserve as great an array of native plants and animals as possible. At point Reyes, this effort should include Tule elk, which are found in no other national park. They should be allowed to graze freely and not have their land destroyed by grazing of sheep, goats, pigs or chickens. I urge you to put the preservation of the natural environment ahead of any commercial interests in managing this land.

#671

Name: Bathgate, Larry

Correspondence: I generally side with environmentalists on issues affecting wildlife. However, in this case, I side with the historic livestock ranches in this area.

Since the creation of the Point Reyes National Seashore, these ranches lease the land from the National Park Service and are permitted to raise livestock there. These ranches must renew their leases every 25 to 30 years. These livestock ranches were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. They are a valuable part of the economy of Marin County, which has a history of agriculture and ranching.

The native Tule Elk herds in the Point Reyes National Seashore were extirpated in the 19th century. The Tule Elk herd present there now grew out of a herd of 10 animals introduced there in the 1970's and now numbers around 100 elk, which is near the limit of the amount of elk that their allotted acreage can support. The dairy farms and cattle ranches in that area have been operating since the middle of the 19th century. The elk population recently has been rapidly increasing in size creating conflicts with the livestock operations including the spread of disease. The plan is to maintain their current size through shooting of up to 15 elk annually. If possible, I would rather choose the relocation of excess elk to other areas.

#672

Name: Palla, Paul

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TIME TO STOP HELPING GREEDY PEOPLE'S BANK ACCOUNTS, AND TO START PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT!!

#673

Name: Rivalsi, Doug & Elvira

Correspondence: No harming of Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. No farming, no row crops, no private livestock. Protecting the park should be your only priority.

#674

Name: Shaffer, Suzanne

Correspondence: too many grazers. not enough room or respect for wildlife.

#675

Name: Francett, Barbara

Correspondence: The National Parks' first priority should be the preservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat, so that Americans can enjoy their wild heritage for generations to come. Land for ranchers cannot take precedence over this mission, or the wild creatures we so love will surely disappear forever. This country is their home too! Protect the habitat of the tule elk!

#676

Name: Fleming, David

Correspondence: Rather than thinning the Tule Elk, please consider the alternative of thinning the cattle population which are producing methane gases and air pollution.

#677

Name: Mugglestone, Lindsay

Correspondence: I visit Point Reyes as often as possible to enjoy the natural beauty, solitude out on the trails, the wildlife, everything, including Tule elk. They should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore Tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Please don't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. In addition, agricultural activities such as mowing harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

#678

Name: Goldman, Ron

Correspondence: Wildlife and natural scenery is why I visit Point Reyes and other national parks.

The Park Service should prioritize natural values, native wildlife, and public access over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Grazing of cattle should be phased out and no new agricultural activities should be allowed.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Please keep Point Reyes National Seashore as a park and minimize/eliminate commercial activities like cattle grazing.

thank you,

- Ron Goldman

#679

Name: Welborn, Michael

Correspondence: Park Service Director,

Having visiting Point Reyes several times over the past three decades, I'm strongly opposed to curtailing the Tule elk. At the same time I'm opposed to expanding cattle and other agricultural activities.

Thanks you,

Michael B. Welborn

#680

Name: Davis, Andrea

Correspondence: Hello~

I'm writing you today to voice my opposition to KILL native tule elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore Park.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the ONLY national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Currently, Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also TAXPAYER-FUNDED infrastructure, road improvements and publicly funded projects. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds, and introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. The Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your time, A. Davis

#681

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment. There is no mandate for commercial operations on these public lands owned by the public!

Natural values, native wildlife, including the rare Tule elk should be the number one priority for Point Reyes National Seashore!

#682

Name: H, Heather

Correspondence: STOP TULE ELK FROM BEING SHOT

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Do the right thing. STOP TULE ELK FROM BEING SHOT

#683

Name: Stepnicka, Sara

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

This is absolutely absurd to anyone who has half of a brain. Please do not allow this to happen to our beautiful parks! These parks are animals homes, their sanctuary, and it needs to stay that way! Please do what is best for the animals who call these lands their home, and not some idiot cattle (slave) owner. Thank you for your consideration.

#684

Name: Fenter, Evelyn

Correspondence: Our national parks have been set aside to preserve our natural wildlife and environments. Please do not destroy these areas for all the reasons stated below. We have a duty to save these precious gifts for now and future generations.

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#685

Name: Bergstrom, Bo

Correspondence: At this time the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

I think the Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

#686

Name: Cupp, Daniel

Correspondence: I was appalled when I learned of the National Park Service's new plan for managing the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Park Service should not allow ANY new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Introducing domestic livestock - such as sheep, goats, pigs or chickens - will attract native predators and endanger the native Tule Elk. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. These are all bad ideas!

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment," including its native wildlife. There is no mandate for commercial agricultural activity on these public lands.

The NPS should continue to set an example for the world and protect our endangered areas, not commercialize them.

Thank you.

#687

Name: S, Steve

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#688

Name: Evans, Bronwen

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#689

Name: Servaage, Muriel

Correspondence: Dear Sir, Trump's National Park Service at California Point Reyes National Seashore consists in allowing the killing of a certain number of Tule elks to make room for cattle. These would graze on public lands without any compensation for the damage. Next, the Plan would also allow conversion of park lands to artichoke farms and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, etc. This would cause even more conflicts with native wildlife. Please, don't let that happen! It would be a real catastrophe for the Tule elk. Sincerely yours,

#690

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing personally to oppose the National Park Service in putting out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The plan would allow the agency to shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. This is NOT what a National Park Service should do! The area should be protected, its land, its native flora, and its native fauna.

Please reverse the plans to control the numbers of Tule Elk and do not allow the land to be used for farming.

#691

Name: bemis, susan

Correspondence: please do not shoot these precious animals. We, as the higher intelligence are supposed to protect all various animal species, this senseless killing is totally unwarranted and, when you think about it, a strong ethical component as well - please try to save this poor animals instead, put your efforts and strengths into something with a more humane outcome, not the easiest route for man. I am not a fanatic animal activist. I am a doctor - of physical medicine and as I grow older have learned to respect life, all living things that truly have a reason for life on this earth. More and more I cherish they were placed here for us to care for rather than abuse or destroy, please protect them as much as you can. **THINK ABOUT THESE STATEMENTS, DON'T THROW THIS CARELESSLY AWAY, THINK ABOUT WHAT I HAVE STRESSED!!!**

#692

Name: Bradley, Kathy

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. In truth, natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only disrupt the natural balance of wildlife and thereby create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas, because they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion, and/or spread invasive plants/diseases. Furthermore, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. The Park Service's "preferred alternative" is therefore inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#693

Name: Lavy, Fred

Correspondence: Prohibit grazing on park land. Protect the wild animals.

#694

Name: Reese, Toby Ann

Correspondence: I am writing to ask you not to kill the elk. Since Trump decided to take over our government he has done nothing to protect or the wildlife. He has done so much damage to our parks, forests, water and the air we breathe. I want to have a world that is clean and safe for people as well as our wildlife.

#695

Name: Thompson, Lawrence

Correspondence: With respect to plans for California's Point Reyes National Seashore, I am strongly opposed to killing elk to appease ranchers. Cattle and other domesticated livestock do not belong in our national parks. When I go there, I want to experience nature and abundant wildlife, not a humanized environment. Any kind of farming should also be excluded.

#696

Name: Smith, Jacqueline

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would like to shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while mentioning little plans as to how to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe that might well add more conflict with native wildlife.

#697

Name: Hunt, David

Correspondence: Stop the incredibly stupid plan to shoot indigenous elk in your DEIS!! It is totally unacceptable to all who care about biodiversity, wildlife, natural systems and habitats, and our land, air, and water! I have visited apt. Reyes numerous times. It is a unique, beautiful place that I love and treasure.

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Just

#698

Name: Katsouros, Tracey

Correspondence: Hello, I am a concerned citizen. I wanted to make you aware of my thoughts and concerns about the elk in Point Reyes. Public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and

effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely, Tracey Katsouros

#699

Name: Michaud, Noreen

Correspondence: Please protect this land for the elk and for future generations to enjoy. This land should not be used for cattle or planting crops. It's always the ranchers or farmers that want our national treasures to use as they please. It's got to stop before it's too late, especially for the elk. It's up to you to protect them not kill them.

#700

Name: schmidt, roger

Correspondence: WE HAVE LOST 60% OF THE WILD LIFE IN 50 YEARS! IT IS SAID WE WILL LOSE ANOTHER 50% IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS! WE ARE LOSING 5000 SPECIES OF LIFE EVERY YEAR! WE MUST TAKE GREAT CARE WITH OUR ENVIRONMENT AND THE LIFE IN IT! HUMANS ARE TURNING THE EARTH INTO A TOXIC WASTELAND! WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHOM CAN PROTECT AND CHANGE THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE SO WE ARE NOT THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS BUT WE ARE THE CAUSE OF THE REVITALIZATION OF THIS OUR ONLY EARTH AND ITS LIFE! THE LIFE WE SAVE MAY BE OUR OWN!

#701

Name: N/A, Sharon

Correspondence: What is wrong with Trump??? He usually uses good sense but as far as endangered species and wildlife he is bought by the ranchers. Shame

#702

Name: Burton, Vic

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

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Please keep Point Reyes National Seashore's management for the "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

#703

Name: Young, Anne

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. • Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. • Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. • The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. • Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. • Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#704

Name: pate, nathan

Correspondence: Let's preserve public lands for wildlife. Farm animals and farming belong on private lands.

#705

Name: Mitchell, Stephen

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#706

Name: Wright, James

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the plan from the current president's NPS that would allow increased grazing of livestock by private interests in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, including introduction of sheep, goats, chickens and pigs. Moreover, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops. At the same time, NPS would allow hunters to kill up to 15 rare Tule Elk, supposedly to reduce pressures on the park, yet these elk live in no other national park. Our national parks must not be used to support private ranchers and hunters. The NPS should be developing plans to preserve this landscape, yet such uses do nothing to stop the damage already occurring from grazing, and just turn away from the need to protect water quality and stop soil erosion. Climate change is already making America's land, water, and air less hospitable to human habitation, yet this administration wants to keep handing over our valuable public resources to private interests. Stop this plan now and fulfill the intended mission of the NPS- -to protect and preserve landscapes that allow native species to thrive.

#707

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I'm seriously worried about the brutal plan to kill rare tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. These animals will quickly be completely gone if this happens, and it's truly disturbing. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape. They provide beauty and wonder to this area which I long to visit and see up close. Protecting tule elk is the most ethical thing to do, and anyone who believes otherwise lacks empathy. Saving our wildlife and natural environment should be made a top priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Please take this comment into consideration for the future of tule elk, Point Reyes National Seashore and people who truly care about nature.

#708

Name: Miller, Pamela

Correspondence: Elk are declining so why would you shoot them just to make room for more cattle? The parks are for wildlife not livestock. This plan would enshrine private, for profit cattle growing as the park's main use. The plan also allows for park grasslands to be converted to an artichoke farm and other crops. This is public lands not ranch land. Keep it wild!

#709

Name: Morgan, Dan

Correspondence: The main reasons I visit Point Reyes National Seashore and other federal lands is the wildlife and natural scenery. This, and the below reasons are why I oppose the General Management Plan:

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This shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live, should be shelved. You need to start over.

#710

Name: Engell, Dana

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#711

Name: Laskin, Emily

Correspondence: I can't understand the logic behind the plan to cull tule elk from Point Reyes National Park because they compete with grazing cattle raised as commercial livestock. I understand that the ranchers in the park depend on that grazing land for their livelihoods, but given that they already received subsidized grazing rights and housing, not to mention tax-payer funded infrastructure, it seems unfair to me that they should receive more assistance in the form of shooting tule elk. Moreover, culling tule elk, even if it has some small positive impact on ranchers' profits, will undoubtedly have a negative impact on the human visitors to the park, who admire the elk and the ecosystem which they help to shape. And of course, there is the impact on the elk herds themselves, which would clearly be detrimental. The mandate of the park is to protect and preserve the beauty and the natural systems within the parks boundaries. Native tule elk are an integral part of those systems. Cattle and the ranchers who raise them are not.

#712

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service's recently disclosed plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. I understand this plan is meant to meet the needs of local commercial grazing.

The Point Reyes Act, under which the National Seashore is managed, requires "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." The Act contains no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Currently the Point Reyes ranches enjoy subsidized grazing fees, housing infrastructure, and road improvements, all of which are funded by public money. Instead of accommodating and favoring such commercial activities at Point Reyes, the Park Service should act to accommodate and further the welfare of native wildlife. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Environmental consideration also matter: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. Much time, money and effort have been invested in restoring tule elk to Point Reyes. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park, not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Please revisit the currently proposed plan and amend it to prohibit new agricultural activities at Point Reyes, including the planting of artichokes or other row crops, the introduction of sheep, goats, pigs or chickens (which attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes) and expanded ranching, which will lead to additional wildlife conflicts. It should be noted that cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. Supporting cattle grazing in the Point Reyes National Seashore is inconsistent with the Park Service's own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please prioritize protection of the natural environment at Point Reyes National Seashore. The Park Service's mission is not to serve the interests of commercial agriculture.

#713

Name: Lyman, Teresa

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

#714

Name: Ferguson, Cynthia

Correspondence: I have visited the Point Reyes area many times, and I understand the situation.

I strongly recommend the elk be moved to different locations in California or other states rather than be killed.

There is no reason to kill them when they can be moved.

Sincerely, Cynthia Ferguson

#715

Name: Foot, Susie

Correspondence: I've read about the NPS's plans concerning the rare native Tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. I strongly disagree with the Park Service's prioritizing ranchers' and farmers' needs over the natural environment and native wildlife.

Tule elk are only found in the Point Reyes National Seashore, and are one of the best reasons me and my friends and family visit. They shouldn't be treated like they're some kind of a problem or pest to be shot and killed!

Cattle ranching should be extremely limited, if allowed at all. And if the Park Service is going to allow it, top priority should go to making sure that it's consistent with preserving the environment and the fragile ecology of the area.

In addition, I don't know of anyone who wants to visit a National Park or Seashore to experience rows of vegetables growing! Point Reyes is a treasure, unique and beautiful as it is. I think it's against everything that the National Park Service was created to be - an agency that protects and preserves those places that we all need and count on to replenish our spirit and our body. Please don't let this administration sway you from the original purpose just for the sake of greed and politics.

#716

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am shocked to hear about your plan to kill rare native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Private livestock owners already enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land, and this plan with further the degradation of this National Park by allowing even more grazing and farming. The National Park Service is supposed to be preserving the ecological and historical integrity of public lands. This plan, and other actions taken recently, shows that the NPS does not take that responsibility seriously.

#717

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#718

Name: Poleno, Carol

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

They are the priority not cattle grazing. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes.

#719

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I understand that this plan includes provisions for the Park Service to shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on the public land at California's Point Reyes National Seashore - - the only national park where these rare animals live. The plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - - while doing little to reduce the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, plus let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a scenario creating even greater conflict with the native wildlife there.

Please bear these facts in mind as you consider this plan:

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

There is no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment are expected to take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes by the public, and by the established rules.

I do not visit Point Reyes and other national parks to see commercial activities. And I have no reason to believe other Americans do either.

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery has come about as a result of successful native ecosystem restoration. Such restoration is a key element of the Park Service's mission. A great deal of time, money, and effort was required to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, and Point Reyes is the only national park where these elk live. Tule elk ought to be able to roam free and forage in the park. They should not be shot, removed, fenced, or treated as problem animals.
- Today, Point Reyes ranches benefit from subsidized grazing fees and housing, plus taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. As such, commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife, and not the other way around.
- The Park Service has no good reason in the greater public interest to allow any new commercial agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. Introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. In other words, expanding ranching activity would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- It's only in the public interest for cattle ranching to be allowed if that ranching serves to help preserve the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases according to scientists. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#720

Name: Murray, Cristy

Correspondence: Stop killing wildlife, Tule Elk in particular, because they are an inconvenience to ranchers. The Park Service shouldn't be a tool for cattle ranchers. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way round.

#721

Name: Sponar, Lewis

Correspondence: Point Reyes was set aside for public enjoyment & environmental protection. That doesn't include elk hunting, stock grazing or farming!

#722

Name: Cohen, Howard

Correspondence: I am opposed to your plan to kill tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Likewise, I am opposed to any use of our public lands, such as Point Reyes, for cattle grazing or other agricultural purposes. Our tax moneys should not subsidize destructive private farmers but rather protect unto perpetuity what little of our precious natural world remains to us for our appreciation, preservation and enjoyment.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Cows are the problem animals now and should be removed from the Seashore (and all other National Parks, Foests, Recreation Areas, etc.)

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around - or, preferably, eliminated with all deliberate speed.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment, which it is not. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

I hope you will reconsider your destructive and inappropriate policies, cancel any planned cull of the tule elk herd, and eliminate private grazing and farming from Point Reyes, and throughout our National Parks, Forests, Monuments, Seashores and other protected lands.

#723

Name: montapert, anthony

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

#724

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#725

Name: Hinson, Kathy

Correspondence: I am writing to ask that rare elk be protected instead of shot at Reyes. To allow elk to be killed just so ranchers can place cattle on protected wildlife habitat is unconscionable. In addition, people like me travel to these areas to see wildlife, not cattle. Thank you.

#726

Name: Miller, Kerby

Correspondence: • I strongly oppose the killing or removal of the native elk from Point Reyes National Seashore, which I often visited and hiked when I lived in the Bay Area.

The planet does not need more cattle grazing, and the National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

#727

Name: veldra, paul

Correspondence: Stop the insane trump assault on all aspects of the environment.

#728

Name: N/A, Susan

Correspondence: I am a concerned citizen interested in Point Reyes and I am shocked to hear about a plan to shoot the native tule elk to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There is no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore these rare tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk are not problem animals and should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park. They should not be shot.

The wildlife and natural scenery at Point Reyes National Seashore are important to me, they are the reasons I visit, not to see cattle or other farming and ranching.

Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

#729

Name: G, S

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#730

Name: Cummings, Linda

Correspondence: Killing the Tule Elk to further enhance ranchers pocket books is a crime against the people of this country and against nature. These animal have the right to live and have a home on this planet every much as humans do. trump the chump and you his henchmen are instruments of nothing but death and destruction. The asshole in the white house is insane, and you follow his most evil disgusting self serving psychopathic dictations like the sycophants you are. I am outraged. That mean little soulless asshole will go down, and you with him.

#731

Name: Colafranceschi , Tina

Correspondence: I am part of the public and I do not want Tule Elk Being Shot at Point Reyes. Actually I do not want cattle grazing on any public lands which are meant for natural wildlife to live on considering that cattle promote greenhouse gases.

#732

Name: Dacus, Chris

Correspondence: Please do not kill the native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. It is their home. They belong there. The cattle that ranchers put there do not belong there. In fact, grazing by livestock damages the area making it harder for wildlife to live in their own home. Humans have caused the problem. Please do not make it worse. The grasslands should remain as such and do not allow humans to further damage it with farming. While this is not a pesticide issue, it is another kind of silent spring. Leave the wildlife and wild areas alone. Kick out the ranchers.

#733

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

I oppose the plan to kill 15 elk a year. I oppose the NPS advocacy any policy that does not Preserve wildlife and native habitats.

#734

Name: Bousquet, Bob

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#735

Name: Thoman, James

Correspondence: Please consider the following in your Point Reyes National Seashore Management Plan. • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over any commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

#736

Name: Nye, Julie

Correspondence: I strongly oppose any plan that allows the killing of native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. America's natural resources INCLUDE its wildlife. Killing tule elk to allow livestock owners to graze their animals on PUBLIC land is wrong.

#737

Name: Malven, Tania

Correspondence: WTF! !!!!!!!!! LEAVE PT REYES TO THE TULE ELK AND OTHER WILDLIFE!!!!!!!! GET RID OF THE DESTRUCTIVE CATTLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! HELL NO TO AGRICULTURE OR OTHER DESTRUCTIVE DOMESTIC ANIMALS!!!!!!!!!!!! !! SAVE OUR PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY !!!!! NOW GREEDY RANCHERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !

#738

Name: Wasgatt, Ann

Correspondence: Pt. Reyes is a special place. The tule elk are an essential part of the special quality of the area.

I am opposed to the planned shooting of up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

National Parks primary use is NOT to subsidize agricultural enterprises! It is to preserve the animals and ecosystem that is already there. There will be more economic returns to the community from tourism than from livestock owners.

Tourism is alive and well in the surrounding communities. Pt. Reyes is a marvelous place to visit with its varying landscapes from tide pools and cliffs to open meadows. And spotting a grazing elk herd is the frosting on the cake! It turns a regular visit to the area into a really special day. Pt. Reyes National Seashore is the only national park where these elk live. Destroying them to benefit private agricultural concerns will harm this area and negate the primary purpose of National Parks.

#739

Name: Rominger, Vicki

Correspondence: Our family loves the Point Reyes Area. Please do not allow bikes of any kind in these wilderness areas. Bikes are difficult to hear and travel to fast keep the area for hikers and equine users only.

#740

Name: Ladd, Lisa

Correspondence: I'm writing in regards to the native Tule Elk @ Point Reyes's National Seashore. This is public land, which I, as a taxpayer, support. This public land MUST be for nature NOT commercial enterprises. Cattle don't belong there destroying the elk's native habitat since this is the only national (Seashore or park) area that they live on. Killing or destroying the elk is NOT acceptable. That is what the commercial interests want, not this public person.

#741

Name: Higson, Howard

Correspondence: Dear Administrators:

President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native Tule Elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

This is an unacceptable dereliction of the Park systems duty to protect natural habitats to the exclusion of commercial and habitat-/ecology-altering intrusions by humans. The following points should be considered as justification to cancel the plan to cull the Tule Elk from Point Reyes National Seashore:

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Sincerely,

-Howard Higson

#742

Name: Eding, Megan

Correspondence: As a native Northern California resident, and someone that visits Point Reyes often, I am appalled to hear that cattle considerations are being placed higher than those of the Tule Elk.

For starters, Pt Reyes is managed under the Pt Reyes Act, meaning that the land and it's native animals are entitled to protection and preservation. Cattle do not fall under this act's protection and I am disgusted that commercial agriculture is being prioritized.

I have often come to visit the park just to view the elk - as have many of my friends and family. This brings in a lot of money to the local businesses which would be lost if the elk are "managed" (i.e. killed or removed). These animals only live here, they cannot be kicked out of their native land. This is awfully familiar to how First Nations were removed from their native homelands all those years ago.

I fight for the Tule Elk not just to protect them, but also out of the environmental concerns that are hand in glove with the cattle industry. Raising beef is an extremely high in greenhouse gas pollution - namely methane. Your proposed alternative is out of sync with what you proclaim to champion - a climate friendly park. So the cattle ranchers get to pollute and use taxpayer-funded roads and infrastructure AND harm the native species? Why are you bending to their will? It should be the other way around - the ranchers should do everything they can to accommodate the native species that live in the park.

I argue that cattle ranching should only be allowed if it can be done in a way that preserves the land and environment (like not mowing in the park because that can hurt and kill native species; they should not be polluting the water system; they should not be spreading diseases or causing erosion).

Thank you for your time, Megan

#743

Name: Bishop, Roberta

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone enough is a enough

#744

Name: Irons, Bridget

Correspondence: Bill Clark, Ph.D, International Wildlife Program Specialist once said, "We're not putting enough effort into accommodating the other creatures who share this planet with us. Too often, we resort to a gun. Humans have a duty to be more benevolent to nature's denizens - allowing them to retain their wild qualities while keeping them safe in the place where they belong." How decision makers decide the fate of native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore is a test of their character. How we treat animals defines us as a species. Each of us must examine and rewrite our relationships with animals and live in harmony with them.

#745

Name: Barnett, Curtis

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

• Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

#746

Name: Gregg, K.

Correspondence: Livestock grazing has at least the following major negative ecological impacts:

- Significantly Alters Plant and Animal Communities (Wagner 1978, Jones 1981, Mosconi & Hutto 1982, Szaro et al. 1985, Quinn & Wal-Genbach 1990, as cited in Fleischner, 1994) (Belsky, Matzke, Uselman, 1999) (Donahue, 1999) (Wuerthner, Matteson, 2002)
- Decreases Biodiversity (Fleischner, 1994) (Wilcove, Rothstein, Dubow, Phillips, Losos, 1998) (Belsky, Matzke, Uselman, 1999) (Wuerthner, Matteson, 2002)
- Elimination of Native Predators (Donahue, 1999) (Wuerthner, Matteson, 2002) (GAO, 2005)
- Introduction of Invasive Plants and Diseases (Mackie 1978, Longhurst et al. 1983, Menke, Bradford 1992, as cited in Fleischner, 1994) (Wilcove, Rothstein, Dubow, Phillips, Losos, 1998) (Donahue, 1999)
- Soil Compaction and Accelerated Erosion (Fleischner, 1994) (Belsky, Matzke, Uselman, 1999) (Donahue, 1999) (Wuerthner, Matteson, 2002)
- Hydrologic Disruption and Contamination (Fleischner, 1994) (Belsky, Matzke, Uselman, 1999) (Wuerthner, Matteson, 2002)
- Habitat Destruction (Fleischner, 1994) (Wilcove, Rothstein, Dubow, Phillips, Losos, 1998) (Belsky, Matzke, Uselman, 1999) (Donahue, 1999) (Wuerthner, Matteson, 2002)

The negative impacts of livestock grazing are well documented and most scientists have indeed recommended the removal of livestock from public lands in order to improve the ecological conditions and protect the native flora, fauna, and other public resources (Fleischner, 1994) (Donahue, 1999) (Belsky, Matzke, Uselman, 1999) (Wuerthner, Matteson, 2002).

#747

Name: Stapleton, Shirley

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and

effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

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- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#748

Name: Harris, Patricia

Correspondence: Once again the cattle men in this country have bullied an organization into killing off any and every animal living wild in this wonderful United States of America for their grazing rights which they generally never have to pay for. To kill any of the Tule Elk of Point Reeves National Park is an obscene and abominable plan! A better plan in my opinion would be to introduce wolves to the area to keep the numbers in check.

My father was employed by the National Park Service for many years. He served in Mr. Rainier National Park and Joshua Tree National Park (when it was only a monument.) As well as field office in Portland, OR. He is, I am sure, turning over in his grave at the very thought of this plan.

What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts soon happens to man. ALL THINGS ARE connected.

Please reverse this plan. Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely, Patricia Harris a concerned citizen and lover of the National parks of this country.

#749

Name: Cargman, Jered

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Further, natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

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- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. What's more, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you, Jered Cargman

#750

Name: Rakestraw, Sandra

Correspondence: Thank you for taking public comment on this highly controversial issue. In summary, we believe the plan is beyond outrageous and, therefore, likely credited to the Trump administration's war on wildlife. I would gladly forever give up eating beef entirely for the sake of the future livelihood of these Tule Elk.

Actually, why don't you just kill off (or have the beef producer) shoot fifteen of his cow herd to leave forage available for the fifteen elk you propose to kill? We consider them much more important to preserve than a subsidized-ranchers bank account. Please explain how this plan would benefit the Tule Elk?

Sincerely, Sandra and Jeff Rakestraw

#751

Name: Rodney, Ray

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#752

Name: Reaume, Wave

Correspondence: I am greatly concerned about the Park Service's plan to shoot Tule Elk and convert wild lands for agriculture and commercial enterprises in Point Reyes. Not only do I visit national parks for enjoyment and reconnecting with nature, I consider them national treasures that should remain for all of us and future generations.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. These lands and the wildlife upon them should take priority over commercial activities.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

There are so many reasons to protect these lands and everything upon them. So many reasons NOT to shoot Tule Elk and promote agriculture. Please consider all of them in making policy for Point Reyes.

Sincerely, Wave Reaume, a concerned tax paying citizen and active voter in Michigan

#753

Name: Smith, Yvonne

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it is consistent with preserving the natural environment. Agricultural activities, such as mowing, should not be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion, or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases, so the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#754

Name: WILLIAMS, LISA

Correspondence: We visited Point Reyes last year and actually have been many times over the years. We love the landscape and the wild animals we see there. So you can imagine how unhappy we were to learn that you are planning on killing 15 Tule deer each year for ranchers and farmers. These ranchers and farmers should be happy that they get to graze on our public lands for such a cheap price. Instead they're asking you to kill deer that are native to that area and threatened? In actuality it is the cow that is hurting the land and should be pulled back. These lands are ALL our lands and farmers and ranchers should not get to dictate what happens there. A compromise can be found but any compromise must not contain any killing of the Tule deer. I'm depending on you to do the right thing and find a way that we humans can start respecting the natural world and not thinking we live outside it all the time because we don't.

Thank you.

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Thank you.

#756

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I have a great idea, get the cows out. I'm tired of our nation's wildlife suffering on behalf of ranchers financial interest. Raise the grazing fees to a realistic level and offer them buyouts on their grazing rights and move those cows out.

#757

Name: Bell, D

Correspondence: I strongly urge you stop your plan to kill tule elk in Point Reyes National Park.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Your job is to preserve the park for wildlife, not agriculture.

#758

Name: Bishop, Norman

Correspondence: As a national park ranger for 36 years, I became well acquainted with management policies of the Service. I do not see the Point Reyes GMP as consistent with them, or with the values all parks hold in common: maintenance of biodiversity, and ecosystem integrity. As a member of the team that restored gray wolves to Yellowstone, I am keenly aware of the role of native species in national parks.

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As a junior high school student, I wanted to be a forest ranger. In graduate school, however, I selected Forest Recreation as a major (minor in Wildlife Management), and went to work for the NPS. I now recognize the huge difference between forestry as an agricultural pursuit, and national park management as aimed at maintenance of ecosystem integrity.

#759

Name: Dunivant, Terre

Correspondence: DO NOT KILL TULE ELK, FOR ANY REASON.

Ranchers are NOT more important than native wildlife. What they do is bad for the environment in many ways, not the least of which is the deadly "Wildlife Services".

NO KILLING TULE ELK.

#760

Name: Hood, Mary

Correspondence: National Parks, Forests, Cultural Monuments, and other public lands were set aside for the nation, all of us, not to be exploited for commercial or private gain. Please save these pristine areas for our children, grandchildren, and descendants to watch and enjoy! This is irreplaceable habitat.

Please do not kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. This park was not founded to facilitate cattle raising, or conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and our national parks were not established for livestock operators to bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs.

Please stop this insanity and protect America's parks for America's public!

#761

Name: McClintock, Gloria

Correspondence: I lived in CA for 60 years and have hiked around Point Reyes National Park area. I cannot believe that potential purposeful shooting of the native tule elk is being proposed.

Surely there are other non-public places in CA to grow artichokes and other crops and graze animals. Having traversed the state many times and in almost all areas, I can attest that it is very expensive.

The elk cannot speak for themselves but we owners of public lands need to be their voice.

#762

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: What is the purpose of this ridiculous idea to kill indigenous wildlife that belongs there in order to bring in other breeds to make someone else a profit. If you allow this you are not fulfilling your obligation to protect species that belong in our parks.

#763

Name: Derasary, Lara

Correspondence: I'm dismayed to hear about NPS's plan to kill native tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore to appease livestock ranchers as well as to allow conversion of park grasslands for agricultural crops and livestock grazing. Native wildlife, natural values, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Wildlife is under increasing pressure from habitat loss due to human expansion as well as climate change. Under the Point Reyes Act, Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens into the mix, will only attract more native predators, such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes, and create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Furthermore, agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

#764

Name: Harder, Kate

Correspondence: I am against NPS's plan to kill native tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

I am also against the plan to convert park grasslands to artichoke farms and crops and to allow ranchers to introduce sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs to the area.

I visit national parks to see wildlife and beautiful scenery. This plan reduces the chances of seeing these at Point Reyes National Seashore.

#765

Name: Hamann, Karl

Correspondence: Stop the Tule deer from being shot at Reyes Point!

#766

Name: Wyatt, Karen

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#767

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing to protest against the proposal to shoot Tule elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

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Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

#768

Name: Patterson, William

Correspondence: These beautiful, peaceful creatures were here, Long before us or Spanish explorers. I grew up around one of these seeding herds and saw them first hand. Bring them BACK!!

#769

Name: Gamble, Sandra

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#770

Name: Gilbert, Barrie

Correspondence: I am a wildlife biologist who has studied NP wildlife for 45 years in WY, CA and AK. Tule elk should not be killed. The amount of cattle grazing should be reduced or eliminated. At one Time Yellowstone grew hay on park property but that ended long ago.

Since elk are grazers and browsers the cattle compete directly with the elk for forage. National parks should be phasing out cattle grazing as this is private enterprise infringing on public land. The grandfathering of ranching gave owners time to end their use of leases.

Please do not kill Tule elk. It is contrary to the organic Act.

Sincerely

BK Gilbert, PhD

#771

Name: Muradian, Becky

Correspondence: how dare you think it is okay to kill the beautiful elk at Point Reyes to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

#772

Name: Chisari, Andrea

Correspondence: I'm fed up. Public lands are for the PUBLIC. This idiotic idea is AGAINST public interest. It is the product of greed, selfishness, and politics.

Point Reyes National Seashore is SUPPOSED to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." This does NOT include commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, and PUBLIC access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial GREED at Point Reyes.

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The ranchers have NO BUSINESS at Point Reyes. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow ANY agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

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#773

Name: Petro, Pat

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#774

Name: Hipworth, D.

Correspondence: Save Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes!

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

#775

Name: Crago , Marcelle

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern, Please don't kill any of the Tule Elk. They are already are at risk for extinction and we can lower the genetic pool for them. Our generation is at risk for the largest Biodiversity loss than anytime. This will directly effect us humans in ways that many won't understand.

The following are also very important points that I hope you consider: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Sincerely, Marcelle Crago

#776

Name: McAlister, Kevin

Correspondence: Hello, I'm emailing you this message that I don't approve of, nor do I agree with, the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where those rare animals live, even for the sake of cattle ranching. In fact, I'm asking the National Park Service to call off the decision to kill tule elk in that area. There are several reasons I disagree with that decision:

1. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
2. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Plus, Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
3. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. And right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

4. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Please take these points into consideration and, again, I ask the National Parks Service to have compassion for the wildlife it was meant to protect and call off this heinous plan to kill off tule elk. It doesn't and shouldn't have to be this way! If cattle ranchers have a problem with that, they can take their livestock somewhere else, where it won't affect any wildlife (especially endangered/threatened ones). The well-being of our national parks and the safeguard of our wildlife should come first! So please call off the plan to kill tule elk and look for a better solution. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Whitaker, Howard

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#779

Name: Gindele, Abigail

Correspondence: I am continually disappointed (and disgusted) with the decision to let wild, native species be killed to appease farmers and ranchers. Just because that is their business/livelihood, it does NOT give them the right to exploit national, protected land. And if it weren't for protected land, the farmers and ranchers own land would spiral into an ecological wasteland. I value wild lands for their own sake, but even if you don't, we need the wild lands and species to keep the already developed land sustainable.

My mother's family came from western KS - - yes, they had their land through the Dust Bowl and were farmers of hard, red, winter wheat and raised beef cattle. (And I am now a vegetarian partly because meat eating is NOT sustainable.) And my relatives knew the ultimate need for not lowering the water table and leaving some of their land un-farmed and un-graised.

Also, I speak as someone who has had to change her livelihood because of moving, personal circumstances, and industry obsolescence. And at no time did I expect to be able to exploit public land for my own gain.

Please do not let Tule elk be killed at Point Reyes.

Also, I've visited Point Reyes several times, even though I live far from it. It's wonderful. Don't taint it with hunting and executions.

#780

Name: Strickland, Tracy

Correspondence: I would like you to reconsider allowing Tule Elk to be shot within the park for the reasons I have below.

Tule Elk are an important part of the ecosystem. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Its one of the best places for folks to visit and see these magnificent beings roaming free.

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Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. This is especially true with large AG all over the country but we do not need greenhouse gases in public lands that provide for an ecosystem that is trying to re-balance.

Thank you for your consideration of these points. Tracy Ann Strickland

#781

Name: Vignere, Joel

Correspondence: Respectfully (or maybe not so respectful) why in the hell is the park service going to kill the public's wildlife so a few individuals can graze their livestock at OUR expense. Screw them.

#782

Name: Frank, Robert

Correspondence: I oppose the cruel and unnecessary plan to shoot native Tule elk to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on public land.

This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

I vehemently oppose all these plans and as a U.S. taxpayer my views on this matter must be taken into account. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Robert D. Frank

#783

Name: Hannigan, Bob

Correspondence: Totally absurd and outrageous are words I would use to comment on plans to permit killing of Tule Elk within the Point Reyes National Seashore. The National Park's own plan for "Climate Friendly Parks" is intended to prevent such killing of Elk and even more so intended to prevent the increase of commercial leases for agricultural products. Point Reys ranchers are already supported more that sufficiently by public funds for grazing fees and housing as well as infrastructure and road support. Native wildlife must be a priority over any changes to policy that would increase private agricultural activities within the National Seashore. If anything, current commercial agricultural leases should be reduced significantly. The Park Service needs to refocus on its primary mission. Point Reyes needs protected so that all of us can continue to enjoy the wildlife and scenery that brought the Park into being in the first place. Do Your Intended Job.

#784

Name: Szaszorowska, Magdalena
Correspondence: Sirs and Madams,

I am writing to kindly ask you for compassion. Please Save Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes.

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Please take my opinion into consideration. Kind regards, Magdalena Szaszorowska.

#785

Name: Garrison, Anita

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#786

Name: Kenna, Aaron

Correspondence: To Whom it may Concern, As a concerned citizen, I am writing to strongly oppose the plan to kill the Tule Elk population in favor for cattle ranching and farming on our public lands.

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#787

Name: Zinner, Janet

Correspondence: You are ruining our country! We need biodiversity- - not more food. You are choosing the ranchers over the native animals and the land that they need to survive and thrive.

This is amoral and one-sided!

We need more biodiversity; otherwise we will destroy our planet and everything in it.

Stop being unfairly partisan and greedy!!!!

#788

Name: Coleman, Anthony

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#789

Name: Houdashelt, Mark

Correspondence: I am writing to express my opposition to your plans to kill tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. The purpose of the National Park Service is to preserve our National Parks, Monuments, Seashores, etc. and the wildlife that live there - it is not to provide land for raising cattle or other agricultural activities. The tule elk that live at Point Reyes National Seashore have a greater claim and greater need for that land than any rancher or farmer. Please do not move forward with your plans to murder these peaceful animals.

#790

Name: Rothera, Malcolm

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#791

Name: christensen, freya

Correspondence: Okay, for the last time - stop shooting stuff. It's counter-intuitive, fixes no problems, and isn't economically viable. Leave the Tulle elk alone and let them get on with their natural behaviors. You are under no obligation to prioritize commercial agricultural leases on public lands, and, speaking as a member of the public, I'd actually prefer you didn't.

#792

Name: Randall, MaryRose

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that you wish to shoot Tule elk that live in Point Reyes national Seashore so that ranchers can graze cattle subsidized by tax payers like myself. It has also come to my attention that you want to allow artichoke farming on the grasslands of Point Reyes and allow ranchers to raise chickens, sheep and pigs as well as cattle.

This is not a national FARM or a national RANCH. It is a national SEASHORE. Point Reyes should be left in its natural state as was intended. In my opinion, NO ranching or farming should be allowed at all there. It is especially egregious that you want to kill native elk in order to allow more ranching and also farming! This is not right and not how my tax dollars should be used. Leave Point Reyes natural and leave the Tule elk alone. Do not allow additional farming or ranching.

Thank you,

MaryRose Randall

#793

Name: Peters, Barbara

Correspondence: A request to the National Park Service:

PLEASE do not open the Point Reyes National Seashore National Park to grazing private livestock. This is a National Park, home to Tule Elk, native wildlife. These are MY Elk not to be subjected to a yearly cull for the benefit of private ranchers.

This is a National Park- -- -there should be no conversion of MY Park to private farming or grazing of sheep, goats or chicken and pigs.

Leave the Tule Elk alone to graze and propagate . These are MY Elk and deserve the protection of the National Park Service.

Thank you.

Barbara J. Peters

#794

Name: Clevenger, Catherine

Correspondence: Please reconsider your increased 'public' (for profit) use of Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. So many studies have shown that natural diversity is key to a healthy ecosystem. The Tule Elk is a member of that special ecosystem. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Catherine Clevenger

#795

Name: Smith, Diane

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#796

Name: V, christine pelkin

Correspondence: THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE POINT REYES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR IN THE INTEREST OF THE ECOSYSTEM AS A WHOLE.COMMERCIALIZATION IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR WITH THIS DELICATE AND PRECIOUSNESS PARKLAND THAT IS PUBLIC LAND LAST I CHECKED there needs to be a more appropriate. options

#797

Name: Hopkins, Paul

Correspondence: This letter is about NPS proposals to cull Tule Elk and allow agriculture in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

In my opinion neither should be permitted. This is the only place that this animal lives. Our national parks are for the wild animals and nature. There are plenty of other places to graze cattle.

Growing crops in a nature area should never be allowed.

Sincerely,

Paul Hopkins

#798

Name: Clark, Alice

Correspondence: When will someone take Trump on a horse back ride into the back country to teach him the beauty of Mother Nature??? These rare tule elk only live in the California area & yet the cattle ranchers are wanting more land not caring about the wild animals that also need to live in this precious area. The cattle ranchers do not seem to care that by killing off these special elk that the cows & other animals will destroy the land as well as the food for the elk. Do not let the cattle ranchers bully their way into the land.

#799

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I was dismayed to hear that elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore may be culled in order to improve grazing facilities for livestock owners. Please do not allow this to happen! Surely in a National Park environment, the preservation of wildlife and environment must be the priority. I was thrilled to view elk on my vacation last week. Please use your power to protect them.

#800

Name: M, Jill

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#802

Name: Goodrich, Lisa

Correspondence: I am sick of my tax dollars being spent to kill wildlife. This abuse needs to stop now.

DO NOT kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. They need to be protected not shot. Do your job and conserve the land and the elk.

Thank you for your time.

#803

Name: Embree, Michelle

Correspondence: I am opposed to the Culling. I support the relocating of excess elk to other areas in California, THE Park service needs to care for these animals, not kill them.

#804

Name: Hoffman, philip

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

The NPS was created to protect the natural resources of the United States for the benefit of its citizens. It was not created to promote private businesses. Tule Elk should be protected, not dairy ranching. If dairy ranching is threatened it's because it is selling out to developers. Here's my compromise : Remove ranching from the peninsula allowing the Elk to roam free along with other species. Allow ranching on the east side of Highway 1 from Olema to Wilkins Ranch at the head of the Bolinas Lagoon. The grazing cattle would help with fire suppression along Bolinas Ridge. Renovate existing ranch building for ranchers. Sell dairy products commercially and within the park system to educate the public on the importance of ranching. NO RANCHING OR LONG TERM LEASES ON THE POINT REYES PENINSULA RANCHING ALONG HIGHWAY 1 ONLY, ALONG WITH LONG TERM LEASES.

#805

Name: Roberson, William

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

I visited Point Reyes for the natural scenery and wildlife, as do many others. I plan on returning. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

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#806

Name: Roe, Deborah

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

The Tule elk are a very unique species and important to the Point Reyes National Seashore ecosystem.

The park should be managed to maximize their protection without consideration for commercial interests such as agriculture. These beautiful animals should be allowed to roam free and not be enclosed by fencing, etc. Cattle grazing is not consistent with preserving the natural environment.

Their future recovery is dependent on you making thoughtful decisions now. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely, Deborah Roe

#807

Name: Brestrup, Craig

Correspondence: Living only 2-3 hours north of Pt. Reyes I spend time there and have learned to greatly appreciate the unique place that it is. I understand that you are considering new management plans for the area. I

want to make a couple of observations: first, while it is not ideal to use public lands for private purposes such as raising livestock, I know that that activity goes back a long way and because of that deserves consideration. But surely its consideration must take second place to the land's public purposes. It should not be allowed to degrade in any way the landscape, water, and so forth. Second, the idea that elk should be killed in deference to cattle makes a mockery of America's commitment to public goods through public lands and is an offense against animals whose survival has been tenuous at best owing to hunting and displacement.

Among the many things that appear to be going downhill in modern America, respect for the land, for natural habitats and indigenous wildlife, and the public good is high on the list and emblematic of a commercial, commodity oriented approach to life that is ethically destructive. I hope you will hold high the importance of protecting Pt. Reyes for its own good and the good of all those who treasure the place.

Thank you.

#808

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Don't shoot the Tule Elk; they belong where they are. If you must shoot something, shoot the non-native invasive species (the cattle).

#809

Name: Houmes , Cleda

Correspondence: Dear Sit, I understand that grazing has been allowed on Federal Lands and must be balanced with the needs of native animals. I do not understand why domestic animals are being favored over wild animals especially when Point Reyes is the only Federal Land where tule elk live. Also I strenuously oppose use of that land for row crops or any commercial farming enterprise. Other than some logging, commercial harvesting will was never the purpose for these lands which were set aside to remain wild and be available for recreation. In closing, don't kill tule elk so cows, sheep, goats, etc. can graze. Don't allow commercial farming on Federal Lands.

#810

Name: Oppenheim, Jennifer

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

#811

Name: Dietzmann, Cynthia

Correspondence: To whom it may concern - I am beside myself with the destruction the Trump administration is causing. I am now a former Republican because I cannot abide or stand still and watch the greed and disregard for protecting flora and fauna. This includes our treasured Nation Parks such as Point Reyes.

I am radically opposed to allowing the park service to shoot up to 15 rare Tule elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

As if that isn't horrific enough, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Are we only about greed? We do not need to further subsidise farmers. We MUST protect our wildlife and property that was set aside for these innocent animals and our enjoyment as tax payers.

PLEASE STOP this insanity and reject this ludicrous plan for the sake of our treasured lands, their flora and fauna, and humanity.

Thank you - Cynthia Dietzmann

#812

Name: Harper, Barbara

Correspondence: Per the Center for Biological Diversity, I am submitting their well articulated reasons below in opposition to the plans to kill Tule Elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore:

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- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#813

Name: Williams, Dianne

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern, I would like to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of cattle and agricultural operations at the Point Reyes National Seashore. I am especially against the plan to cull tule elk herds that are native to the park. Cattle are not native, they are invasive and cause damage to the delicate ecosystem and degradation to natural water sources. It is my understanding that protection of unique wildlife and

their habitat is a priority for the National Park Service. Culling these beautiful animals, as well as expanding private exploitation of this park would be against its primary mandate, and would make all of the time and money expended to restore the tule elk wasted. As a taxpayer my primary concern is the environment and the wildlife dependent on it. Cattle are not endangered. Pristine wilderness and rare animals like the tule elk are. Please consider my views and concerns when making your important decision. Thank you.

#814

Name: Powers, John

Correspondence: Please protect the Tule elk of point Reyes . They should not be shot to appease ranchers.

#815

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#816

Name: Montana, Melissa

Correspondence: This has got to stop. Farming and ranching should not be done on public land. Farms and overgrazing do more damage to public lands than wildlife. People are eating less meat, so the solution is to cut back on cattle, not to kill wildlife to appease cattlemen who refuse to accept the changing needs of the market. People want meat from sustainable, environmentally friendly sources, not from ranches who abuse the land. Farming can be done without killing wildlife. People want produce from sustainable sources, not from destructive use of public land. These elk should not be sacrificed for greedy farmers and ranchers who will not change to fit the needs of a modern market. Let them know we are choosy about where we get our food, and will not buy from producers who destroy wildlife.

#817

Name: Kemink , Hanna

Correspondence: This is a very critical issue. We need to stop this continued Destruction of our habitats for cattle and other animals that don't Belong in wildlife environments. Or waterways and open land is under attack by the threat of greed. The threat of destroying the Clean water that is left. Look whats happening to Brazilians. Please stop to Think of what will happen.

#818

Name: Lyda, Mary

Correspondence: Attn: Natn'l Park Service

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- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
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#819

Name: Fremaux, Charlotte

Correspondence: Your plan to cull tule elk and remove them from their only range in a national park in order to further subsidize the grazing of privately owned cattle is absolutely appalling. Killing native and rare wild animals in order to allow domesticated animals to graze, trample and erode soil, endanger water supplies, and otherwise damage precious public lands goes against science and common sense. Otherwise opening the land to commercial farming concerns is also counter to any wise and sensible conservation plan for any environment. Point Reyes' elk populations are healthy and have recovered because of carefully planned native ecosystem restoration. This is the Park Service's mission, not to make native wild animals a problem for commercial concerns.

Commercial activities on public lands should be severely restricted. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds, and introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

In your case, local ranches already enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Cattle are a major source of methane, and the seashore's primary generators of greenhouse gasses. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. Other agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. The threat of water, air and soil pollution from agrochemicals is also of great concern. Natural areas need to be kept free of man-made toxins and chemicals if they and their populations of native animals are to survive and possibly thrive.

Point Reyes is a unique and beautiful environment I have enjoyed visiting many times. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

I implore you to jettison your current plan to cull native species in favor of accommodating domesticated animals and further enriching private ranchers. The weakening of the Park Service's commitment to conservation in favor of human exploitation is truly disturbing, and illustrates the skewed and ethically incorrect trend of the current administration that disrespects public lands, lacks rudimentary understanding of the natural world, and favors pillaging our future for short term profits in the private sector. This is not what the Park Service started out to do, and has no part in the conservation of our resources and public lands for the future of all species and a sustainable planet.

#820

Name: Cobb, Sandra

Correspondence: Do not kill Tule Elk to provide grazing areas for livestock. This area is for wildlife, not to line the pockets of ranchers. This is the ONLY home for Tule Elk. They have a right to survive just like Americans do.

#821

Name: Moore, Lorraine

Correspondence: Native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

#822

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Why do you have to kill every animal that is not cattle???

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Adding more cattle to Point Reyes is just plain wrong!!

#823

Name: Gaiser, Jörg

Correspondence: Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Further, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Sincerely,

Jörg Gaiser

#824

Name: Cameron, Debra

Correspondence: Protect the wildlife from destruction by mankind.

#825

Name: Glisson, Candie

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#826

Name: Austring, Dee

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#828

Name: Berkowitz, Henry

Correspondence: Please keep in mind that this is a National Seashore, not a farm.

#829

Name: Jay, N/A

Correspondence: Protect native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Reverse any plans to kill these native wildlife, and reverse any plans to introduce livestock and row crops on park land.

#830

Name: Doucet, Lisha

Correspondence: I am completely opposed to the National Park Service killing Tule Elk for the benefit of cattle ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore.

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#831

Name: Prentiss, Alex

Correspondence: Stop the plan to kill native Tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Since this is the only national park where these animals live, they must be protected, not destroyed to make way for more private, for-profit conversion of park grasslands to farming, including artichoke farms, row crops, plus the introduction of more cows, sheep, goats, chickens and pigs, all of which will result in even more conflict with native wildlife. Farm animals especially are known for causing incredible damage to the environment, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Opening the national park to even more commercial use cannot be in the best interests of the elk and the natural environment that the park is mandated to protect.

I have visited this area and hope to do so again. Seeing the elk was a big part of the experience, not seeing the completely inappropriate, private, for profit farming. Farming this area should be grand-fathered out, not increased.

#832

Name: Gunther, Keith

Correspondence: I am against any change to the conditions of the present environmental laws concerning the Point Reyes National Sea Shore which could possibly include killing up to 15 Tule Elk and allow agricultural development of the area.

#833

Name: Ambrosio, Antoinette

Correspondence: I am disgusted, why do we have to kill almost every living creature on the planet. When is the abuse torture and killing going to stop? Please stop killing the beautiful deer.

#834

Name: riat, deborah

Correspondence: please make the ranchers leave point reyes national seashore. the ranch animals are not good for the ocean environment, and those people were paid for the land decades ago. the park was established. now you are trying to devalue the park and take it away. i was on pierce point road a couple of weeks ago and the smell of livestock waste was overwhelming. this is not right. there is plenty of land for ranching in the area, it should not be done in this park. i believe the original intent when the park was established was to have the ranchers leave the park at some point. why are you not doing this? it seems to me the ranching operations have gotten larger, with more animals, and more animal waste.

#835

Name: Markham, Michael

Correspondence: It has come to my attention that the National Park Service is considering a plan to kill up to 15 native tule elk per year at California's Point Reyes National Seashore. And the reason given for this questionable plan is apparently only to appease private livestock owners. To me, this is completely illogical thinking. To my

understanding, this park is on PUBLIC land, yet this NATIVE species is being targeted by commercial interests. And I am not aware that there is an overpopulation of these elk, not that they represent an ongoing threat to existing wildlife. I thought one of the mandates for this National Seashore is to preserve the natural environment, but the implementation of this kill plan seems to contradict the very purpose of the Seashore's existence. If I were to visit this national park, I would expect the natural habitat to remain just that, natural, and not artificially influenced by the whims of private interests.

#836

Name: Gibberman, Pamela

Correspondence: I find it appalling that the National Park Service is more interested in servicing the needs of private enterprise than meeting the needs of we the people. You want to kill indigenous species i.e. tule elk in order to allow cattle to despoil our natural resources? How is that in the national interest? You want to convert a park into farmland and let even more private people profit from OUR public land? Outrageous!! Shame on you!!!!

#837

Name: PLEMEL, CRISTINA

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There is no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands and I do not appreciate the possibility of that happening.

Point Reyes in my opinion is one of the most picturesque landscapes in California, and it needs to be protected for future generations to enjoy. While it is important to acknowledge the agricultural history of the area, this must be done responsibly, and the health of the ecosystem must be a priority.

#838

Name: Elliott, Benton

Correspondence: I love Point Reyes National Seashore. Its wildlife and natural scenery motivate me to visit Point Reyes and other national parks. Please consider the following:

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I hope you will do right by Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you for considering my input.

#839

Name: LeBlanc, Edward

Correspondence: I understand that the National Park Service is considering a plan to use Point Reyes National Seashore for expanded commercial agricultural leases for private artichoke and other farming, and for expanded cattle grazing and other livestock use. I further understand that the plan would make room for this expanded industrial use by annually killing up to fifteen of the rare, native tule elk at the only national park where these elk live.

I consider this to be a sick interpretation of how to run a national park.

I am against killing rare species in order to allow private industry to profit. I am especially against doing this on public land, and even more against it in a national park!

The national parks should not be there for farming and ranching! Where is the sense of national pride, the role of preserving the ecological and historical integrity, and making the park land available and accessible for public enjoyment?

Public enjoyment in an industrial artichoke farm? Give me a break!

I urge you to abandon this ridiculous plan for expanded farming and ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore and for killing tule elk there to make room for that expanded farming and ranching.

#840

Name: Harrison, Paige

Correspondence: As a human being who cares about wildlife and the environments under attack in our America I wish to comment on the terrible and poorly thought out plan to permit Tule Elk to be killed in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

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#841

Name: Watson, Mary

Correspondence: I am speaking up for tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Furthermore, cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Thank you.

#842

Name: Geiger, John

Correspondence: Please don't shoot any Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore!

I am a frequent user of National Parks, Monuments, and Seashores, and I strongly urge the National Park Service to refrain from slaughtering any of the rare native animals our public lands support. California's Point Reyes National Seashore is the only national public land where these rare animals live.

The NPS should never have even considered shooting up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Beyond the unnecessary killing of rare (and "charismatic") animals, your plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Your plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

These sorts of things are NOT what we, the public, pay you to do. We, the public, profoundly oppose this destructive plan.

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- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. • Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#843

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#844

Name: Gardiner, Trish

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for

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- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#845

Name: Zenker, N/A

Correspondence: Growing up in San Francisco, we still visited our Granmother in the summer when we moved to another region. Point Reyes National Seashore was one of my very favorite places to go! Why its management for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" has been so deeply respected.

There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Their beauty & natural aspects need to be maintained - - and NOT used for any level of commercial activity.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Which is why this needs to be kept in place, as it is!

Why the Park Service should not allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes, at all. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

On the other end, cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the existing natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. And as cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#846

Name: Bird, Oscar

Correspondence: Stop the insanity. Protect natural wildlife, not cows.

#847

Name: Jacobs, Shannon

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should

be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

#848

Name: Kutilek, Michael

Correspondence: I am writing to you as a professional wildlife biologist who has studied the successful relocation of Tule Elk to the Diablo Range of California and has enjoyed watching this species on many trips to Point Reyes. It is imperative that Point Reyes National Seashore follow the guidelines of the Point Reyes Act to achieve maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment. Moreover, natural values, native wildlife and public access and enjoyment must take priority over any commercial activities.

Tule Elk are California natives that nearly went extinct more than a century ago due to habitat loss and over harvesting. Their recovery is in part a result of ecosystem restoration, a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes and to other areas throughout California. They are an important part of the Point Reyes ecosystem and should be allowed to roam free there; they must not be shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Please do the right thing and allow these majestic animals to thrive unmolested in Point Reyes.

Sincerely,

Michael Kutilek, Ph.D. Emeritus Professor of Biological Sciences San Jose State University

#849

Name: Carmichael, David

Correspondence: Please stop subsidizing private business use of public lands. The livestock industry throughout most of the west is simply unsustainable. Enough is enough. Wild animals are well adapted to the environment and we would be wise to just leave them be.

#850

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a Californian, I oppose the horrific plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. The plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. Please do not approve this plan.

#851

Name: Foschi, Patricia

Correspondence: The tule elk are an icon of the region and only exist at Point Reyes. They must be protected, not culled.

#852

Name: Risso, Alisa

Correspondence: I am writing in response to the distressing plan to kill Tulle Elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore. I grew up going to this beautiful place and enjoying the wildlife it supports and find it quite distressing that my government would feel it has the right to take this unique National Park and prioritize for-profit cattle rancher concerns over the needs of the park and its wild inhabitants.

The stated purpose of the Park is to maintain it for posterity and is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Rather the priority is the preservation and restoration of the existing environment.

The proposed Plan erodes the natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment which should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. These elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals!

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. As a result, commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. I implore you to reconsider your Plan to kill these majestic and unique creatures and restore the mission of the park to put the environs and its wildlife over that of the dying cattle industry.

Thank you for your consideration, Alisa M Risso

#853

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This is not what National Parks are about. Please do not accept this proposal.

#854

Name: Williams, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Point Reyes ranches receive subsidized grazing fees and housing, taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. They should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around - as fair play to the efforts previously required to protect the elk.

Further, the Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Row crops attract birds, and introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats, and foxes. Expanded ranching will create new wildlife conflicts.

Finally, because cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases, the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#855

Name: Buchholtz, Katharine

Correspondence: I have spent a lot of time during the three years that I lived in Stinson Beach. I was told at the time that the dairy and other farms in this park would end when the owners died. I am outraged that this will not happen. I am further outraged that the fauna of this park are being killed. The park belongs to all of the wild animals that are currently inhabiting this pristine area especially these rare elk. Is your milk so important that you have to defile Point Reyes Park?

#856

Name: DiFante, Diane

Correspondence: Sirs: Please stop the killing of the tule elk in the park. They have more right to live there than cattle as they are native species, a necessary member of the ecosystem, and only exist there. There is plenty of land for private enterprise elsewhere. The public should not be subsidizing ranchers. All cattle ranching on public land should be ended as cattle are not part of the natural ecosystem and upset its balance.

#857

Name: Ridella, Gerard

Correspondence: As someone & family who hve been going to Pt. Reyes lands even before the ranches were gathered into the reserve trust I cannot beleive that action would be taken against the elk. Pt. Reyes is unique for not only its location, temperature, weather, beauty, & its large diversity of specimens but for its history & the elk. Surely there are predators who help cull the herds. Has there been any study on that or other facts about the stability of these herds? Has there been any inquiry or study about the population & how it could be managed either by moving some of the herd elsewhere or contraceptives for the females? The ranchers have a hard life, the cost of milk doesn't pay for the feed or work to get it to market. Their families have been on those lands since before the Civil War. But under the agreement with the government they get a good compensation to continue to be stewards of the land, live on the land, & maintain their way of life. If these actions against the elk are just about dollars & revenue then perhaps installing wind turbines on some sites might be a better way to make money & help the planet. Thank you, Gerard A. Ridella (Veteran)

#858

Name: W., M.

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

The Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. They are out or control - not the wildlife.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#859

Name: McGowan, Wendy

Correspondence: I understand that President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

I have learned that the agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land.

This horrible plan will enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. And, this plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

I am writing to express my opinion that this plan is not a good idea and is inconsistent with the way national parks should be managed and how the diversity of this park should be protected.

Thank you.

#860

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. • Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. • Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. • The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. • Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. • Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

DO NOT kill native Tule Elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. Their lives are precious. Do you care about them or just about appeasing the livestock owners? Where do your priorities lie? These animals are relying on you to stand up for them. Will you?

#861

Name: Anderson, Ilene

Correspondence: Dear Park Service, I love Point Reyes National Seashore. I also love Tule elk. I know that Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Because Point Reyes is such a special place, please do not prioritize commercial agricultural leases on our public lands. It should be left to the native wildlife, where public access allows for enjoyment of this fabulous landscape.

Tule elk have rebounded from near extinction and are now an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes which is one of their refugia. Please allow the Tule elk to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Agriculture should actually not be part of the Point Reyes National Seashore mission and should be phased out, unless it benefits the native wildlife and native vegetation of the Seashore.

Please let the Tule elk and other native wildlife roam free and eliminate conflicts with domestic stock and agriculture.

#862

Name: Kramer-Dodd, Gay

Correspondence: I am dismayed that the Trump administration plans to kill Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. These animals are native to the area and this National Seashore is meant to protect native species. As such, natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. They have priority over livestock grazing!

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

I urge the Administration and the National Park Service to abandon this terrible plan.

#863

Name: Weeden, Noreen

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is managed by the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should be the priority with commercial activities secondary at Point Reyes.

Tule Elk are an important part of the ecosystem at Point Reyes. The Park Service recovery of the Tule Elk is a successful restoration that should be applauded. Tule Elk should be allowed to roam and forage in the park.

The Park Service should evaluate agriculture and any potential negative impacts to wildlife in order to avoid new wildlife conflicts. Ranching and agriculture should only be allowed if it is consistent with preserving the natural environment.

The Park Service's preferred alternative should be consistent with the "Climate Friendly Parks" plan and preserving natural resources for our future.

#864

Name: Whatcott, Gayle

Correspondence: I am writing in response to the distressing plan to kill Tule Elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore. As a 73 yr old native Californian, I remember a time when Tule Elk roamed from Santa Mateo County to Trinity County in abundance. We almost lost them in the 70s if not for the creation and restoration of this Natinal Park. To think that these wild creatures are agian threatened due to the for-profit cattle ranchers concerns over the needs of the park and its wild enhabitants it unconscionable to me.

Given that the stated purpose of the Point Reyes Act is for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" I ask that you reconsider this proposed Plan to kill Tule Elk in the park. There's no mandate to prioritize commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Rather the priority is the preservation and restoration of the existing environment which includes its wildlife.

The proposed Plan erodes this mission in favor of commercial activities. Tule elk are an important, native part of the incredible landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. These elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals!

Right now the Point Reyes ranchers enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements. As a result, commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. I respectfully ask you to reconsider your Plan to kill the only remaining Tule Elk simply for the benefit of fees and additional leases to ranchers. This park is for the benefit of the public and not for provate enterprise. Leave these magnificent creatures to the last range they have been allowed.

Thank you, Gayle M Whatcott

#865

Name: Kantmann, Hillary

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Please do not kill the Tule Elk in Point Reyes. These animals are assets to the natural environment, and should not be sacrificed for the benefit of agriculture.

#866

Name: Lund, Monica

Correspondence: Please reconsider your plans for Point Reyes National Seashore. They're short-sighted, contrary to your own park plans and frankly, feed the greedy. Below are sufficient points, each equally important, about why you shouldn't move forward with your plan to shoot Tule elk.

1. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.
2. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
3. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

4. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

5. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

6. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

7. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

I appreciate your time and efforts. Please don't work against what President Theodore Roosevelt intended for our nation's parks when he established them.

#867

Name: Rippington, Alan

Correspondence: HUMANS ON THIS PLANET - THE ONLY ONE THERE IS - ARE RAPIDLY DESTROYING WHAT WILDLIFE THERE IS LEFT. WHY ARE YOU HELPING THIS EXTINCTION?

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Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

- Cattle are one of the planet's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#868

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do NOT proceed with the elk culling, allowing row crops, nor allowing new domesticated animals within Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. These policies are against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources.

#869

Name: Cowden, Sheila

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. This will devastate the national park and decimate this elk species. The plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

The American people's desires need to be taken into account when considering what to do with national parks, as they belong to the people. Most of us prefer that our will supercede those of special interest groups and do not want yet another species lost.

#870

Name: Dee, Diana

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

#871

Name: Boshoven, Susan

Correspondence: Tule elk should not be killed for cattle raising. Beef is not a healthy food and a cause of heart disease, the number one cause of death in the US. More people are or should be cutting down on beef consumption. The Tule Elk are a necessary component of the ecosystem.

#872

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Stop Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes. And stop all the rest of this ridiculous plan.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year.

There is no scientific basis for this plan. It does not fit the mission of the National Park Service. It is just more of the corruption of the Trump administration.

Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

Stop trying to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Improve the park's ecosystem by stopping the grazing by cows.

The plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

And, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Dump this plan now!

#873

Name: Phoenix, Angela

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#874

Name: Baker-Smith, Gerritt and Elizabeth

Correspondence: We are shocked by the NPS's plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

We understand that the agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. This should NOT be the park's main use...its use is to preserve the natural environment for the American people and ESPECIALLY for the plants and creatures that have evolved to live there - NOT for for-profit cattle operations.

That the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife is short sighted and wrong. PLEASE- NO!!

#875

Name: Touchstone, Lana

Correspondence: National Parks belong to the people for the enjoyment of all. It is wrong to allow individuals and companies to profit by using any national park's natural resources for their own personal enrichment.

The Tule elk lived in Point Reyes long before it was a National Park and long before domesticated cattle were allowed on Point Reyes grasslands. Cattle are the invasive species and should be removed from the park.

#876

Name: Keegan, Bruce

Correspondence: What has happened to the National Park Service? You are charged to protect our special places and are (Instead) giving away our lands to private interests.

This is a shocking betrayal of the public trust.

#877

Name: Bradley, DeeAnn

Correspondence: Rare native tule elk that live only in California's Point Reyes National Seashore need to be protected, not shot up by National Park Service to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this OUR precious public land.

This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

National Park Service plan should not allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

#878

Name: N/A, Vanessa

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#879

Name: Lee-Faith, Nicole

Correspondence: I am writing in defense of the tule elk of Point Reyes National Park. The park should not allow the killing of the elk due to the fact that this is their only place to live. Please vote on the side of the elk and against ranchers who want to graze their cattle for free on public land.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole Lee-Faith

#880

Name: Collins, Carol

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. • Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. • Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. • The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. • Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. • Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#881

Name: Naples, Jean

Correspondence: I am writing in strong opposition to the US Fish and Wildlife proposal that will result in the killing of innocent Tule Elk. The Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Please be aware that there is no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Please know that tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park and not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Please be aware that at this time, the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. To ensure full protection for our endangered wildlife, commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife, and not the other way around. The Park Service should not allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. In addition, introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Please be aware of the fact that any expansion of

ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it is consistent with preserving the natural environment. In addition, agricultural activities such as mowing should not be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants or diseases. Please realize that cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. Therefore, the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter and request to please fully reevaluate the US Fish and Wildlife proposal that will result in the killing of innocent Tule Elk at point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely, Jean Marie Naples, MD-Ph.D.

#882

Name: Rosa, Michael

Correspondence: I am writing to protest the Administration's plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

According to the plan, the agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Long ago, Congress passed the the Point Reyes Act the intent of which is to manage the the Park through "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Nowhere in this wording is it indicated that commercial agricultural leases on these public lands be a priority. In fact, the Act's language suggests that natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule Elk and their prospects for survival as a species are a focal point of the Administration's plan which appears to favor the commercial interests at their expense. Landowners no that tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. As such, tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

The Administration is aware that the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service's plan for new agricultural activities at Point Reyes should be nixed. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts which, in turn, will lead to new calls to eliminate native species.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Finally, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. As such, the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

For these reasons, I urge the Administration and Park Service to abandon its plan for the Point Reyes National Seashore.

#883

Name: Miller, Lester

Correspondence: I have visited Point Reyes National Seashore and witnessed the beautiful seascape and native wildlife so deserving of environmental protections. It is appalling that the National Park Service is allowing new agriculture activities that will impair this precious seashore. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Thank you for your consideration.

#884

Name: Flewitt, Claire

Correspondence: Our public parks exist to protect habitat and native wildlife. They should not be required to accommodate agriculture or ranching, both of which degrade habitat and interfere with the wildlife's very existence. No subsidized grazing fees or alteration of the habitat should be allowed. It is ludicrous to suggest that Tule Elk should be killed for any reason. A lot of taxpayer monies were expended, not to mention the time of numerous Park employees and volunteers, in order to restore the Elk population. Farming and ranching can be conducted elsewhere; the Elk need to live in their only remaining habitat.

#885

Name: Warwick, April

Correspondence: Our national parks are suppose to be protected not ways to capitalize on greed. Trump is wrong, all the other 44 Presidents were correct, protect America parks.

#886

Name: Goodman, Pamela

Correspondence: The Tule Elk need to remain on the Endangered Species List. They are an important part of the balance needed to protect the environment at Point Reyes National Seashore. The problem is not the Elk, but the cattle that are over grazing the park. The cattle are not native to the park and should not be allowed into the park. Cattle are known to overgraze their habitat and the owner should not be allowed to have them in this habitat.

The Tule Elk are native to this habitat and deserve the right to live there without the fear of being killed by humans so the cattle can destroy the habitat. A large amount of time and energy has gone into saving the Tule Elk and their habitat, as well as a lot of money. It is time to consider the future of our planet and protect the habitats as they should be and not let them be destroyed by humans and cattle. We need as much vegetation as we can grow to reduce the CO2 in our air and give back as much oxygen as we can get.

Please reconsider killing the Tule Elk they deserve better.

#887

Name: Boyer, Richard

Correspondence: Please give natural resources the respect they deserve. Don't kill the Point Reyes tule elk. Don't plant crops in the park. If possible, reduce or eliminate grazing by non-native animals. Practice stewardship. Not extermination, not economic development. Stewardship.

#888

Name: Powers-Jaeger, Pat

Correspondence: THIS IS JUST PLAIN W-R-O-N-G! LEAVE THESE ANIMALS ALONE! THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT ARE ANXIOUS TO KILL ANIMALS. THIS NEEDS TO STOP. NOW!

#889

Name: Hobbs, Joan

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live!

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

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KEEP LIVESTOCK OFF OF THE ELK'S PUBLIC LAND - THE ONLY PLACE THEY LIVE! RANCHERS NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN LAND, AND NOT TAKE FROM THE ELK!

IT IS WRONG, WRONG, WRONG TO SHOOT THESE ELK SO THAT RANCHERS DON'T HAVE TO PROVIDE THEIR LIVESTOCK WITH LAND!

IT IS WRONG TO SHOOT THESE ELK ON PUBLIC LAND!

PLEASE STOP THIS SICK PLAN NOW!

#890

Name: Knell, A

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#891

Name: MacBryde, Bruce

Correspondence: I am appalled that the NPS is considering weakening management for natural values in the National Seashore. I live near Rocky Mountain National Park, and over decades have seen its opposite management, its being in favor of restoration of nature and decreasing inholdings, etc. National Wildlife Refuges have more mixed mandates, but tend to favor natural values. I urge you to do everything in your power to maximize improvement for nature, and not for the local people, in our National Seashore! To do otherwise here as in your draft, is to denigrate what the NPS is mandated to do. This plan does not appear to be professional, but short-sighted and political. Don't do it!

#892

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am speaking up for tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. The abundant wildlife and beautiful natural scenery motivates my family to visit Point Reyes and other national parks.

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#893

Name: McGuffin, Patrick

Correspondence: Respectfully, the elk were grazing at Point Reyes long before subsidized cattle, and should not be culled to allow a few more cows to graze. This proposal should be rejected. Thank you.

#894

Name: Lachata, Carol

Correspondence: I have visited beautiful Point Reyes National Seashore on several occasions and am always awestruck at its majesty and natural resources.

I am dismayed to learn that changes are being considered that remove protections for natural flora and fauna of this unique natural area, including Tule elk. These magnificent animals should be allowed to free range this natural area, and I strongly oppose any changes to the contrary.

The Park Service should not allow any new agricultural activities or expanded ranching at Point Reyes. These activities will cause a conflict with existing natural species, and agricultural activities such as mowing should not be allowed in park areas where they cause harm to endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

One of the reasons I live in California is because of its natural beauty and reputation for preserving the natural environment through its many wonderful parks. It would be deeply tragic to see any of these natural gems degraded through human activities.

Respectfully, Carol Lachata

#895

Name: Giesy, Daniel

Correspondence: Re: tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Live and let live.

#896

Name: Stanley, Richard

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#897

Name: Terwilliger, Marcie

Correspondence: I am sick of this administration's wholesale abdication of STEWARDSHIP. Tule Elk take priority here, not more climate destroying cattle. STOP kowtowing to industry and detrimental 'farming' operations! Did you not get the MILLION SPECIES AT EXTINCTION RISK?! Get environmentally conscious, or get OUT.

#898

Name: Perkins, Marie

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#900

Name: gilseth, denise

Correspondence: I am a frequent user of the park, traveling all trails on foot as well as by horse. I have experienced first hand at other parks, the danger and devastation that mountain bikes create. Annadel Trione State Park and Mt Tam are good examples of what happens when all trails are mixed - hikers, riders and bikes. People are hurt!

I have experienced mountain bike riders tearing down the trail (both smaller tighter trails, fire roads and off trail as well) headphones on, head down, come skidding into me and my horse. The people of the bay area go to Pt Reyes to find peace and solitude in the forest, without have to constantly worry about what's coming around the next bend at breakneck speed.

The NPS eradicated (axle) deer to protect the environment, so how can bikes possibly be considered as proper use of the land? Bikes have no place in this sanctuary. "Life" is slow, contemplative and relaxed while in the park. We must protect this environment and as a member of Backcountry Horsemen of America, we teach and preach, "leave no trace." I am not aware of Mt Bike groups having such a program. I am also a Board Member of the Sonoma County Horse Council - again working to protect and save our environment thru disaster preparedness, fire awareness and keeping our water ways clear of manure.

The NPS has recently promoted and has renewed interest in the the Morgan horse ranch at Pt Reyes, Bear Valley - the park rangers are training to ride the trails on horseback again! 5 Brooks Horse Rentals has had a concession in the park for years! The potential for a major accident between bikes, horses and hikers is all too real as is the devastation that will be wreaked upon this area, if mt bikes are allowed access. Thank you for the opportunity to voice an opinion. I hope it will be considered, and that "public comment" is not just a formality.

#901

Name: Askins, Susanna

Correspondence: For all of these reasons stop the damned shooting of the Tule elk, don't bring in agriculture, and

protect Point Reyes National Seashore! The cattle ranching industry has been destroying habitat for generations. I know. I've seen it in several different states.

This is the only planet we have and the only ecosystem we have! All the money and power in the world will not replace one lost animal species or our ecosystem. You are going down in history as being willing accomplices to the destruction of our planet and its wildlife. How do you plan to explain this to your children and grandchildren?

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#902

Name: N/A, N/A

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#903

Name: Joseph, Hugh

Correspondence: I think there is now a special place in Hell for those who kill God's wild species to appease the savage practice of raising and killing and eating livestock. There is NO JUSTIFIED REASON to further ruin this area, this state, this country, this planet with these inane proposals.

#904

Name: Anacker, Celeste

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Thank you.

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Name: Lindgren, Jean

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#907

Name: Carter, Teresa

Correspondence: I am against the Park Service's proposal to kill Tule Elk at Point Reyes to appease ranchers and to open the land to further farming and commercialization.

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#908

Name: N/A, Susan

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I understand you are considering the shooting and killing of tule elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

I implore you to decide against this cruel and destructive idea. Point Reyes is the last place tule elk live, having been killed or driven off in all other areas of California where there once thrived.

It is time we give wildlife its due, and not kill them, allow them the room they need, and have cattle graze- -at reduced levels- -and artichokes grow elsewhere. The tule elk deserve the first consideration here. I do not support cattle grazing on public lands, particularly national parks where visitors hope to enjoy seeing wildlife. Planet wide, cattle grazing must be reduced- -ideally eliminated- -and this is one of the very reasons to stop it: agriculture and raising animals for slaughter is causing global warming.

The row crops and the introduction of other animals considered to be livestock would be yet another threat to the tule elk and degradation of the park. Again, please consider these rare natives first.

Thank you for considering my voice.

#909

Name: Shaffer, Tria

Correspondence: Why is OUR wildlife being shot and destroyed for the benefit and profit of private individuals to run livestock on OUR land and degrade it? The Tuel Elk, a rare elk species, that use Point Reyes National Seashore have the right to use their home- -more rights than some damn cows, sheep, goats, chickens and pigs. Why are you considering allowing CAFO's at a national seashore? Why are you considering plowing under natives grasses for artichoke farms and row crops? There is enough of California under agriculture- -we demand that you keep what little native landscape and the animals it supports be left alone. We are not starving and DO NOT NEED WHAT LITTLE WILD LAND THAT IS LEFT TURNED INTO CAFO'S AND ROW CROPPING. You people have allowed Trump to cost your minds, along with your souls.

#910

Name: Sager, Robert

Correspondence: The NPS must follow its mission and duty to the American people....that is to maintain, protect, and oversee the National Parks and Monuments. That means no "subsidizing" private and corporate activities within the bounds of the NP system. In fact, this must prevent agricultural, grazing, and mining to occur, whether it be mining in the Grand Canyon or grazing and farming in Point Reyes.

The national park idea was given to the American people to enjoy and to all other nations to emulate our "best gift to the world". Keep it that way, and do your job!

Thank you,

RjS

#911

Name: Gracian, Patricia
Correspondence: Dear Sirs:

I urge you to move to protect the natural functions of our precious natural lands and parks.

In particular, California's Point Reyes National Seashore is a critical habitat for the native tule elk. I ask that these endangered animals and their habitat be protected from destructive activities- such as cattle grazing and agriculture.

Park grasslands are another natural feature of this land that must be preserved for wildlife support for posterity.

We must protect the most valuable inheritance that we own for our children and future generations. The precious diversity of life CANNOT be re-created. Our nation must do all it can to preserve this most precious of our national public holdings- wildlife and the natural habitat critical for their survival.

Thank you for your help.

#912

Name: Howard, Paul
Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore:

Please do NOT open the Point Reyes National Seashore to grazing, especially subsidized grazing.

Please do NOT bring in row crops, or any other domesticated agriculture in the area.

Please do NOT eliminate(kill) the native elk or any other wildlife for any agriculture or livestock reasons - those commercial activities should not be in the Point Reyes National Seashore area to begin with.

Please DO what you can to protect the wildlife and native plants to keep the Point Reyes National Seashore as intact as possible and NOT altered for commercial profit. It's a public landscape with native wildlife so please keep it that way for the future.

This whole thing sounds like one more Trump administration effort to steal America away from Americans one step at a time and commercialize everything. I'm not a liberal nor a conservative but I (Paul) served 8 years between the USAF/ANG and USN and partly to keep our country protected for the future. I did NOT serve to watch everything great get destroyed and killed by a "death of a thousand cuts" which is a very fitting metaphor for what I am seeing Trump and his administration doing.

Thanks- Paul Howard and Stacy Drake

#913

Name: Yarbrough, Jim
Correspondence: I have been to Pt. Reyes National Park three times. I'd love to return. I endorse all of the following points:

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#914

Name: Hendrix, Linda

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a gem, a place I always looked forward to going to when traveling that area. Please don't spoil it by killing elk (something people LOVE seeing there) and encouraging other livestock and agricultural intrusions. Once spoiled it is darn near impossible to bring things back to their original condition.

Linda Hendrix

#915

Name: PARKER, Heather

Correspondence: If find it abhorrent that the Park Service would suggest killing these native animals because these cattle ranchers that are LEASING this public land are complaining. Raising cattle is not sustainable and is polluting water ways and the atmosphere with methane, adding to climate change. This is not even to mention the inhumane treatment of the animals. How can the parks allow them to stay let alone offer to kill elk that are a natural inhabitant of our coast and a protected species?! I say evict the cattle farms and instead have the ranches used for sustainable practices.

#916

Name: Giese, Mark M

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Thank you.

#917

Name: Fortunato, D'Anna

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate AT ALL for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. SUCH A HORRID SCENARIO !! Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#918

Name: Gunn, Jenny

Correspondence: I understand that you plan to kill 15 tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore each year. the only place this animal is found. At the same time you are allowing private livestock owners to their graze their cattle. There's no plans to mitigate damage done by cows from. grazing and damage to water quality and soil erosion.

In addition I understand you have plans to allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops. You're even letting ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs! This is a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. We need to be preserving the tule deer and other native grassland species, not turning this over to personal profits. Please get your priorities straight!

#919

Name: Babbitt, Susan

Correspondence: This area is for nature conservation, not agriculture, commercial activities, mowing, and the release of greenhouse gases by cattle. Nature must come first, and that means not treating elk like nuisance animals and restricting their movement or killing them.

#920

Name: majeski, glenn

Correspondence: yes, good idea: remove the indigenous inhabitants of an environment, replacing them with exotic invasives. THAT'S shown to have worked before... SERIOUSLY!? Jacques Cousteau, Rachel Carson, Carl Sagan and others have pretty much sent those ships sailing. overpopulation controls exists, so, please, for once, exercise the environmentally responsible approach in addressing this issue. thank you

#921

Name: CAMARENA , NIC

Correspondence: We are at a time where the Amazon rainforest is burning. The reality is these fires were started by farmers who got the green light from their ignorant government to start razing land for further agricultural development. Why would this even be a question or an option? When environmental protections (or lack thereof) are infringed upon; we can see what happens. We must preserve our ecosystems and stand up against capitalist greed. We must show the rest of the world what we stand for. We must put the earth first. Save the elk! Keep agragreed out of Pt. Reyes

#922

Name: Sikes, Cathy

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#924

Name: Goshorn, Joni

Correspondence: I am adamantly opposed to the decision to cull the elk herd by shooting. The idea that it would be less traumatic than trapping and sterilizing is laughable. Elk are hard animals and limited to the small acreage that humans put them in. Catching a few of the large bull elk and castrating them would be far less traumatic for the group as a whole. I would be happy to volunteer if you are short on staff, I live about an hour away. They would need to be shot with a tranquilizer and then you could rubberband their testicles and they eventually fall off. That's what we do in MT with cow bulls. Certainly not pleasant, but beats getting shot and killed!

#925

Name: Peterson, Shelly

Correspondence: To: The National Parks Services RE: General Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement Point Reyes National Seashore

Point Reyes National Seashore is suppose to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agriculture leases on these public lands. The tule elk are part of that successful restoration of that ecosystem and it has cost a lot of money and time and has been a key element of the park's mission, let alone that they are rare and it is their only habitat. Expanded ranching and commercial agriculture on to these public lands will only introduce new conflict, undoing all the good that you have accomplished...that is just "backwards" and some would say insane. Cattle and other livestock ranching is not consistent with the Park Service's own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan and to grow crops the farmers will want to introduce pesticides which are killing the bee's and other pollinators (NO bees, NO food)and you will be wiping out not only all that restoration, you will have let ranchers and big AG takeover yet another one of our beautiful refuges and leave a wake of destruction. Say "NO" to them

#926

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Hi,

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#927

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: National parks aren't for cattle or farming. Halt your plans to develop Point Reyes.

#928

Name: Wille, Karin

Correspondence: In reading about the proposed changes to the Point Reyes National Sea Shore I have to say I am more than disheartened. As a National Park this land should remain natural and undisturbed as much as possible. The farming that already takes place should not be expanded (and should probably be removed, but that is a separate issue). This would be incredibly detrimental to the native species in the park and certainly the beauty of the park as a whole. Where is the line in the sand? Will we start selling out our other parks to commercial interests? This area is a national treasure and should be treated as such. Adding non-native species (both plant and animal) will forever change this treasure very much for the worse. I am pro-farming - I live in Wisconsin and my husband is a dairy veterinarian. We visited Point Reyes a few years ago in our quest to visit as many of our nations National Parks as possible and we were perplexed and a little intrigued to find farms inside the park. After some research we discovered the history of how that came to be and as odd as it is to have commercial interests inside a natural park, the farms were small and not very prevalent so it seemed a bit charming. We then began to learn that the farmers there wish to expand and how that threatens the beautiful native animals that we loved watching during our time there. Please leave this land wild and free. Our National Parks are not the place to help a small number of people make a few more dollars. The cost to the nation as a whole is too steep. Thank you.

#929

Name: Kardia, Jennifer

Correspondence: National Parks are for preservation not for grazing. That's what the National Forests and BLM are for. We certainly shouldn't be prioritizing agriculture over wildlife in National Parks. Public Lands are our strength and heritage. But only if they are protected. Do not kill the deer in this park.

#930

Name: Murphy, Joan

Correspondence: Protect these Tule Elk. Our parks are not for farming or ranching. The management of our Park Service does an injustice to the Park, the American people and these beautiful animals.

#931

Name: Siragusa Ortman, Susan

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Native wildlife & public access should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape, and their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Ranchers should not be given subsidized grazing fees and housing. Any commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service should not allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Expanded ranching & farming would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Thanks you, Susan

#932

Name: Nazzaro, Patricia

Correspondence: Please do not act on the plan to kill fifteen Tule Elk every year so that ranchers can bring in animal grazing and farms can be started. Animal grazing will do nothing but destroy the environment of this natural seashore and farming will certainly change the area for the worst. These beautiful, rare animals deserve to have a home and this is their home. Ranchers and farmers have enough other places they can work out of. Please don't destroy the home of the Tule Elk.

Thank you for your time.

#933

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a wildlife, nature, and public lands enthusiast, I am dismayed at the potential 'repurposing' of Point Reyes from a wild, public space to privately cultivated land. Our public places make this nation special and a great place to call home! The few remaining wild lands we have need to be maintained as such.

Tule elk recovery, for example, is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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Please do all you can to ensure our country reserves as many wild lands as possible, and preserves their integrity, for all life to enjoy! Thank you.

#934

Name: Patten, Robin

Correspondence: I vehemently oppose this plan. Protecting native wildlife is far more important than the profits of the farm industry. Please allow native wildlife to flourish. I'd go into more detail, but I'm sure you are getting plenty of that from the many others that oppose this plan.

#935

Name: Benschoter, John

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Thank you for considering my comments.

#936

Name: Petrillo , Diane

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Name: wilson, winn

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The Park Service needs to reconsider this poorly designed plan, which is clearly not in the best interest of the American people who value their National Parks.

#939

Name: Short, Randy

Correspondence: We are now back in the 1800s where private interests feel the Parks should be their private reserves to do with as they wish. President Trump doesn't seem to feel that parks belonging to the American people should be maintained for the American people. This is an illegal attempt to strip Parks of their status as parks. The whole proposal is illegal. It violates the whole purpose of having National Parks. The man doesn't have dictatorial powers as Vladimir Putin does. But he acts like it telling the American people he can do what he likes. He's declared war on our precious National Parks.

The people running dairies at Pt. Reyes National Seashore made their agreements for use of the land. They are limited by those agreements. Their dairy cattle feed for free on public land. There is a balance there. That balance that exists now works.

We have an abundance of dairy cattle in this state now. But there are not that many Tule Elk. Once they were almost extinct. Our responsibility is to not let that happen again. And to start row crops in an area with that topography is ludicrous. Goats, sheep, and pigs would destroy the park in no time.

I know the Park Service has had to fight these battles before against greed. Just remember, this landscape is fragile and easily ruined. What exists there now is working. When the Elk get too dense, some are moved to other locations to diversify the gene pool and make stronger animals.

This really is a "domino effect". Let it get started and private greed will destroy our Parks.

#940

Name: Ciosici, Stefan

Correspondence: I am writing you because I am sick and tired of the posh preferential treatment given to the cattle ranchers. The ranchers are willing to kill and destroy anything that stands in their way of making a profit, without the smallest regard for native wildlife like the Tule Elk. Since when is just killing the native wildlife an

acceptable way of appeasing the never-ending greed of the cattle ranchers??? Shame on the cattle ranchers and shame on you for not having the spine to stand up tot these greedy cattle ranchers!

Here are a few additional points to consider, in lieu of murdering innocent wild animals:

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#941

Name: Hrenda, Mary

Correspondence: I am very disappointed in your plan to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore. I visited it over several years in the 1970's and enjoyed the beautiful coast and hills. I wish the Tule elk had been there then. It would have made it all the more wonderful. I am appalled that you are now contemplating allowing the killing of up to 15 of these beautiful, rare native animals each year. The mission of protecting and enhancing the native values of this beautiful national seashore does not include the killing of native species to appease cattle ranchers. Cattle grazing does not preserve and enhance natural values. Neither does growing of crops in this area. Growing of crops leads to erosion and fertilizer runoff, which are detrimental to water quality.

Please do not allow the killing of Tule elk or growing of crops in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you.

#942

Name: Madsen, Jill

Correspondence: Please don't shoot the Tule elk at Point Reyes!!

#943

Name: krause, doug

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#944

Name: Crump, Deborah

Correspondence: What you are planning is very wrong. Cattle are the Seashore's primary source of Greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with it's own " Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#945

Name: Mason, Ian

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

I believe that any plan that expands on ranching in any way, shape, or form needs to be stopped.

For too long our public lands have been exploited for private gain, and at great ecological and biological expense.

Our public lands should be properly managed for the public good (i.e. not private gain), and our native species should be cared for so all can enjoy for generations to come, especially as we have already entered into a mass extinction event on a worldwide scale.

This plan appears to come at the expense of native species, especially the Tule Elk, and at the expense of taxpayers (as this is public land).

We must be mindful, especially now more than ever, as to the consequences of our actions, and must place conservation at the head of any proposal.

Thank you,

- Ian Mason

#946

Name: Gelbart, David

Correspondence: Public lands are not just for livestock owners. We have no business killing wildlife that is native to an area in order to allow profits of livestock owners to increase. The value of wildlife is not a one time purchase, but its entire lifetime and its offsprings lifetime of value. Do not allow the conversion of wild grasslands to be converted to farm rows that would deplete the water supply and degrade the soil even further than just allowing overgrazing. Changing wild plant life and wildlife for profit, could lead to increase in fires and their destructive powers are deadly, costly, and time consuming. Protecting the lands is what an Environmental Assessment should always include. We know there is more to America than livestock. Do the right thing and protect the deer and the grasslands from further degradation.

#947

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I was disgusting to hear of the shooting of Tule Elk deer at the park. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts - and you still want to shoot the deer? Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. This being said, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. I will continue to spread word of this injustice until something is done.

#948

Name: Saarinen, Tamara

Correspondence: Dear National Parks Department-

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Our National Parks for preserving wildlife, open spaces, and recreational areas for our citizens and visitors around the world. Our National Park System was created by President Roosevelt to protect these beautiful open spaces, and seeking to open them up to commercial activities goes against the purpose of your agency.

Do your job and protect our parks, monuments, etc.

Sincerely- Tamara Saarinen

#949

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I understand and appreciate that mix-ed use recreational areas are difficult to manage. Plans to cull a relocated herd that has grown too large makes sense in terms of resource management. However, the point that brings me to oppose this project is the decision being made in order to expand the operation of the farm on the property. Yes, the National Park Service has a duty to honor the original agreement to preserve the existing farming at Point Reyes. The NPS does NOT have a duty to allow the business to expand on public land. It is not compatible with the purpose of the park. This decision would be a step in the wrong direction in what the Park Service stands for.

#950

Name: Gille, Sheila

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

I don't understand why so much wildlife are being killed off under this administration. If ranchers have ranches, why aren't their cattle grazing on those ranches, instead of killing off the wildlife that currently exist at Point Reyes to make room for cattle grazing. Please protect the beautiful Tule Elk who are an important part of Point Reyes that add to the enjoyment of visiting this seashore.

Thank you,

#951

Name: Nilsson, Lena

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service, Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Please reconsider your plan to kill elk in the park! Sincerely, Lena Nilsson

#952

Name: Walters, Sandra

Correspondence: I have been a loyal NPS supporter for years. I attended your 100th anniversary celebration in Gardiner, MT. I find it repulsive that you are bowing to pressure from above and will agree to kill elks in Pt. Reyes. what the hell is that about? Grazing? The minority ruling the majority? What about your mission. Does this comport? STOP THIS PLAN IN ITS TRACKS and LEAVE THE ELK IN PEACE.

#953

Name: Sayre, Peter

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I oppose the plan to cull Tule Elk, at Point Reyes or anywhere else that these rare animals might live.

* Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

* Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities.

* Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

* Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

* The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

* Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

* Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please stick to your purpose : To protect and preserve National Park land for all Americans, not just local ranchers and farmers.

Peter Sayre

#954

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I vehemently OPPOSE killing off the Tule Elk at Pt Reyes National Seashore so they can be replaced with livestock and row crops. These beautiful elk were brought back from the brink of extinction - this is their home and they deserve to live there in peace. As you are well aware, "Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of

the natural environment." There is no reason to prioritize commercial agricultural leases on these public lands other than to cave into this industry that thinks they can take over the landscape, wherever they choose.

The Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes and their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Point Reyes is a national park so why is the NPS so eager to turn it over to the ranching and agricultural industries??? Aren't national parks supposed to be available to the American citizens who pay taxes to support our parks?

Point Reyes ranches already enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Therefore, commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes, period. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Lastly, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. Why is the Park Service, who is supposed to be protecting our national parks, so eager to turn Point Reyes over to industries that exist only to make profits and have no interest in protecting the landscape and the tule elk? Save the tule elk and say NO to the ranching and agricultural industries. Point Reyes is a national park, not a ranch or farm!!!

#955

Name: Corliss, Nan

Correspondence: It is time to protect and preserve not kill and destroy those living creatures remaining on this earth. We know that biodiversity is necessary for our planet to survive so we cannot kill and kill til our hearts content. We must not destroy until there are no more living creatures left. We are headed in that direction with extinction after extinction of species after species. When will we realize that this is not healthy for the Earth.

Yes, protect and preserve is the name of the game if we want to leave this planet for future generations to enjoy and be able to survive on.

#956

Name: Chalmers, Kirsty

Correspondence: This area is a national park and should be managed to protect and provide for native biodiversity, including the Tule elk. I see no place for commercial farming (or other commercial activities) in a protected native ecosystem:

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#957

Name: Sleva, Cathy

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing today regarding Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. As this land is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment", the natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Currently, it seems the NPS's priorities are backwards. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Tule Elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

There are many reasons to protect the elk and deny ranchers even more land at Point Reyes, not the least of which is that cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please do your job the correct way and stop bowing to special interests!

#958

Name: Porter, Christopher

Correspondence: I think that Point Reyes should be conserved primarily as a natural wilderness and wildlife conservation site, and recreational area, which was it's original purpose and reason for existence. Native, especially endangered and threatened wildlife species, should take precedence over domesticated and non-native agricultural ones. If cattle ranching is to be permitted, it should be on the basis that it does no real harm to the natural environment and ecosystem of the park. No other livestock or agricultural farming should be permitted, as this would upset the natural ecosystem, and attract more undesirable species, which would only lead to more

human-wildlife conflict. Endangered species, such as native elk, should not be culled, but encouraged to grow their numbers, at least up to the natural carrying capacity of the park. If the natural nature of this and other such parks is not preserved, they will lose their attractiveness and recreational value to tourists both native and foreign. Years ago my parents visited the USA, and toured around the country visiting places, such as national parks and wildlife areas. Future tourists, will avoid parks such as Point Reyes, if they have been reduced to mere farm land, instead of sites of natural beauty, and thriving wildlife. The natural beauty of such areas is the natural and national heritage of the American people, and should be preserved as such.

#959

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge you to take a strong stand against President Trump's National Parks Service plan to allow the killing of up to 15 Tule Elk a year at Point Reyes. This is a transparent effort to appease the private cattle growers who somehow have been allowed to graze their cattle on this precious public land. It would also allow for the growing of artichokes, sheep, goats and other forms of private for-profit use of our public land. This is clearly against the intention behind the National Parks- -to preserve this precious resource for the enjoyment of all beings- -human and otherwise- -for us and generations to come.

Thank you for your sober efforts to defend our public lands against the destructive use of these lands for private gain.

#960

Name: Bender, Kae

Correspondence: I agree with the Center for Biological Diversity. Public lands should be reserved for public purposes, especially the preservation of native animal species.

I cannot believe that the National Park Service would shoot as many as 15 tule elk every year at Point Reyes National Seashore. Livestock owners already enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows; targeting native wildlife is inappropriate and detrimental to the species - - this public land is the only place this rare native species lives.

Such a plan would favor private, for-profit cattle-growing rather than dedicate the park's main use to Public purposes like recreation and appreciation of the natural world. The elk aren't doing the damage from grazing that induces water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Look at the cattle and CURB their invasive behavior.

Letting in MORE livestock like sheep, goats, chickens and pigs would make the problems even worse. It is, as the Center for Biological Diversity points out, simply a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Further, I understand that your proposed plan would convert park grasslands to agriculture. Farmed land is a great source of climate degradation. It should not be allowed to invade preserved Public Lands.

This plan is an unacceptable diversion of what is supposed to be Public Land.

#961

Name: Ortiz, Robert

Correspondence: I truly believe this is a shocking and unnecessary plan. Shooting up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land is horrible and would not accomplish anything meaningful.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. This plan is not consistent and more to the point it is inhumane. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes always and forever. Please rethink this plan.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

#962

Name: Jepson, Brett

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

To whom this may concern: It has come to my attention that the park service is planning on allowing the killing of the Tule elk. I am opposed to this action for the following reasons.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

The mere premise of this is incomparable with what the park services primary goals should be - preserving our natural wonders. Please don't bend to graft.

Thank you.

Brett

#963

Name: Reynolds, Rebecca

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. • Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. • Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. • The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. • Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. • Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#964

Name: Maestro, Betsy

Correspondence: Tule Elk have only just recovered and are an integral part of the natural environment at Point Reyes. This area is a national treasure and deserves to be preserved and protected along with its native vegetation and rare animal population. Killing off any of these elk is not in the public interest and should not be considered. Local ranchers have narrow selfish interests that should not be indulged. The National Park Service serves all Americans. Protect Point Reyes and the Tule Elk!

#965

Name: Bruess, Laura

Correspondence: I am writing to oppose the shocking plan to shoot native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. Ranchers should not be allowed to kill all other animals for profit. Animal agriculture is the leading cause of global warming and water pollution. We should be doing less animal agriculture, not more.

#966

Name: Barkow, Carolyn

Correspondence: I'm writing on behalf of the tule elk and all wildlife at Point Reyes National Seashore. All are the reason I have visited this jewel of a National Park.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not be shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Cattle are the problem animals.

Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#967

Name: Rowell, Patricia

Correspondence: I wish to pose the following points:

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

It is incredibly important that you do your jobs. You are the experts, not Trump or Republican politics. Stop being a foot stool for Trump and his big corporation buddies. You all are an embarrassment to our Nation and your professions.

#968

Name: Coe, Michael

Correspondence: Various federal agencies are supposed to be protecting wildlife and wild places for future generations.. You need to start doing it!!

#969

Name: Newman, Ricki

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for

"maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
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#970

Name: Inkel, Denise

Correspondence: Not all Countries have such beauty on their lands like the USA. It is a privilege and a responsibility, you must protect all wildlife and wild animals in North America, this precious gift must be protected. The livestock owners blame all problems on wilderness instead of learning how to accommodate with their environment. It has been like that since the beginning of the USA as a Country it is time to evolve for everyone and realize how lucky we are to be within such a precious wilderness. We are talking of Point Reyes National Seashore the only place on Earth where tule elks live. All animals can share the grass, the humans are the trouble makers. Please put an end to this nonsense killing.

#971

Name: Lowry, Marsha

Correspondence: It has come to my attention that you plan to kill native Tule Elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Killing these Elk because they hinder the use of the area by cattle ranchers. Killing these Elk to "Help" a commercial operation on Public lands is out of step with the mandate of the National Parks service. Additionally, setting in motion the use of the Park lands for commercial agriculture is also NOT in the best interest of our Public Parks system. So, what happens when local deer start grazing on these commercial agriculture farms? Is the plan to kill them too? Please Do NOT go ahead with these plans. Thank you for considering my View point. Marsha Lowry

#972

Name: Bernstein, Laura

Correspondence: Kill native tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live? That is a horrendous plan, especially since its purpose is to appease for-profit cattle grazing, which

degrades water quality and erodes soil (in addition to encouraging more meat consumption, which fuels climate change and is the least efficient way to feed our hungry planet).

Nor should park grasslands be converted to artichoke farms and row crops (not to mention the raising of sheep, goats, chickens and pigs, which would conflict with native wildlife).

Public lands should protect native wildlife, not harm it. The cattle industry needs to be reined in rather than given free rein on our precious public lands.

Please prevent this terrible plan from taking effect.

#973

Name: Mueller, Karsten

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Please reconsider these proposals and prioritize native Tule Elk and other native flora and fauna.

Thank You

#974

Name: Galletti, Marie

Correspondence: National Parks belong to all Americans, as well as to the wildlife that they are supposed to protect. Point Reyes National Seashore must not fall to the interests of for-profit agriculture or cattle ranching. Please protect the wildlife in Point Reyes and in all our national parks.

#975

Name: DeLucia, Gennaro F.

Correspondence: DON'T KILL NATIVE TULE ELK!PLEASE! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

#976

Name: Kamler, Cindy

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Park (and surrounding areas) is a special place. Let it be. There is no reason other than greed and cruelty to kill the elk; there is no need for local farmers and ranchers to expand or introduce additional crops, livestock, etc. THIS PLACE IS SPECIAL. LET IT REMAIN THAT WAY, PLEASE!

#977

Name: zech, gisela

Correspondence: Tourist do not come to see cows grazing, but hoping to see elks.

#978

Name: Luboff, David

Correspondence: Dear Sir:

I write in opposition to the proposed rule to kill Tule Elk and to increase commercial agriculture in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The proposed rule is contrary to the intent and the letter of the act of Congress which was designed to protect the unique ecosystem which is Point Reyes.

The Point Reyes Act requires that the Point Reyes National Seashore be managed for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." These are public lands, and the proposed rule, together with the proposed agricultural leases, are contrary to the will of Congress.

The highest priority must be the preservation of public access and enjoyment, natural values and the wildlife that are native to the region. Commercial agriculture, to the extent it is permitted at all, must not interfere with the priority interests that Congress sought to protect.

Tule elk are a vital part of the Point Reyes ecosystem. Their very existence in that ecosystem is due to the Park Service's work at restoring the native ecosystem. It is the result of great effort and considerable expenditure of public funds. There is no other national park in the country in which tule elk can be found. The plans to kill or otherwise disturb these animals in their native habitat may serve private agricultural interests, but they are contrary to law.

The existing Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

New agricultural activities should not be permitted at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

I urge you to reject the proposed rule.

#979

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#980

Name: Haarr, Lars

Correspondence: I am writing to encourage the federal government to save the Tule elk in Point Reyes. Please protect these iconic creatures. We need to do everything we can to save wild places and the special creatures that call these places home. Again, please protect the Tule elk and Point Reyes National Seashore.

#981

Name: McCallister, Lisa

Correspondence: As a citizen of these United States of America, I vehemently oppose leasing public lands out for private use & gain. Do not follow in the steps of Bolsonaro of Brazil, allowing desecration of public lands for private gain. Although, this is an extreme example of disruption, your allowing the shooting of the rare Tule Elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore park and the conversion of park land into farms is a step towards great public loss. I ask you to stick to the mission of the National Park Service. Thank you, Lisa McCallister

#982

Name: Balaban, Susan

Correspondence: Point Reyes national seashore is a stunning and special place that my family have enjoyed in the past, and especially so for the beautiful Tule Elk who roam in the park. It is utterly unacceptable and shocking, not to mention goes against everything the National Park system was created for, namely to protect and preserve the beauty of our national treasures, that our own government would allow for the killing of these elk, especially to make way for farming and grazing by individual ranchers. This is unacceptable and should be halted IMMEDIATELY. You were appointed and elected to protect our national treasures, not give them away to special interests, ranchers and others for profit. Shame on you.

#983

Name: Tarr, Ida

Correspondence: I have visited Pt Reyes on multiple occasions and experienced the joy of watching wild Tulle Elk grazing in their natural habitat.

It is shocking to hear that there is a plan afoot to shoot elk and thin their population for the sake of grazing cattle. Wildlife are continually being threatened by human invasion into their habitat.

Please put this plan to an end and respect these splendid creatures right to exist in an unspoiled habitat.

#984

Name: Sutton, Anita

Correspondence: Having lived in California for over 30 years, I visited Point Reyes often. It is a beautiful haven of a variety of plant life and rock formations. This land is the ONLY land where this animal lives. They are very rare. I do not feel it appropriate that private livestock people let their cattle graze this area, the damage to the environment and water quality degradation not to mention the erosion that would be unforgiving. Not only this, the land would be decimated by other livestock as well. Point Reyes is public land that has supported this gentle creature and given pleasure to many, many people. It is another demonstration that this Administration has NO concern for the environment, people, animals, sick, poor and elderly Americans. So very sad.

#985

Name: Berndt, Michael

Correspondence: I am dismayed to hear that grazing and vegetable farming are being trotted out as a reason for culling Tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. This is a terribly unsustainable use of public lands. These wild spaces should be inhabited by predators other than cattle ranchers to maintain the balance of the ecosystem and the beauty of the landscape. When politicians put their cronies ahead of the people, everybody loses in the long run. Thank you for considering my thoughts on this.

#986

Name: Mitchell, Wayne

Correspondence: You are the stewards of the land, not the destroyers of the land. Use common sense in carrying out your responsibilities.

#987

Name: Cuff, Kermit

Correspondence: I'm a frequent runner at Point Reyes and enjoy coexisting with the elk population. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. I believe that natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

The tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes

should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. Furthermore, I feel that the Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Cattle are also the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#988

Name: Stevenson, T

Correspondence: please don't allow the killing of beautiful tile elk at point reyes

#989

Name: Shih, Ya Hui

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I was shocked to learn that President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ya Hui Shih

#990

Name: Koschinski, Sven

Correspondence: Dear Sirs, I learned that you have plans to allow shooting Tule Elk native to Point Reyes National Seashore and at the same time tolerate livestock grazing in the national park. This (and the free use of park infrastructure) is a subsidy to ranchers which is not in line with the idea of a national park. Grazing can in some instances be beneficial to protect certain plants or landscape element. But as I see it, this is not the conservation objective. Also Tule Elk are natural grazers and there is no need to have cattle, sheep or goat grazing for landscape conservation. The idea of a national park is to save nature in an area which is increasingly affected by human activities. This is especially true in California with a lot of pressures from development and infrastructure. We need the protection regime of national parks and nature reserves to safeguard our natural treasures. There is no reason for giving away public land to farmers (for free) at the price of endangering the protected goods of a national park. Please reconsider your plans and put nature conservation as the highest priority. This is what national parks are for. Please take the IUCN criteria for national parks into account! When travelling I love to visit national parks, but only if they are for nature conservation and not for agribusiness. Kind regards, Dipl. Biol. Sven Koschinski

#991

Name: Orr, Noel

Correspondence: It amazes me that this administration continues to find new ways to destroy wild, native populations in our country!

The Tule elk have every right to live where they do and humans have encroached enough on their territory! To just arbitrarily decide to decimate any living organism is wrong on so many levels but to do this, should be illegal. No one should have the authority to steal public land from the public and the natural wildlife and let for-profit people take advantage of us! Livestock have always been a problem around streams and other water sources, eroding the soil and soiling the water. No one should have the right to grow row crops or other crops in a national park either!

This entire idea is ridiculous and court cases have to be heard. Someone has to stop this administration from desecrating our country more than they already have!

#992

Name: Davison, David

Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am given to understand that Point Reyes National Seashore is meant to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." and that there is no mandate for prioritising commercial agricultural leases on these US public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Regarding native wildlife, tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It has taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

The Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife, not the other way around.

The Park Service should not allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it is consistent with preserving the natural environment. Agricultural activities such as mowing should not be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

#993

Name: O, Julie

Correspondence: I was very upset to hear of the proposal to kill a number of tule elk each year at the Point Reyes National Seashore. Ostensibly, this is for the benefit of local cattle grazing, a big part of the economy. However, this is a ridiculous shifting of priorities. These natural areas are meant, by both legal definitions and our everyday understanding, to protect native species and beautiful spaces for the public to enjoy and not to boost profit for private interests, especially for the livestock industry that is wreaking all kinds of havoc on the long-term sustainability of our communities.

I was born and raised in the Bay Area, and Point Reyes has always been one of my family's favorite places to visit. I've since moved out of state, but return to northern California at least twice a year. This is partially out of missing my family, and indeed partially out of missing the gorgeous landscapes that my smaller self loved to roam. I learned about tide pool ecology, sea otter population recovery, native vs introduced species, and so many things about what makes these ecosystems special and vital around Point Reyes. The thought of these places being further threatened and homogenized by cattle grazing is not only emotionally saddening but flies completely counter to language in the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Huge numbers of workers, volunteers, and others have worked to render the area habitable to the amazing tule elk. Please honor that work, and honor our requests to prioritize the ecological vitality of this unique region.

I look forward to continuing to visit the seashore and supporting the local businesses there (minus cattle-related ones). Please work to protect the beauty of this area for the long-term instead of literally killing it.

Thank you for your time, -Julie

#994

Name: Rubenstein, Rina

Correspondence: I've just heard about the plans to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. There is absolutely no justification for allowing private businesses to be prioritized over the preservation of native species and wild lands. Please do everything in your power to reverse this absurd decision.

Thank you!

#995

Name: Costa, Sandra

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#996

Name: uppgaard, heidi

Correspondence: No elk shooting!

#997

Name: Spencer, Martha

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#998

Name: Rosa-Re, Samantha

Correspondence: What's the matter with you people? Planning to kill elk and other animals? Leave the elk alone and all animals alone.

#999

Name: Krueger, Michelle

Correspondence: Please Save Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Michelle Krueger

#1000

Name: Mylott, Sharon

Correspondence: Please stop supporting wealthy livestock owners and corporations by killing rare elk.

I cannot understand why an organization that should be protecting and preserving our national parks is instead catering to private business.

#1001

Name: Towning, Georgina

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes.

Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live.

Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals!

#1002

Name: Hensgen, Eric

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

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Please consider these items while considering the hunting of Tule elk. It makes no sense to prioritize livestock over the natural world in one of our beautiful National Parks.

Please remove Tule elk hunting from your agenda.

Sincerely,

Eric Hensgen

#1003

Name: Cockle, Anya

Correspondence: I am not a US citizen and do not live in the US, but I feel deeply for the National Parks of the US. They are part of the world heritage. When I go to visit the US, I go to National Parks to admire them. I can go as far as to say, to me, the National Parks and Monuments are the most beautiful things the US possess. National Parks are meant for the preservation of wildlife, not for farmers - otherwise they would just be countryside. I am not altogether against the presence of small-scale farms on National Park territories, but they should be simply tolerated - not allowed to expand and multiply, and certainly not at the expense of the wildlife the Park is supposed to protect. If you allow farmers and ranchers to have their way, by culling elk and other wildlife that graze the grass they want to keep for their stock and letting them plough up areas that are supposed to be a haven for wildlife - then you will be doing the exact opposite of what the people who first set up these parks had in mind. What is more, you will be spending precious public money, taxpayers' money, to squander precious public land for the sole benefit of a handful of farmers and ranchers. And don't forget that cattle and sheep farming should not be allowed to develop in the context of the global climate disruption we are living. Please pursue the great work of the creators of the US National Parks, please give outright priority to the wildlife over the farmers and ranchers inside the Parks. Yours sincerely

#1004

Name: Bergeron, Adrian

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I wanted to share my thoughts and concerns regarding Point Reyes National Seashore.

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Please prevent these changes from taking effect, for the public good. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter

Yours, Adrian Bergeron

#1005

Name: N/A, Kristin

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#1007

Name: lorig, constance

Correspondence: I oppose killing tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Wildlife is one of America's most beautiful natural resources and we have a moral obligation to sustain it. We recently visited Yellowstone National Park and we awed by the wildlife there.

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Thanks much!

#1008

Name: Wilson, Robin

Correspondence: I have always been an avid supporter of the National Parks Service. I am committed to keeping the national lands available and protected for all citizens. I do not, however, support grazing by private owners on federally owned lands. I also do not support the killing of wildlife to allow more public grazing. Killing the wildlife that deserves to live on those lands is wrong. Get the privately owned grazers out of there and let the wildlife live.

No more killing of wildlife to protect privately owned animals. Protect the tule deer. It should be obvious to support the rights of the wildlife.

#1009

Name: McCreary, Jan

Correspondence: I am writing today to OPPOSE the National Park plan to kill native tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. Also I am OPPOSED to the plan to convert park grasslands to artichoke farms and livestock farming.

This sounds like a very misguided plan clearly devised to enrich a small group of farmers and ranchers at the expense of a magnificent National Park and California native wildlife.

Jan McCreary

#1010

Name: Orr, Lou

Correspondence: I cannot believe the arrogance and ignorance of this administration! Public land means just that - public land; not the administration's to do with what they want!

The Tule elk are in their natural habitat and humans have no right to destroy that. Allowing spoiled brat ranchers to take more benefits from we the people, pay pennies on the dollar for grazing and expect even more is ridiculous!

Livestock has always been detrimental to streams and water sources. They erode the banks and foul the water, ruining it for other species. The fact that they want to allow other species like pigs and sheep is not only bizarre but wanting to put in row crops too?! This is just over the top and needs to be stopped now!!

Point Reyes is not the private property of this administration or of Trump's. They have no right to do this to public lands!!!

#1011

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#1013

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This proposed management plan is not going to protect our lands, but rather destroy it for future generations.

Shooting up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land is not helpful to sustaining this land. This proposed plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

Furthermore, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and other pesticide grown monoculture crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs... a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. This would cause serious harm to the biological diversity needed to sustain this land.

#1014

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please keep public lands as natural and undisturbed by human activities and development as possible. We have so little pristine natural habitat and especially in NJ, so little open space. We must save endangered species and as much wildlife as possible. Including coral reefs, plants and animals such as bees. Keep mining and farming out of our public spaces. Allow and encourage unmotorized vehicles, hiking and other nature appreciation so that we and future generations can experience the wonders of the natural world. Keep ecosystems as pure as possible. There's plenty of development everywhere else. Plant TREES in public spaces and allow tax incentives for open space and greenery in urban areas to reduce carbon in the atmosphere and cool cities in the summer.

#1015

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#1016

Name: Hammond , David

Correspondence: I am opposed to any plan that supports a relative few people profiting from the killing of wildlife that we all share as our natural inheritance. Cowboy mentality has no place in the management of our shared resources such as "public lands". Please do not adopt yet one more plan to kill Elk or any other animals that are not an immediate physical threat to the life of someone rather than preserve the natural diversity that we all benefit from. Thank you. Dave H.

#1017

Name: Cavallo, Janet

Correspondence: National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

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The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

DO NOT DO THIS!!!! Do not kill 15 elk every year in order to change the main use of the park! No artichoke farms instead of wildlife!!

#1018

Name: Schandelmaier, Krissa

Correspondence: Although I currently live in Brooklyn, I am a native Hoosier and have a very strong understanding of nature and wildlife thanks to years of visiting and living in places that are considered "wild".

I'm actually interested in a real answer as to the question, why are you planning to shoot up to 15 elk every year other than to bow to livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on hard to come by PUBLIC LAND. I'm also especially disheartened that I sign a lot of petitions and write emails on behalf of the National Park Service believing that you all have wildlife and the land's best interest at heart.

Please do the right thing and stand up for wildlife and the land that I believe must matter to you. Ranchers don't deserve special rights. We live in times where it's not their actual survival at stake. It's their profits at stake. No species that's already imperiled should be driven to extinction or near-extinction so that some people can make more money.

Thank you for reading this message.

#1019

Name: Koch, Lee

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Thank you for your time and consideration!

#1020

Name: McHenry, Sue

Correspondence: I am writing to oppose the proposal to increase livestock grazing at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited this area many times and understand that the Seashore was created with the local dairy farmers' consent that they be able to continue their family use. It did not include increasing numbers of animals. While these uses are a part of the northern California culture (oysters too if I recall), the natural ecosystem is of primary importance. Killing native species in order to increase family resources makes no sense from an environmental standpoint. If the families can no longer make a go of it, maybe they should go and not the Tule Elk.

For those and the following reasons, I urge you to stop this disastrous action.

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#1023

Name: Boyer, Jayne

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is a gem among parks. It is a rare piece of natural habitat along a very heavily developed coastline and should have its protection maintained in perpetuity. The rare Thule elk that live in the park should similarly be protected and be allowed to live freely in the park without competition for resources by cattle or agriculture. Cattle will degrade the ecosystem making it unfit for the native animals that live there. Agricultural activities will do the same. The mission of the National Park System reads, "The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations." Exploiting the lands at the Point Reyes National Seashore or any other park for monetary gain and is the antithesis of its mission. The value of the property for human enjoyment is immeasurable. Please preserve it in its current natural state (including the Thule elk) for current and future generations to enjoy. I visited this park in fall 2018 and was awed by the beauty of the park and the feeling that I was far away from civilization but actually being very close to the metropolis of the San Francisco area. The Thule elk were in rutting season and the males bugled continuously. This is the kind of experience that should be preserved.

#1024

Name: Jeffords, Christine

Correspondence: A "national seashore" belongs to ALL the people (they support it through their taxes), not just SOME of the people (who simply want to exploit it). It must stay that way.

#1025

Name: Nielsen, Antonella

Correspondence: Please save tule elk!

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#1027

Name: Baker, Tiffany

Correspondence: Do not let them shoot the Tule Point Elk!

#1028

Name: Berman, Mark

Correspondence: I urge you to adjust your priorities such that natural values and native wildlife are favored over commercial activities at Point Reyes. It is upsetting to know that my taxes are being used to subsidize Point Reyes

ranches to the detriment of native wildlife and in particular, the Tule elk. The recovery of Tule elk is a key element of the Park Service's mission. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park.

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#1029

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#1030

Name: clark, glenn

Correspondence: As a retired NPS employee I am concerned that commercial uses at Point Reyes outweigh the protected presence of wildlife. There may be a necessity to reduce numbers of Tule Elk for reasons of capacity but I do not have that information. What is driving this decision?

Before I became a park ranger I was part of an effort to expand Point Reyes in the late 1960's which was successful. The area is still important to me and I would prioritize natural systems over human uses.

#1031

Name: Taylor, Alison

Correspondence: I am just writing to ask that you to stop the senseless killing of wildlife in all parks. Haven't enough animals been decimated?

Where are the people who love animals in all of the decision making?

Shooting wolves? Shooting elk? Shooting bison? None of it should be allowed.

Animals are intelligent beings and feel fear and suffering. Inhumane treatment in the parks is just as inhumane as anyone else who mistreats animals, and yet no one ends up in jail in the park system.

Please make better decisions.

#1032

Name: Johnson, Rhonda

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Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1033

Name: Provance, D

Correspondence: As a national seashore and per the Point Reyes Act, Point Reyes National Seashore is to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

This seashore was not put aside for commercial entities. It was put aside for public enjoyment and wildlife.

Public fees should be used to improve Point Reyes's natural landscape. It should NOT be used to cull native Tule elk (and certainly NOT for the benefit of commercial entities) or subsidize ranch housing and grazing/agricultural operations. NPS should also not allow the expansion of commercial activities in a national seashore.

It's shocking to read NPS would like to shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners. Point Reyes is the only national park where Tule elk live, and much time, money, and effort were spent to recover the elk population. Now NPS wants to negate that recovery?!

I routinely visit national park entities for their beauty and to see wildlife in their natural setting. My goal is to visit all of the national parks. I'm 60% to that goal.

Please manage Point Reyes and other national park entities to promote the natural environment.

#1034

Name: Lytle, Denise

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
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#1035

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#1036

Name: N/A, N/A

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#1037

Name: Fall, Fred

Correspondence: The plan to shoot 15 tule elk every year for the benefit of farmers is completely wrong-headed. The Park service should be working for the benefit of Nature and for its preservation for future generations and not for private special interests. Please abandon this cruel plan.

#1038

Name: L, Michael

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#1039

Name: Wales, Martha

Correspondence: I would like to protest the National Park Service plan to kill tule elk and to allow grasslands to be invaded by agriculture and farm animals. Please let the Park Service stand for protecting parks rather than diminishing them.

Thank you, Martha Wales

#1040

Name: Walker, Donna

Correspondence: Our most important job is to preserve biodiversity for future generations. Morality must come above progress or profit. Leave wild areas alone.

#1041

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Seriously, how much more public land are you going to open up and cater to private businesses? Most regular, middle of the road voters want their national parks and public lands protected. It is a bipartisan issue we actually agree on! So stop catering to big business money and the 1% who profit.

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#1042

Name: Ayres, Peter

Correspondence: I am writing to comment on the thinning of the Tule Elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore park. I am frustrated that we continue to give cattle ranchers a break and let them graze there herds on land that is supposed to be maintained, restored and protect animals like the Tule Elk. Cattle can graze anywhere. There are too many anyway. The almost free pass ranchers get using the "publics" land for their profit needs to be reduced no only at Point Reyes but on all public lands. There are plenty of other reasons to object to supporting beef as it effects this planet and our bodies. The people should not be paying for their profits. This is the only area these Elk live. I would like to not kill or reduce herds that are already vulnerable to becoming extinct. The Elk are not the problem creature. The cattle and human beings that can't figure out how to live in harmony with the land around them is the problem. Please remove this idea of killing Tule Elk out of the equation.

Thank you Peter Ayres

#1043

Name: Troland, Mary

Correspondence: I strongly object to the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

These lands belong to the American public and their wildlife, especially the tule elk, should be safeguarded. Please do not allow the Point Reyes plan to go through. Thank you.

#1044

Name: Nestor, Michael

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Having stated this, native wildlife and public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

I hope you take serious consideration of these views as our children and grandchildren depend on our wise decisions today to avoid the worst of climate change effects in their future.

Sincerely,

Mike Nestor

#1045

Name: Weinhold, Richard

Correspondence: I've visited Point Reyes National Seashore many times, first in the late 60's. It is a special place both historically and environmentally.

It is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Simply put, natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

There should be no new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds that would not have been part of the natural ecosystem there. Introducing domestic livestock such as sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes, and expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where endangered species or wildlife habitat are harmed. Degradation of water quality, increased erosion, and the spread of invasive plants/diseases are all undesirable byproducts of using the land for commercial agricultural practices.

Cattle are also the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases, so the so-called Park Service preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1046

Name: Gassman, David

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be about protecting the natural environment. Cattle are not endangered & ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving that natural environment. Reportedly Point Reyes ranches now enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure. That is enough.

Can you really be considering new agricultural activities at Point Reyes? We have so much of the entire state given over to agriculture, why now at Point Reyes? Activity there should be required to accommodate native wildlife & not the other way around.

This plan strikes me as preposterous & needs to be reconsidered. Thank you.

#1047

Name: Roberts, Keif

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I recommend opening up a hunting season on the elk if the herd needs to be thinned out. This will give hunters a chance to thin the Elk herd as well as raise revenue (selling tags/lottery). I also think we should not renew or extend leases to cattle ranches. If we are going to take away the oyster farm then why not take away the cattle farms as well. We need to do a better job of wildlife, game, and property management here in California. If money

is the issue we are talking about here then we need to do better money management. Give hunters a chance. Don't bring in a company to dispatch the elk.

Thank you,

Keif Roberts

#1048

Name: lindenberger, Teri

Correspondence: Please reconsider your selfish plans to allow commercial enterprises in the Point Reyes National Seashore. I was able to take a vacation in the 1990's to this beautiful natural area. It was awesome and I feel that non-native vegetation and animals would destroy the purpose for which it was made a protected land. I am against grazing rights to individuals who make a profit when using my public lands to feed and raise their livestock. I also do not approve of leasing the lands for profit to grow crops when it interferes with the purpose of protecting the land for future generations. I say selfish because the almighty dollar is the driving force for these actions and the cost is TOO much! Once natural environments are invaded and no longer in a pristine state then their loss is also very costly, so much so it can't be measured in the stupid dollar.

#1049

Name: Hegedus, Barbara

Correspondence: Slaughtering native Tule Deer at Point Reyes is the National Park Service once again pandering to greedy cattle owners. THIS IS BOTH UNETHICAL AND EVIL! How much more do you plan to do for the offensive livestock owners - whose cattle grazing causes so much damage to the environment????????????????????

#1050

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am asking you to please leave the Tule Elk alone ! They were there first and deserve peace and freedom . The beef cattle ranchers have no right to kill them all or even touch one elk to make room for their cattle and their profits . We must protect our natural open spaces and the animals that live there . Stop killing to appease the cattle ranchers i am so sick of this it is happening everywhere to the wild horses and burros , to wolves, to bears, to foxes, and the list goes on and on.

Sincerely, Jill Robertson United States Citizen

#1051

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Leave the native elk alone! NPS got rid of the Drake's Bay Oysters because they were causing environmental damage, but the cows can stay? Those bovine absolutely trash the trails. I recently encountered a mud and cow dung slurry on the Estero trail that was so thick, it went over the tops of my boots. It was about 250' long and there was no way around it. That's the same trail that overlooked the former oyster beds you were so concerned about. Their waste fouls the water. They cause erosion. And then there's their contribution to the climate crisis. Please get rid of the cattle and finish the job you started to return Pt Reyes to it's natural state. And remove the so-called "historic ranch" buildings like you did with the oyster company. Cattle are ubiquitous, methane dispensers ... giant locusts! The planet would be better off without them.

#1052

Name: Hougham, Tom

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1053

Name: Snavely, William

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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#1054

Name: Yanez, Guadalupe

Correspondence: Why is it that the rush to kill animals is always the answer for some heartless, soulless so-called humans. All animals contribute towards helping climate change. There are those who have it in them, that the answer right away is, too many animals, but the problem really is that the humans are trespassing on the animals habitats, we are the ones endangering the planet. Animals only help because they wouldn't even know how to destroy the planet, because God gave us all instincts and the animals are the only ones to follow their God given instincts and they don't know how to abuse the planet!!! Stop the senseless killings of all the precious animals that God gave us!!!! Killing is not the answer!!!!

#1055

Name: Hardziej, Mary

Correspondence: Donald Trump's plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live should not be instituted.

The killing of the elk in a effort to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land is an outrage.

This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

In addition, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

#1056

Name: Bilwin, Gina

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is SUPPOSED to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "MAXIMUM PROTECTION OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT- --protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There IS NO mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. MONEY AND GREED, SHORTSIGHTED NEGLECT OF DUTIES MUST NOT BE 'PRIORITY'.

- Natural values, NATIVE WILDLIFE, public access and enjoyment MUST take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the ECOSYSTEM at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk MUST be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - - --NOT shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches ILLEGALLY HAVE not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be REQUIRED to accommodate native wildlife FIRST AND FOREMOST - not the other way around.
- The Park Service MUST NOT allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. SINCE WHEN IS THIS PRESERVE OPEN TO THESE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES? NOT BY MY VOTE!!! NOR TAX MONIES!!
- Cattle ranching should NOT BE be allowed AT ALL! Agricultural activities such as mowing should NOT be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

• Cattle are the EARTH'S primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is INCONSISTENT with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. THIS IS NO 'PLAN'....JUST MORE PANDERING TO THE GREED OF AGRIBUSINESS.

#1057

Name: Donald, Lindsay

Correspondence: Point Reyes Seashore NP is a unique and extremely delicate ecosystem. It cannot be recreated in CA or anywhere else in the World. Climate change is expected to put increasing pressure on wildlife and plant species in the park.

Tule elk are only found in the Point Reyes NP and their combined numbers of the two herds only reach around 300 animals. This is barely sufficient for a healthy genetic pool. The thought of reducing these numbers is abhorrent as it may well drive the numbers into extinction. The herd appears healthy (last observed personally June 2019). However, with so few numbers it would not take very much for their numbers to plummet before any remedial action could be taken, such as muscle wasting syndrome. We are comparing 300 elk with over 6,000 cattle. These numbers are skewed against the elk.

Opening the area to commercial farming of row crops would be an unmitigated environmental disaster and ultimately result in the end of the NP. The grasslands at present consist of diverse species of plant life. These plants in turn provide protection and nutrients for a wide-range of animals such as mice, gophers, snakes, lizards and countless insects which are extremely important to so many higher species. The grasslands are also home to ground nesting birds such as northern harriers, red winged blackbirds, sparrow species and California quail (one of my personal favorites). In turn, the grasslands are a hunting ground for bobcats, coyotes, red tailed hawks, white tailed kites, great horned owls, barn owls etc. apart from the direct loss of habitat the impact of pesticides, new fencing, rabbit and rodent conflict must also be considered.

Allowing lease hold farmers to raise animals previously banned such as chickens, goats and pigs will also have devastating consequences. It will increase wildlife to human conflict and it will surely be the wildlife that will pay the ultimate price for this conflict as humans move into the animals habitat.

Lastly, farming is a tough business. There is no doubt about that. It is natural that the lease hold farmers would want to be able to increase their revenue/profit and diversify. Point Reyes NP was founded for the people. The lease holders are there by invitation of the NPS. If the economic situation has changed such that raising dairy and beef cattle on the allotted land is no longer profitable, then it is time to close the farms altogether. They cannot be allowed to destroy Point Reyes NP and deprive Californians and Americans of this natural resource.

Regards,

Lindsay N. Donald, BSc. Zoology Donald Photography

#1058

Name: Wulfsohn, aAybrey

Correspondence: Please protect wildlife - npkollomg

#1059

Name: Hundt, Michael

Correspondence: We all know that Dairy farmers are having a tough time and many are going bankrupt especially in Wisconsin and California. However, Tule Elk are endangered and need some protection. We need a program that weans Dairy Farmers off Special National Parks and supports them in relocating to other nearby lands. A move away from this pain-in-the-ass situation will be better for the sanity of the farmers for sure.

Dairy Farm Owner LaCrosse County Wisconsin. Mike Hundt

#1060

Name: Thew, Janet

Correspondence: Elk belong at Point Reyes, not cattle. This is protected habitat and no elk should be sacrificed to the greed of ranchers. It's not their land. It belongs to all of us.

#1061

Name: Cammack, Carrie

Correspondence: This is public land and I am the public and I say no to this plan for countless reasons. A thousand times no!

#1062

Name: Doty, Margaret

Correspondence: I am 100% opposed to the proposed shooting of the Tule elk at Point Reyes. For years my family and I have hiked in Point Reyes often encountering these majestic animals. They are one of the main reasons for going to Point Reyes. I am opposed to cattle grazing as it destroys the natural habitat. I am also 100% opposed to growing artichokes and row crops. Who do you know who stops for a second to look at row crops in California? We have something unique and precious, lets not destroy it for profit. You'd probably make more money if you solicited the public for donations or scheduled paid hikes to view the elk. It would make sense to me to do both. Thank you for considering my point of view. It has been shared heartily by everyone I've talked to so far ,and I talk to a lot of people in my line of work.

#1063

Name: Judd, Danielle

Correspondence: I'm writing as a concerned American citizen and person who enjoys and appreciates America's National Parks and the unique wildlife and ecosystems that they foster.

My comment today focuses on the management plan for tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Point Reyes is the only national park where these animals live, and the management of these elk should encourage their health and longevity in the park. By contrast, cattle at Point Reyes are neither rare nor unique to the Point Reyes area, and any ranching in the area should be required to accomodate the native wildlife, not the other way around, as the management plan proposes.

Tule elk should not suffer removal, fencing, or shooting in order to accomodate cattle ranching at Point Reyes. Please stay true to the NPS's mandate to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment rather than instead favoring ranching over the area's natural ecosystems and wildlife. Please allow tule elk to roam and forage freely in the park.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely, Danielle

#1064

Name: Robinson, Joyce

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Please do not proceed with this inhumane plan.

#1065

Name: lipscomb, kathy

Correspondence: I implore you to not convert this special part of the world into commercial crop. And, I beg of you not to cull the Elk. Please have mercy on our natural resources and beauty.

#1066

Name: Netzel, Forrest

Correspondence: No shooting elk at Point Reyes!!!

#1067

Name: van Alyne, Emily

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#1068

Name: Welsford, Susan

Correspondence: STOP KILLING NATIVE AND THREATENED SPECIES

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But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Point Reyes is a national park and must remain so. Not only am I against the shooting of the tule elk to benefit ranchers, the park service must return the park to a natural, protected area and remove all farm animal grazing.

#1069

Name: Stark, Louise

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for

prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. • Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. • Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. • The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. • Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. • Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1070

Name: Wall, Debbie

Correspondence: Animal agriculture is one of the most destructive forces on our planet, creating more greenhouse gases than all forms of transportation combined. We kills animals to protect the animals we are going to kill and eat and then kill more animals trying to find a cure for the diseases that result. Our poor, poor planet is much too close to her tipping point to enact policies that will push her over the edge. We need to preserve what little pristine wilderness we have left and re-wild much of that stolen from the animal nations. It's 2019 and time to incorporate compassionate co-existence strategies and stop letting animal agriculture monopolize the land.

#1071

Name: Fernandez, Britney

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#1072

Name: Paltin, Sharon

Correspondence: As a former Park Ranger, and graduate of UC Berkeley's Conservation of Natural Resources department, I'm writing to encourage you to protect the mandate of Pt Reyes National Seashore: "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." I have no objection to the grazing and other commercial activities around the park, but the park is a commons and the NPS is mandated to protect it, rather than to succumb to the greed of special interests. The tule elk are a native species successfully reestablished, and should not be killed and sold. Thank you for your kind attention, Sharon Paltin, M.D.

#1073

Name: Melley, Patrick

Correspondence: Dear NPS, having just returned from a day trip to the Pt. Reyes area I am extremely disappointed in hearing that the planned usages for the National park are possibly being changed. On my trip I had the good fortune to see many of the native animals that reside in the park. In addition to the coyotes, bobcats, badgers and great horned owls that by careful observation I was able to see, I was also able to enjoy the majestic beauty and diversity of the park. The Tule Elk herd that I observed was an impressive and a wonderful aspect of the area. To think that anyone would believe that culling them for dairy cows which are all over the state is unbelievably short sighted. This is a National park which we have a duty to protect, and also to be sure that its natural wildlife resources are maintained in a way that allows the land to retain it's natural wildness. It should not be turned into one more series of farms and ranches to the detriment of the natural species and local businesses. It is my understanding through reading about the proposed changes that the area will not only have the Tule Elks constantly culled but that there will be changes that will allow crop farming which always has a devastating effect on wildlife due to constant tilling of the land and the use of pesticides to keep crops healthy as opposed to the animals that have been living off the land. Also the introduction of pigs to the park is a problem just waiting to happen. In a few years the raising of pigs will have altered the park in a way that won't be able to be reversed. Please, Please, Please reconsider the changes that are being discussed. Once implemented there will be no going back and the natural beauty and attraction of the area will be lost forever, and forever. Many tourists and locals such as myself will no longer be interested in visiting, and the revenue that the area loses through loss of spending in restaurants and shopping sales will be dramatic and the locals will be affected in a very adverse way.

#1074

Name: Westler, Marc

Correspondence: The first priority of the National Park Service is the preservation and protection of our national parks and the animals that depend on their existing ecosystems. To allow the killing of any of the indigenous species to provide room to graze invasive species is in violation of the mandate of the service. There is no room in the nmandate of the National Park Service for personal or corporate profit to come before the preservation of the parks for the enjoyment of the people of the United States.

#1075

Name: Pedone, Chris

Correspondence: Park policies aren't supposed to pander to livestock interests at the expense of the rare animals that occupy these parks.

#1076

Name: Townsend, Carlos
Correspondence: !People over profit :)

#1077

Name: knightly, david
Correspondence: The elk have a right to live on their land. It is their land, not anyone else's. Not grazing cattle & certainly not human beings. Respect that. You are mandated to save species, not destroy them for greed & aggressive humanity. Live with compassion.

#1078

Name: Douglass , Amy
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The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

#1079

Name: Barrett, Peg
Correspondence: The National Park Service plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore is a shocking betrayal of the Park Service's mission and a violation of the public trust.

The national parks are above all PUBLIC. And Point Reyes National Seashore is the only national park where the rare Tule elk live. These animals should be protected for the benefit of the PUBLIC, not private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious PUBLIC land. The plan to kill 15 of the tule elk each year would establish private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

As if that weren't bad enough, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

It is the duty of the National Park Service to protect and preserve the land and wildlife of the parks in the public interest. I urge you to fulfill that responsibility and reject this plan

#1080

Name: Arbuckle, Nancy
Correspondence: Pt. Reyes National Park is one of my favorite places on Earth. My family and I visit it often - for

its unparalleled, beautiful, inspiring natural scenery and for the opportunity to see the wildlife that call it home, particularly the magnificent and amazing tule elk which can only be found there.

Along with my family, I have taken Girl Scout troops to Pt. Reyes to assist in habitat restoration. Their eyes have been opened to the beauty and irreplaceability of the natural world as a result of their time at Pt. Reyes. I have birded at Pt. Reyes and seen indigenous creatures I will never forget. A couple of great-horned owls, the vast coveys of quail near Park Headquarters, rare and splendid rails in the estuaries, and snowy plover nests, protected from raven predation, on Drake's Beach. I have kayaked at Drake's Estero and watched peregrines on the cliffs. Truly, Pt. Reyes is unparalleled in its natural beauty, its wildlife, its location. These are the things that, once lost, can never be replaced. These are the things that make Pt. Reyes special and unique.

Shooting tule elk, after so many years of trying to bring them back, flies in the face of the values that we should be protecting. To tell my kids that the elks they have so loved seeing will be shot - - I cannot imagine this. Native wildlife, the natural environment, and public access to these increasingly rare things must be our top priority at Pt. Reyes - - not subsidized, commercial, for-profit grazing, agriculture, and farming. These activities belong elsewhere, not in this unique and beloved National Park.

I shudder at the thought of the eroded hills and meadows, the polluted water, the greenhouse gases, the manure that would be produced by the proposed intensified agricultural activities. That is not why we visit Pt. Reyes. We visit for the unique beauty of the place and how that renews our spirits. We visit for the wildlife because to be in their presence is to feel like part of something bigger than ourselves. We visit for the air, the views, the natural scenery. Please protect the amazing treasure that is Pt. Reyes National Park.

#1081

Name: Iovino, Teresa

Correspondence: Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. I read that the agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

#1082

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#1083

Name: Hayward, Simone

Correspondence: Good afternoon, National Park Service,

The majestic and iconic Tule Elk indeed are an integral part of the Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Their protection is vitally important for the longevity of this sensitive area. The elk graze gently, as they are the coast's only wilderness stewards who help keep everything in balance in accordance with this habitat. The plan proposed would only serve to disrupt, damage, and ultimately destroy the wildlife of Pt. Reyes, where each and every last plant and animal species has a congenial right to inhabit without exception.

The protection of wildlife and their habitat is a major part of exactly what has made and should continue to make our National Parks the sacred places that they are and were meant to be. Shooting Tule Elk is extraordinarily cruel and inhumane, the elk are rare and essential for our coastal environment, and have been for centuries. The cattle would cause extraordinary damage, and it's obvious that this plan is ignoring and unconcerned about humane or environmental impacts.

There are enough artichokes in California, by the way, and since when has it become legal to set up farming practices in a National Park? Artichoke farming - -or any other farming- - does NOT belong in a National Park - ever- period.

#1084

Name: Quirolo, DeeVon

Correspondence: Our public lands provide native habitat and promote native species. I oppose the plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

I oppose allowing cattle on this land instead. This plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

I oppose agriculture on park lands as well. Conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and letting ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs -is a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. This is not the function of our public lands.

#1085

Name: Hoekstra, Robert

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for its protection, restoration, and preservation. There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands where tule elk need to remain an important part of the landscape.

It's not good policy to create new wildlife conflicts by introducing new agricultural activities that harm endangered species and wildlife habitat in Point Reyes National Seashore. Subsidized grazing fees and publicly funded projects should only continue along with taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements provided none of it destroys the natural beauty of the area. The same holds true for cattle ranching.

Point Reyes Natural Seashore needs to stay as it is for the sake of those who appreciate its beauty. It cannot attract predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Its water quality cannot be compromised or cause excessive erosion. Invasive plants cannot be allowed to take root there and spread. Whatever is allowed there cannot go against the Park Service's "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1086

Name: Bello, D

Correspondence: i understand tat the cattle has some grazing rightist the park but the elks should have priority over the cattle. There is no good reason to treat the elks as problem animals and cull some of them. They are in fact a success story. Any agricultural development should be out of question .Agriculture should have no place in a park. It is destructive of the landscape and environment.

#1087

Name: Curry, Sonya

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live- -this is crazy!! This is our public land, not just the livestock owners. This is wrong!!

#1088

Name: Black, Sam

Correspondence: Please stop the destruction of habitat in order to accommodate big business. In the end, Mother Nature will win.

#1089

Name: Kozlowski, Joan

Correspondence: Please remember, humans have already destroyed much of the Earth and its wild spaces and animals. These animals are a necessary part of a complete and healthy ecosystem. Let's please try to protect what's left! Remember, "the greatness of a nation can be judged by how it treats its animals." (Mahatma Gandhi) The USA isn't doing so well.

#1090

Name: Cohen, Christine

Correspondence: I am writing on behalf of the Tule Elk and our beautiful Pt. Reyes National Seashore Park. The decisions that will be made in regard to Pt. Reyes come at a time when the Trump Administration is attacking our Environmental Laws and attempting to dismantle the Endangered Species Act. Combined with worldwide Global Warming, all wildlife is suffering substantial hardship and loss of species. Their loss and suffering becomes our loss, if not our suffering, as we human beings shape and transform the Earth. We are all in together for whatever happens. The following is our statement to save and keep Pt. Reyes National Seashore intact and as perfect in its wildness as possible.

Both my husband, Gordon, and I have lived in the Bay Area for well over 70 decades. In my case, I am a native Californian and have lived here my whole life. We both love the Natural World and all the creatures that surround us and enrich our lives. Pt. Reyes is a sanctuary that protects us and soothes us from the clamor, the pollution, the over-crowding and stress that assault us, while navigating around busy urban and suburban regions.

We know about Global Warming and the importance of trees, vegetation, and clean water for our future survival. The Tule Elk herds in Pt. Reyes are a remnant of what they once were. Surely, there is land enough for them! They bring to us and to many others a sense of wonder, joy, and appreciation as we see them quietly nesting on the

hillsides or foraging among the grasses. As with all animals, we also like the cows. They've lived behind our house once long ago. We like them so much that we are vegetarians. There is a rising realization that large numbers of cows also bring disruption to the eco-system as biologists and environmentalists will attest. Plans for goats, chickens and agricultural crops compound the negative impact even further on the natural environment. Compare a small herd of indigenous elk to herds of cows with other farm animals and elk's impact on the land is far less.

Pt. Reyes is a wonderful parkland. Whatever the outcome, we see no justification for killing off some of the members of the Tule Elk herd. We, as just regular people, would like to keep Pt. Reyes beautiful and untrammelled. Wild animals and birds have an amazing way of fitting into the land and bringing little evidence of their existence. They blend in and are fleeting sights for those of us who visit these wild areas. We love all the animals, birds and other creatures that reside in Pt. Reyes. They bring richness, beauty, and wonder, renewing our spirits and our lives.

We are at a crossroads with Global Warming looming. The extinction rate of animal life is rapidly rising. At some point we will have to change our ways to avoid outright catastrophe. The Tule Elk are a very small part of the whole eco-system, but nevertheless an iconic and memorable part of Pt. Reyes that makes this park distinctive and interesting. My husband, Gordon and I both urge that Pt. Reyes National Seashore prioritize the policy of protection for wildlife above all else. These dwindling wild places are increasingly important and are to be treasured and cared for.

#1091

Name: Nidever, Isabelle

Correspondence: Pt. Reyes National Public Land needs to preserve and protect all natural or naturalized and endangered species living therein. As a tax-paying, lifelong citizen of the Great State of California and the United States, I expect the responsibility to uphold and raise current legislated standards will be honored. There are ranch lands in Central and Southern California laying fallow and/or razed for housing that could better be utilized for the cattle ranching currently in place on public lands in Pt. Reyes. Thank-you for honoring the promises made to protect and preserve our heritage.

#1092

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The land in question here should be primarily used to sustain the native flora and fauna. Livestock grazing should be limited and the land that gets decimated as a result of cattle grazing should be maintained and returned to its original landscape. I have been to this park and surrounding area and would not wish it to change in a negative manner. Our parks should be protected from this disgusting show of political manipulation and greed. The people want our parks and land protected. Please consider doing the right thing. Thank you.

#1093

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded

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#1094

Name: Patterson, Carol

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The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. Furthermore, introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. Agricultural activities such as mowing should absolutely not be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for considering my comments. As Vice-president and Conservation Chair of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, I speak for that group as well as myself.

Carol Joan Patterson

#1095

Name: Miller, Jane

Correspondence: There's only one national park where the tule elk reside, in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. I'm completely opposed to the Trump administration's plan to begin killing up to 15 of these elk each year, just to appease livestock owners who already get subsidized grazing of their cows. This plan would result in establishing for-profit cattle growing as the park's main use. But wait, the park's required to be managed according to the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." This is a mandate; as opposed to cattle grazing, for which no such mandated use of the park exists.

The tule elk have survived as a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key provision of the Park Service's mission. After all the time, money and effort to restore these elk to Point Reyes, shooting them, removing them, or managing them as a nuisance animal is just wrong!

Aspects such as natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. This plan instead prioritizes cattle growing, which is already subsidized in many ways, such as subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. The commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

No new agricultural activities should be allowed at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract bird, while introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be permitted when proven consistent with safekeeping the natural environment. Agricultural activities like mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Please stop this ill-conceived plan that would rob taxpayers of the endangered elk for which they have funded a recovery, and that would also endanger other park wildlife and features by allowing more cattle and other livestock, plus row crops.

Thanks for considering my comments.

#1096

Name: Dods, Suzanne

Correspondence: Just so farmers can allow overnight farm sheep or have chickens? JFC, WWBODo? What would Barack Obama do? Protect the natural environment not slaughter it and not filled w/murdering innocent wildlife. The ELK are Natural inhabitants. The cows, not so much. I just dont get this, we have 1240 ELK and it's impacting farmers? Honestly. You don't need to kill ELK

#1097

Name: Dods, Suzie

Correspondence: Your idea to slaughter innocent wild, NATIVE Animals is disgusting & preposterous. There's no reason it needs to be done just so farmers can have more cows or 'farm stay' visitors. This should be NATURAL NOT farm focused

Suzie Dods

#1098

Name: Clayton, Ronald

Correspondence: STOP colluding with Trump's assault on our National Natural Treasures. These irreplaceable PUBLIC Lands belong to ALL Americans NOT just to a few CORRUPT, GREEDY government officials to give to greedy contributors to destroy for profit.

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The Park Service shouldn't NOT allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. * Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. * Introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes.

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Your RESPONSIBILITY to the American people is to PROTECT our National Parks, like Point Reyes, for ALL Americans now and into the future ... NOT participate in the DESTRUCTION of these irreplaceable National Treasures for the profit of the greedy, corrupt, richest few who can afford to "BUY" powerful, CORRUPT politicians.

#1099

Name: Ahrendt, Coni

Correspondence: August 11,2019

To Whom It May Concern: I am writing in opposition to the proposal to kill 15-20 Tule Elk in the Point Reyes area each year so that cattle can graze without having to "compete" with the elk. The Tule Elk only exist in California. They are beautiful creatures who attract 2.5 million visitors a year. Cattle, on the other hand, do not do anything to enhance the beauty of the region. According to the report recently released by the United Nations, we are supposed to reduce meat consumption, due to green house gases and the amount of land they require to graze. Some of the same ranchers would like to see the elk killed so that they can also raise other domestic animals - sheep, pigs, and chickens, all of which will most likely be slaughtered. They supposedly have agreed to use non lethal methods to handle any wild animal who tries to attack their herds, but I believe they will find a way to also kill them. If they can not coexist with a few hundred elk, perhaps they should go into another line of work. How can a few families be allowed to cause the death of the beautiful elk so that they can profit from the meat and dairy products from the cows? This is a heartbreaking idea and one which should not be allowed to proceed. I read that these elk are a protected species, unless the department of fish and game decides is it fine to kill them. Why is this beautiful area declared "farmland forever"? Why would the farmers be allowed to farm the land for 20 years?

#1100

Name: BOTTJER, DAVID

Correspondence: Dear Sirs, I support eliminating cattle grazing at Point Reyes National Seashore, as part of the new GMPA for the seashore.

#1101

Name: Fenton, Karen and Jay

Correspondence: August 12, 2019

Superintendent of Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Ben Valley Road Pt. Reyes Station, CA 94906 Re: GMP Amendment to eradicate the Point Reyes elk

Sir:

We are writing to protest the proposal to annihilate the elk population at Point Reyes and allow the cattle to dominate their land.

We do not support favoring the cattle ranches, regardless of the historic precedence. The cattle contribute more to park damage, water pollution and to global warming than the elk and the Johnston Oyster Farm.

We appeal to you to void this proposal. Thank you!

Yours truly, Karen and Jay Fenton

#1102

Name: Johnson, Jessica

Correspondence: I grew up in Davis and have lived in northern California over thirty years - - Tomales Point is my absolute favorite hike to take and one of the main reasons it is so, is the native Tule Elk population. I've gone with friends, with my husband, by myself, and taken people from out of town to see the majesty that is the Elk. Living in a highly populated area, there are few opportunities within a day's drive to see major wildlife and understand the broader ecosystem and the Tule Elk are the best example I can think of.

Doing anything to kill Elk or to potentially endanger their habitat would be an absolute tragedy. This is a limited population that should be protected - and one of the few easy ways for people growing up in an urban or suburban setting to really see large wildlife. Please do everything you can to protect them as the precious resource they are!!!

#1103

Name: Salgado, Dalia

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take

priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. • Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. • The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. • Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. • Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1104

Name: Morello, Phyl

Correspondence: STOP MISTREATING ANY ANIMAL!!!! STOP THE KILLING OF ELK. LET WILDLIFE HAVE THE ROOM TO ROAM AS NATURE INTENDED.

#1105

Name: MacDonald, James Brian

Correspondence: To supersede 2002662-97154/31 New updated: 8/10/2019 To: GMP Amendment c/o Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Comments to Draft EIS to Point Reyes General Management Plan: All comments in full and not abbreviated to be included in the administrative record.

I would first like to register my complaint of the lack of meaningful public participation as required by NEPA in these proceedings. The only reason I now of these proceedings is through a article I read. This is a National Park and a National issue, There should be a link on the opening page for any National Park Service opening page clearly informing the public of their rights to participate in these and other proceeding and a clear link to any and all documentation. Notification should be on those pages for a minimum of thirty days before calling for public comments. Being able to point to 5 links down stream where the public could have found this information is not meaningful public notification or participation. Even when calling the park service I was not given a clear link to these proceedings only Point Reyes opening page (go.nps.gov/pore/gmpa) nor would they put me on a contact list.

Executive Summary:

Citizen's Guide to NEPA: Having Your Voice Heard

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5310825.pdf

If you were a land owner in Roman times and allowed your topsoil to erode you would be going to a Roman jail but in today's economics short-term profit over the environment is now the norm. 61% of the suspended sediment in San Francisco Bay today is off of Bay Area hills. Local, State, Federal agencies, National Park Service and cattle associations keep telling us they are taking wonderful care of this nation's topsoil but are they really? Use Google Earth and zoom in on most any cattle ranch in Point Reyes; those lines you see are soil compaction lines made from over grazing and extremely poor land management turning rich topsoil into concrete like consistency during the summer and accelerating erosion of topsoil into our streams in the winter time; soil that contaminates our stream beds destroying our fisheries and then needs to be dredged from our streams and bays."

Let me use the words of The National Science and Technology Council, Dec. 2016 "Under natural conditions, one inch of topsoil can take 500 years or more to form. Soil is essential to human life. Not only is it vital for providing most of the world's food, it plays a critical role in ensuring water quality and availability; supports a vast array of non-food products and benefits, including mitigation of climate change; and affects biodiversity important for ecological resilience. These roles make soil essential to modern life. Thus, it is imperative that everyone—city dwellers, farmers and ranchers, land owners and rural citizens alike—take responsibility for caring for and investing in our soils." So I have to totally agree with ranchers there are too many animals grazing Point Reyes and destroying this Nations top soil.

THE STATE AND FUTURE OF U.S. SOILS Framework for a Federal Strategic Plan for Soil Science PRODUCT OF THE Subcommittee on Ecological Systems, Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL December 2016
https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ssiwg_framework_december_2016.pdf

Fordham Law Review Volume 20 / Issue 1 Article 3 1951 Legal Principles and Policies of Soil Conservation
<https://ir.lawnet.fordham.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=https://www.google.com/&httpsredir=1&article=1379&context=flr> "One of the guiding purposes behind the holding of these lands in public ownership is soil conservation." Soil conservation in not a new issue, It is estimated 6.9 billion tons of top soil disappear in United States each year.

Costhelper <https://home.costhelper.com/soil.html> Topsoil sells for between \$12 and \$30 per cubic yard, depending on where you live. Topsoil delivery costs range from \$15 to \$200 or more, depending on weight and distance. How many cubic yards of top soil would be needed to replace what has been destroyed by cattle at Point Reyes? How much of the remaining soil at Point Reyes is compacted by cattle? What would be the cost to till that remaining soil taking into account saving rare and endangered plants and animals? Who should pay that cost? Tax payers?

NEPA https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Environmental_Policy_Act "To declare national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality." Cattle are among the number one sources for greenhouse gases. Methane is 30 times stronger of a greenhouse compared to CO2. Nitrous Oxide is 300 times stronger of a greenhouse compared to CO2.

Marin County Groundwork Handbook <https://www.marincounty.org/-/media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/residents/groundwork.pdf> "The weight of the animals can compact the soil to concrete-like hardness which in turn increases the speed of runoff and activates gully and stream bank erosion lower in the watershed. Compaction can also occur in large pastures if the land has been heavily grazed for many years."

Google Maps photos of Bull Point from 8/3/2019 and Park Service posters are included in hard copy correspondence

These photos are clear evidence that the Park Service is aware of the damage being done by cattle.

National Park Service https://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/upload/resourcepaper_tuleelk.pdf "A Look into the Past the Tule Elk (*Cervus elaphus nannodes*) is a subspecies of elk native to California. They occur nowhere else. For thousands of years, as many as 500,000 Tule Elk thrived in California from the lush open country of the Central Valley to the grassy hills on the coast. But following the Gold Rush of 1849, the elk were hunted nearly to extinction. At the same time, elk habitat was converted to agriculture, and livestock grazed what had been elk forage. These developments caused the elks decline and nearly caused their extinction." Cattle are none

indigenous and have only been in Northern California for about 200 years and within thus 200 years have distorted California's top soil.

National Park Service; Ranching History at Point Reyes

https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/historyculture/people_ranching.htm "Unknown to the early ranchers, the expansive coastal prairie was most likely the byproduct of burning, weeding, pruning and harvesting for at least two millennia by Coast Miwok and their antecedents." "Although building damage contributed to their demise, these ranches failed due to the absence of Coast Miwok burning and the rapid expansion of native coyotebrush and poison oak thickets, leading to dramatic reductions in grazeable pastures for cows. By 1933, all ridgeline dairies were gone." "Other regional dairies were improving their quality, quantity and distribution of produce, while the cumulative impacts of overgrazing on Point Reyes had caused a significant decline in pasture quality." "Imagine what this windswept, fog-enshrouded landscape may have looked like almost two hundred years ago, before the first cattle made their way here. Imagine Coast Miwok coexisting with Tule Elk, grizzly bear, mountain lion, whales, dolphins, countless birds and their innumerable prey species." More evidence the Park Service is aware of the damage being done to the environment by cattle.

Center for Biological Diversity https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/public_lands/grazing/ Cattle destroy native vegetation, damage soils and stream banks, and contaminate waterways with fecal waste. After decades of livestock grazing, once-lush streams and riparian forests have been reduced to flat, dry wastelands; once-rich topsoil has been turned to dust, causing soil erosion, stream sedimentation and wholesale elimination of some aquatic habitats.

Bay Nature Con: Cattle Grazing Is Incompatible with Conservation <https://baynature.org/article/con-cattle-grazing-is-incompatible-with-conservation/> Although some landscapes and habitats in the Bay Area benefit from disturbed soil conditions, which were once provided by native ungulates such as elk and by wildfires, cattle do not mimic those conditions. Cows use the landscape very differently than native browsers like elk or deer.

American Fisheries Society Policy Statement #23 download: The Effects of Livestock

Grazing https://fisheries.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/policy_23f.pdf The Effects of Livestock Grazing on Riparian and Stream Ecosystems ... game and nongame habitat, and 19,000 miles of sport fishing streams have declined.

United States Congress Public Law 94-389 <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-90/pdf/STATUTE-90-Pg1189.pdf> https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/upload/lawsandpolicies_publiclaw94_544.pdf

"Whereas the protection and maintenance of California's Tule elk in a free and wild state is of educational, scientific, and esthetic value to the people of the United States" "The following lands within the Point Reyes National Seashore are hereby designated as wilderness, and shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Wilderness Act... in a manner which provides for such recreational, educational, historic preservation, interpretation, and scientific research opportunities as are consistent with, based upon and supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area." 94-389 directed the federal government to make suitable lands available for the preservation and grazing of Tule Elk, NOT cattle.

Point Reyes Phillip Burton Wilderness map give it time to load

<https://umontana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a415bca07f0a4bee9f0e894b0db5c3b6&extent=-13694990.4557,4569643.1994,-13660475.4129,4613531.0504,102113>

National Park Service: Phillip Burton Wilderness

https://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/phillip_burton_wilderness.htm The Point Reyes Wilderness Act <https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/wildernessact.htm> Wilderness areas are public lands. This means wilderness belongs to everyone. Wilderness areas provide intact habitat for wildlife, clean drinking water for cities, recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts, sources of inspiration for artists.

Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Point_Reyes_National_Seashore On November 29, 2012, Salazar announced that he would not renew the Point Reyes oyster farm permit, citing the original intent of the Point Reyes Wilderness Act to designate the area as wilderness upon the removal of the oyster farm 1998 Tule Elk Management Plan and Environmental Assessment https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/upload/planning_tule_elk_mp_ea_1998.pdf 254 Tule Elk died from being fenced in and not being allowed to water. "A return of the elk range to its native condition of seep-fed springs is considered desirable to maintaining viable populations." 50% of 10 dairy herds in Point Reyes are infected by bacterium Mycobacterium paratuberculosis, (Johne's Disease.) Johne's disease is considered a disease of confinement and kills Tule Elk. "terminating cattle leases may provide for a disease-free herd on the Seashore." With ranching removed fencing and other restrictions could be removed.

Point Reyes General Management Plan (1980)

https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/upload/planning_gmp_1980.pdf "The primary objectives for the park must continue to relate to the natural integrity of the seashore, upon which the quality of a Point Reyes experience totally depends." "Restoration of historic natural conditions (such as reestablishment of Tule Elk) will continue to be implemented when such actions will not seriously diminish scenic and recreational values." Cattle have no scenic or recreational value just diseases transferable to humans and cattle manure on our trails and shoes.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service <https://www.fws.gov/arcata/es/amphibians/crlf/documents/020528.pdf> Observations suggest that grazing activities pose a serious threat to the suitability of aquatic habitats for California red-legged frogs

United States Congress Public Law 96-199 <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-94/pdf/STATUTE-94-Pg67.pdf> Gave the Secretary of the Interior authority to disallow ranching land use when deemed necessary for resource management or other Seashore activities.

USDA FOREST SERVICE https://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw_gtr124.pdf Livestock grazing can affect all components of the aquatic system. Grazing can affect the streamside environment by changing, reducing, or eliminating vegetation bordering the stream. Channel morphology can be changed, by accrual of sediment, alteration of channel substrate, disruption of the relation of pools to riffles, and widening of the channel. The water column can be altered by increasing water temperature, nutrients, suspended sediment, bacterial populations, and in the timing and volume of Streamflow. Livestock can trample stream banks causing banks to slough off, creating false setback banks, and exposing banks to accelerated soil erosion

Restoration of Riparian Areas Following the Removal of Cattle in the Northwestern Great Basin

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00267-014-0436-2#link%20to%20study%20and%20downloadable%20copy> "Results indicated that channel widths and eroding banks decreased in 64 and 73 % of sites, respectively. We found a 90 % decrease in the amount of bare soil ($P < 0.001$) and a 63 % decrease in exposed channel ($P < 0.001$) as well as a significant increase in the cover of grasses/sedges/forbs (15 % increase, $P = 0.037$), rushes (389 % increase, $P = 0.014$), and willow (388 % increase, $P < 0.001$)."

Patch-Burn Grazing for Biological Diversity May 2011 By Chris Helzer The Nature Conservancy - Nebraska <https://prairienebraska.files.wordpress.com/2011/05/patch-burning-for-biodiversity.pdf>

Patch-burn grazing increases habitat heterogeneity and biodiversity of small mammals in managed rangelands <https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ecs2.1431>

California Department of fish and Game

<https://www.wafwa.org/Documents%20and%20Settings/37/Site%20Documents/Working%20Groups/Elk%20Workshops/1993%20Bozeman%20MT%20Elk%20Workshop/1993%20Bozeman%20MT%20Elk%20Workshop/A%20Summary%20of%20California's%20Elk%20Hunting%20Program.pdf> Senate Bill 722 (Behr Bill) allows

for hunting when population reached 2,000 or relocation of Tule Elk but allows nothing else. Thinning of the herd by any other means by the state is not specified. Bill 722 does not limit Tule Elk population but allows hunting when populations are over 2,000.

Izurieta et al., 2008; Petrovay and Balla, 2008; CDC, 2012 <https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/earth-and-planetary-sciences/animal-waste> Animal waste is a common way in which zoonotic diseases are spread. Pathogens in animal waste can contaminate food or water, or enter the body directly through inhalation, skin lesions, and other routes vulnerable to pathogen entry.

Humans and Cattle: A Review of Bovine Zoonoses <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3880910/>

Science Direct, Marine Geology <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0025322713000376> Local watersheds may contribute over half of the sediment load coming into San Francisco Bay today. The results indicate that the hundreds of urbanized and tectonically active tributaries adjacent to the Bay, which together account for just 5% of the total watershed area draining to the Bay and provide just 7% of the annual average fluvial flow, supply 61% of the suspended sediment.

Wikipedia: National Security https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_security "Ecological security, also known as environmental security, refers to the integrity of ecosystems and the biosphere, particularly in relation to their capacity to sustain a diversity of life-forms (including human life). The security of ecosystems has attracted greater attention as the impact of ecological damage by humans has grown.[19] The degradation of ecosystems, including topsoil erosion, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and climate change, affect economic security and can precipitate mass migration, leading to increased pressure on resources elsewhere."

PUBLIC LAW 95-625-NOV. 10, 1978 <https://www.nps.gov/mawa/upload/Public-Law-95-625.pdf> The following statement by the Park Service in their Executive Summary at best can be characterized as a misstatement of the law: "Congress passed legislation authorizing the establishment of Point Reyes National Seashore in 1962 and Golden Gate National Recreation Area in 1972. In 1978, Congress enacted legislation for both Point Reyes and Golden Gate providing standardized language for the leasing of land for agricultural purposes (16 United States Code [U.S.C.] §§ 459c-5(a) and (b) and 460bb-2(j)). These amendments allow NPS to lease agricultural lands subject to any restrictive covenants deemed necessary and directed NPS to first offer such leases to the person who owned or leased the land prior to its acquisition by the United States. NPS uses these statutory authorities to issue agricultural lease/special use permits (lease/permits) for ongoing traditional ranching and dairying operations when a rancher's reserved right expires." This is what the law really says: SEC 318: Act is amended to read as follows: SEC. 5. (a) The owner of improved property or of agricultural property on the date of its acquisition by the Secretary under this Act may, as a condition of such acquisition, retain for himself and his or her heirs and assigns a right of use and occupancy for a definite term of not more than twenty-five years, or, in lieu thereof, for a term ending at the death of the owner or the death of his or her spouse, whichever is later. Continuing the lease beyond this constitutes a gift of this nation's assets. League of California Cities: Gift of Public Funds (Spoiler Alert: It's Illegal) https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Library/2016/Annual-2016/10-2016-Annual_Forboth_Gift-of-Public-Funds_Spoile.aspx Upcounsel: Penalty for Breach of Fiduciary Duty <https://www.upcounsel.com/penalty-for-breach-of-fiduciary-duty> You can be personally held accountable for your actions in civil court.

Markkula Center for Applied Ethics <https://www.scu.edu/government-ethics/resources/public-officials-as-fiduciaries/> With top soil being eroded away and compacted native plants can no longer survive being dependent upon surface groundwater year round. Your fiduciary responsibilities to the citizens of the United States are crystal clear. Remove cattle and any other none indigenous animal from Point Reyes, thin Tule Elk heard to protect this Nations top soil by hunting or relocation of excess Tule Elk population to locations where hunting is allowed. Hunters have a right to this Nations resources as much as any one else whether others like it or not and I am not a hunter. Your initial failures to protect Tule Elk in a free and wild state, wildlife, this Nation's topsoil and biosphere, to protect Tule Elk herds from domestic animal diseases as required by the United States Congress has

only complicated Tule Elk management or should we change the name of the National Park Service to the National Cattle Service?

Best viewed at:

Sincerely: James Brian MacDonald

#1106

Name: Conforti, Susan

Correspondence: Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. And agricultural activity will bring in more wild animals.

#1107

Name: Roe, Kenneth

Correspondence: August 15,2019 Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore Bear Valley Road Station, CA 94956 Dear Superintendent:

At the expense of boring you, I must impart some background to substantiate our positions. My ancestors settled around Bodega during the 1848 gold rush, establishing ranches throughout Sonoma and Marin counties, plus summer homes at Dillon Beach (one owned for 106 years).

I indulged myself in the historical and natural world from Point Reyes and Death Rock above Salmon Creek north. Much of my discoveries appeared in my college assignments and major/minors.

I became a community college instructor and administrator. I have been a national park ranger, a rancher, and a public relations man for CBS at Television City, Hollywood. I worked with written and verbal contracts to establish Point Reyes National Seashore. I have published over 200 articles and short stories, one on birds of Point Reyes in Birder's World. I have sold nine novels, six to Random House (two are set in our area).

In the beginning, the Point Reyes ranchers accepted a park if they could continue agriculture, knowing that such is not accepted in the park philosophy - with its retention of pure naturalness. Through the years both sides had functioned relatively smoothly with a few squabbles.

My wife and I, and our family, firmly oppose the proposal to diversify livestock and cull elk herds. The elk herds are one of the most popular attractions in the preserve.

Sincerely, Kenneth S. Roe

#1108

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow shooting native tule elk at CA's Point Reyes, the only national seashore where these rare animals live, just to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Allowing shooting the elk would (1)enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion, and (2)convert public park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Wildlife and natural scenery motivate me to visit Point Reyes (when I visit my sister in CA) and other national parks. Please consider:

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of Point Reyes' landscape, and their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration (which took a lot of time, money and effort)- a key element of the Park Service's mission. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced, or treated as a problem.
- Point Reyes ranches currently enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly-funded projects. Nevertheless, commercial activities there should be required to accommodate native wildlife rather than vice-versa.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds; introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators (coyotes, bobcats, and foxes). Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. Agricultural activities (mowing) shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases, so the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

THANK YOU for your consideration. Judy Silverstein

#1109

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Send a Letter to the National Park Service

Step 1: Review these talking points.

Step 2: Submit a personalized letter at the Park Service's website.

Step 3: Fill out the form below to let us know you took action. Contact Info First Name Last Name Country (Optional) United States Postal Code Email Mobile Phone (Optional)

Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California

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But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

#1110

Name: Eichhorn, Donna

Correspondence: I can see thinning out a herd of elk if there are too many. I don't see killing them so cows can eat more grass. When will man finally realize all the destruction we do to the planet when we mess with it. Cows are destructive to native plants and contribute to global warming. I don't think the elk do that. Why do we have to let farmers use park land so they can save money for feed?

#1111

Name: m, m

Correspondence: The national parks belong to the american people and animals. They are meant to be in pristine condition for our future generations to enjoy. We share the planet with animals. They adorn our park landscapes with their beauty and resilience. These parks are there for our wild animal friends who need to have a habitat to raise the next generation. The WWF has reported animals are in decline and face extinction. The parks are supposed to be for them. I love all animals but growing crops and raising pigs in a wild land will disrupt the ecosystem. Further corporations have plundered our earth enough. Big ranchers should not be allowed to shoot the elk which are native to the parks. Farm animals will disrupt the food web. In the parks nature controls this. Ranchers will only disrupt a already sensitive ecosystem. Ranchers should not be introduced to national parks. The parks should remain wild lands. Nature is the most valuable commodity there is. Do not let greedy ranchers destroy the national parks.

#1112

Name: Hill, Leigh

Correspondence: Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Please don't try to say that everything is okay. The ranchers think so, but the mass of people that like their parks natural DO NOT.

#1113

Name: Ross, Nancy

Correspondence: I am writing to you because I strongly oppose President Trump's National Park Service's shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

It is crucial that we preserve as much of our environment as humanly possible! Biodiversity is one of the very important areas that we need to protect!!

#1114

Name: Brindle, Maria

Correspondence: I am speaking for the Tule elk at Point Reyes, because we all need, all over the world, to protect

wildlife, not kill it. The USA should lead by example and prioritize wildlife over commercial activities. Your act may seem an isolated case of wildlife extermination, please consider the large view! please see what is going on all over the earth.

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
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- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
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#1115

Name: Clair, Lily

Correspondence: STOP THE KILLING OF ELK AT POINT REYES SEASHORE NOW!

The Park Service, like all the other state and national agencies that are supposed to PROTECT ALL WILDLIFE, has been killing wildlife for decades at alarming rates, as the public is just beginning to discover.

STOP THE KILLING! We, the public, loathe your killing mentality. You are PERVERTS and YOUR KILLING MUST BE STOPPED! WE SHALL SEE TO IT THAT YOU ARE STOPPED.

#1116

Name: Kladke, Robin

Correspondence: Really? Cows are more important than the natural world? Cows that are cared for all over the planet and aren't endangered? Cows that contribute significantly to global warming because of their poop and all the feeding products they require? You should be ashamed of this proposition. Leave the deer alone. They were there first. They are struggling to survive on a planet over run by people and cows.

#1117

Name: Martinez, Lorraine

Correspondence: My comments are concerning the Management Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore:

First of all, Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands; therefore, natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Second, I'm very concerned about the elk population. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore Tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national

park where they live, and they should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

The only "problem animals" at Point Reyes are the cattle, which should NOT enjoy subsidized grazing fees. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases; thus, the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Cattle grazing at Point Reyes should be prohibited, and the Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

#1118

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please don't allow the plan to go forward to kill native tule elk. That national park is their home and money changing hands should never come before the lives of the innocent animals that reside there.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

#1119

Name: Harris, Shirley

Correspondence: As a long time resident of California, and one who has visited Point Reyes numerous times, I am absolutely horrified at the recommendation to shoot the wonderful Tule Elk who reside there. These are truly majestic creatures and are the reason that many people journey to the park to marvel at them.

This is a proposal to destroy a true natural wonder because a handful of ranchers (who should be ashamed of themselves) want to expand their commercial endeavors. You can find cows and artichokes, pigs and chickens, etc. just about anywhere.

You CANNOT find Tule Elk just anywhere.

Furthermore, Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Why do we allow cattle ranching in these sensitive areas AT ALL?! This is PUBLIC LAND! It should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please put this horrible idea in the trash bin where it belongs!

#1120

Name: Brenner, Jared

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1121

Name: Kennet, Bob

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore was intended 2 B managed 4 "maximum protection, restoration, preservation of the NATURAL environment. Nothing said nor mandated about prioritizing commercial agriculture leases on this Public Land. These agricultural leases are often contrary 2 restoration preservation of the natural environment. That makes them in violation of the mandates controlling the way this land is operated. The #1 priority is the preservation of the NATURAL ENVIRONMENT which includes the deer. Only prioritizing this environment's needs will ensure the survival of this species. Any and all expansion of agriculture here will bring in more and various predators and species not normally found here, plants attract those that feed on them etc., and more food animals will attract their share of insects predators. No agricultural expansion should be allowed just for those reasons if things are managed as intended.

#1122

Name: Warfield, Melissa

Correspondence: President Trump would like to see all the animals gone from the planet. Gosh is that what welfare ranchers want is all the land just for themselves and their livestock?! Tule Elk are very important to Point Reyes. Their recovery is very successful for the native ecosystem restoration. Tule Elk at Point Reyes is the only national park where they reside. Commercial activities at Point Reyes must be required to accommodate native wildlife = not the other way around. Planting native plants would attract birds. Cattle can be allowed if it's considered with preserving the natural environment. Mowing should not be allowed in park areas where it will harm endangered species or wildlife habitat. impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive

plants/diseases. Cattle are primarily the source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. Please reconsider President Trump's plan. Thank you.

#1123

Name: LaFarge, Darcie

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore, I ask you to please reconsider using this majestic PROTECTED seashore as a grazing land for private cattle ranchers. This park should not be leased out in order to appease the cattle ranching industry. Do not convert any portion of the grasslands to farm land thereby displacing natural flora and fauna including the tule deer. Let's cherish this unique park so that it can be enjoyed by future generations. Don't exploit it for the few, if any dollars of revenue that the National Park Service won't even receive.

#1124

Name: Johnson, Ann

Correspondence: As a concerned citizen and environmentalist who has visited Point Reyes National Seashore, I am writing to say I strongly oppose the killing of native tule elk for the benefit of individual ranchers and agricultural endeavors. The elk belong there and their right to remain there overrides any other overuse of the resources they depend on for their survival. Shooting or relocating them should not be considered. There are far too few tule deer remaining, and far too many grazing animals. Back in the mid-1870's only about 30 tule elk remained in a single herd, found at a time they were believed to have become extinct! It makes no sense to continue to decrease their habitat at a time when global warming is also stressing them. You need to protect them and their habitat and to help maintain the diversity of life that exists on our planet for the sake of all species, homo sapiens included.

#1125

Name: Gilson, Jill

Correspondence: I'm appalled to learn that money & habitat destruction is taking precedence over preserving the Seashore & its wildlife. It's very selfish & destructive. It's very unhealthy & we're just shooting ourselves in the foot. It's only a matter of time before E.Coli & other toxins show up in our produce & a preserved National Seashore is destroyed.

Why was a 126-page report published about Fecal/poop ponds? That time effort & money could have better spent on relocating the cattle ranches TO PRIVATE LAND. If the ranchers want to do their thing, this needs to be mandated to ranching on their own land...not land where Tule Elk, native plants & wildlife can thrive & not get shot & killed for getting in the way of the almighty dollar & to make room for more cattle & other types of agriculture. This is appalling. Come on now!

Seeing photos & videos of how beautiful & pristine Pt. Reyes used to be compared to the desecration of the land that's happening now breaks my heart. Seeing my friends post videos & photos demonstrates to me how corrupt & greedy people are without thinking of the repercussions. The National Seashore will be destroyed. Wildfires due to non-native plants will increase. Fecal pollution will seep into the ocean & kill marine life. It will trickle down & humans will get sick.

How about it? We can do better than this.

Thank you.

#1126

Name: LaPointe, Drena

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

#1127

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Our few remaining public, wild places should stay just that: belonging to EVERYONE and in their natural, wild state. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds, and introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Please protect Point Reyes and its native species from development and hunting. Thank you.

#1128

Name: Wilson, Harriet

Correspondence: According to the Point Reyes Act, the Point Reyes National Seashore must be managed for the "maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment". There is no legal mandate for prioritizing commercial agriculture on the Point Reyes peninsula. The tule elk population within the park has taken years to restore, and elk sightings remain rare for most visitors. The elk should not be killed to accommodate more cattle, especially since cattle are a major source of greenhouse gasses (e.g., methane) and the climate crisis must be taken seriously. Humans should be raising fewer or no cattle, not more cattle.

The native wildlife remaining within the park, the scenic vistas, trails and unique camping areas attract thousands of visitors. Like other national parks, the Point Reyes National Seashore should be protected not exploited by private enterprises seeking to rip-off American taxpayers. Ranchers in the park already receive subsidies for grazing and housing, plus they enjoy improvements to roads, trails and other park facilities. The people of California fought to acquire this park, and will fight to keep it wild. Farming (artichokes, strawberries, sheep, goats, chickens, etc.) is not compatible with maintaining a wilderness area. Allowing more commercial agriculture will only serve to increase conflicts between farmers and wildlife, farmers and the public, and farmers with one another (not all farmers are anti-environment).

Habitats currently existing on the Point Reyes peninsula are already threatened by our changing climate. As ocean temperatures warm, and current patterns shift, the summer fog essential to maintaining the redwoods and firs on the ridges may be lost. Freshwater currently available to wildlife and the existing farms could also be lost. Proposing to increase agriculture in an area with such limited water is risky at best. Damage to existing water resource seems inevitable and totally unnecessary. There should be no increased commercial development at Point Reyes. Republicans in general seem determined to destroy every natural wonder existing in this country, but it should not be allowed. National Parks were established to preserve and protect wild lands for future generations. Please don't let the Trump administration take everything away from us.

#1129

Name: Rizzi, Tricia

Correspondence: This plan to kill Elk every year is a destructive plan that only appeases private livestock owners. Why is killing always the proposed solution?! It is our job and our responsibility to protect our precious resources and native wildlife. This is the only national park where these rare animals live. Livestock grazing causes water quality degradation and soil erosion. Allowing introduction of livestock would create even more conflict with wildlife.

#1130

Name: basye, mae

Correspondence: Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

With the climate crisis upon us, the need to preserve diversity and wild lands is even more imperative. The National Park Service has a duty to preserve and protect, not rape and plunder!

#1131

Name: Oltman, Meagan

Correspondence: Hi,

I'm writing to let everyone know that it is not okay to shoot wild animals on their turf in order to make room for cattle to graze. The meat & dairy industry is dying. For good reasons. Let it die. The public no longer wants to pay, & me & my family as well, for ranchers, cattle, & grazing destruction on our lands. Cattle grazing is bad for the land & bad for wildlife. You know & I know it. The public pays & pays for this. And wildlife with their lives -all NOT okay. DO NOT kill wildlife & allow cattle grazing. Thank you.

#1132

Name: Dickinson, Amanda

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

#1133

Name: Lewis, Sherry

Correspondence: Not a fan of cattle grazing on public lands. Not a beef eater either.

I feel public lands and parks should be for wildlife in the wild. We are guests in the wild. We do not own the wild but are caretakers.

These deer, the one place on earth they live, deserve the grass, water and to keep their home.

We are the keepers of the planet and are doing a lousy job.

Save the deer. Less cattle.

#1134

Name: Goldie, Charlie

Correspondence: I am very concerned with Executive Proclamations from Trump which allows wild living species to be hunted and killed. The only reason for the "hunting" is personal pleasure. This puts our wild life in serious danger. Please look seriously and open-minded at any reduction in our protective laws relative to wild life. We share this earth. We do not own this earth!!

#1135

Name: Fox, Kathryn

Correspondence: These are our public lands and should not benefit special interest groups. It is our legal right to keep these lands as they are, pristine, without domestic animals grazing nor farmers farming. Once gone, they will not be back. All citizens of the USA are entitled to enjoy these National Parks as they are, now and in the future for generations. Do not tamper with them!

#1136

Name: Klass, David

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

#1137

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am outraged that the park service is planning to slaughter native Tule elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore to make more grazing land for cattle. This would enshrine "for profit" cattle grazing as the park's main use, instead of protecting it as was mandated under the Point Reyes Act. The Point Reyes Act states that the park is supposed to be managed for the "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment". Grazing cattle is the opposite of this mandate, as they degrade the land, and produce massive amounts of methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas. Tule elk are an important component of the Point Reyes ecosystem. Their recovery is the result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is an important part of the Park Service's mission. It has taken a lot of time, money, and effort to restore Tule elk to Point Reyes. This is the only national park where they live. They have the right to forage and run free, not be shot and treated as problem animals. Cattle ranchers already enjoy subsidized grazing fees, as well as several other taxpayer supported amenities. They should only be allowed to graze cattle if it is consistent with preserving the natural environment, and in areas where native species and wildlife habitats will not be harmed. Finally, the methane produced by cattle is in direct opposition to the Park Service's "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Slaughtering and fencing Tule elk to make way for more cattle is the antithesis of the Point Reyes Act, and an abomination. This proposed slaughter needs to be stopped in its tracks, and the Parks administrators who are being paid by ranchers to put rancher's wants over the good of the park need to be fired.

#1138

Name: Gregory, Anne

Correspondence:

I oppose any additional commercialization or agriculture at Point Reyes National Seashore. It is supposed to be protected and preserved for the public, not private interests.

I'm shocked that my federal government would consider allowing the shooting of tule elk, which have only recently been restored.

#1139

Name: Berto, Connie'

Correspondence: Gentlepeople: I firmly support agriculture in PRNS, and I also support the proposed maximum lease period of 20 years. This will give the ranchers and farmers adequate time to plan their futures.

I am firmly opposed to opening up additional trails to bicycles and electric bicycles (which are motorized). I am especially opposed to opening up and Wilderness Areas to bicycles of any sort. The wheels of bicycles destroy the environment and pose additional safety hazards to other, slower trail users.

I urge the Federal Government to hire additional rangers for patrolling the trails of PRNS and GGNRA and to issue citations to those who are breaking the posted regulations.

I also support holding controlled hunts of the tule elk in PRNS. This is not only a money-maker for PRNS, but will reduce the herds to more manageable levels.

#1140

Name: Rushworth, Jerily

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1141

Name: Dudley, M.D., B

Correspondence: Wow! Are you also Trumpster/Bankster captives/slaves? Since when is a National Park a commercial farm? Or a shooting gallery serving precious species killers? No doubt any such farmers would appreciate Park Service funds providing all sorts of services at little to no cost, not least maintaining roads and at least some fences, and goodness knows what else! Rangers provide far more security than usual in rural America. At what point does America stop becoming the Land Where Crooks Run Free?

At the borders of every National Park ought to be at least an understood sign:

Bankster Bucks Stop Here!

Who knows, maybe some millennium they and all other forms of ruthless tyranny/domination/exploitation will be extinct. One can always hope!

#1142

Name: Dipaola , Marisa

Correspondence: Hello.

I'm an environmental artist and onetime visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore; because I love the interconnection of wildlife and wild lands and Point Reyes delivered!

I've learned that Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Actually, commercial agriculture probably shouldn't be allowed much room at all, since native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape and tourism at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. They are the Native inhabitants. They're to be protected!

Unfortunately the Point Reyes ranches enjoy subsidized grazing fees and housing, and also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. So commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Clearly, the Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Industrial scale agricultural often requires machinery and toxic pollution, creating degraded soil and water and access to habitat for Native species.. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Existing cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in the Point Reyes Park at all, where fumes and runoff harm endangered species and wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion and spread invasive plants and diseases.

Currently, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases, which must be limited to ensure a future for any of us. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1143

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

#1144

Name: Klein, Luke

Correspondence: Your plan to kill native Tule Elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live is a disgrace. You would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this public land. Its would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. Native wildlife have just as much right to exist as us. This plan is evil, cruel and against all norms of civilization. I urge you to cancel it immediately.

#1145

Name: mace, pat

Correspondence: DO NOT SHJOOT ELK IN CALIFORINA REYES PARK. WE DON'T NEED MORE ARTICHOKES EITHER! WE NEED THE ANIMALS AND LAND AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR OWN SURVIVAL AND THE PLANET!

#1146

Name: Britton, Sandra

Correspondence: I am writing to voice my opposition to the killing of the Tule Elk at Point Reyes in California. The National Park Service, as well as the Trump administration should all hang their heads in shame for bowing to special interests, rather than doing your job and protecting these animals.

How can one person have so much hatred and disregard for the natural world? Trump will go down in history as the absolute worst president this country has ever had. I only hope that the natural world can survive his relentless attacks, and his sanctioned destruction. It is very sad that the one person who has the power to lead the world in doing what is right for humanity and the natural world, is only interested in death and destruction. Rather than evolving and doing everything possible to save the world, Trump has taken a path of DARKNESS. Tell me Mr. Trump, "What does it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul?"

"If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to the man. All things are connected." Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth." - - - Chief Seattle

#1147

Name: Genaze, Matthew

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

I oppose the proposed changes.

#1148

Name: Rosenstrauss, Maurice

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

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#1149

Name: Price , Martha

Correspondence: This is a shocking plan to kill NATIVE tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the ONLY national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

This proposal is ill-considered, disastrous and points in absolutely the wrong direction that the agency and this country at large should be going in. Plans like this further the climate crisis rather than addressing it in a beneficial way through best practices. It's well past time to stop the antiquated maneuvers like this proposal. Stand up to this president and stop this proposal from moving forward, and instead stand up for the environment which is what this tax-payer funded agency is supposed to be doing.

#1150

Name: Lowrey, Josephine

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1151

Name: Hallcom, Donald

Correspondence: The National Park Service has introduced a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. The plan would also enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

Additionally, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

I urge the Park Service to rescind this reckless and ill-considered plan.

#1152

Name: Taylor, Gigi

Correspondence: I think it is imperative to preserve the tule elk population at Point Reyes. I lived in California's Bay Area for many years, and am quite familiar with the wonderful park. The elk are beautiful, and all visitors look forward to seeing them, and are thrilled to discover each viewing. So much fun to search the landscape looking for them!

They are an iconic aspect of the park, and help with visitor understanding of the interaction of creatures with the environment.

The landscape would be barren without the elk. Control numbers gently, if you must, but do not eliminate the herds...please!

#1153

Name: Warren , Sherry

Correspondence: Please don't allow more bike access to the beautiful Pt. Reyes trails. It is one of the few safe areas a horseback rider can go without worrying about bicycles speeding down the hills and running into my horse! They ride with their eyes down on the road ahead of them and not looking down the trail for other hikers or riders. You can be yelling horse horse !! But because they have ear buds in and listening to music they don't hear you till they almost run into you. If I'm lucky there might be room to get off the trail when I'm yelling at them, sometimes no place to go. Please don't allow this to happen.

#1154

Name: herbert, Lisa

Correspondence: Please keep bikes off of equestrian trails, it's too dangerous for both bikers and horses and riders. There are not enough rangers to patrol our trails as it is and someone will be seriously hurt.

#1155

Name: Wolfberg, Amy

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam,

As a lifelong Californian who celebrates our state's biological diversity, wildlands, and wildlife, I am shocked to learn the National Park Service plans to "cull" Tule Elk from their natural habitat in Point Reyes National Seashore. I truly do not understand the logic behind the decision to allow this to go forward.

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for your time in considering my comments and concerns.

Sincerely, Amy Wolfberg

#1156

Name: Taylor, Stephanie

Correspondence: I absolutely opposed killing native animals at Point Reyes in order to have more grazing land for cattle. This proposal is insane. There are millions of acres of land where cattle can graze but only a relatively tiny area for the Tule elk. Native wild animals should take precedence over domesticated animals. Control the numbers of cattle NOT elk.

#1157

Name: Hadjsalem, Jamila

Correspondence: I am deeply opposed to the National Park Service's plan to allow for up to 15 tule elk killings per year in the Point Reyes National Seashore park. The reason for the killings are inane and pander to big-ag and lobbyists: to appease ranchers looking to feed their cattle on public lands, to allow for sheep, goats, chickens and pigs to move in, and to convert grasslands for artichoke and other row crop farming. While it's a good thing to grow vegetables, Point Reyes is not the place to do so. And it certainly is not the place to allow for private rancher grazing. This would bring into conflict too many wild animals with domesticated ones, and also negatively impact the ecosystem, with animal waste and degradation of the soil. We need wild ecosystems intact, and killing native species for invasive ones (cows, etc) is not in keeping with good ecological practices at all. Thank you, Jamila HadjSalem

#1158

Name: Padilla, Hilda

Correspondence: Please protect wildlife and nature that is consistently under attack from all sides. You are in a position to do so.

#1159

Name: Orengo-McFarlane , Michelle

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands - native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

#1160

Name: Kozub, John

Correspondence: National Parks belong to every American and preservation of these parks in their natural state should be the priority of the Park Service. Commercialization, cattle grazing, and crop growing should not be allowed in protected areas, as these activities put the natural ecosystem at risk. I have visited this park, and don't want to see any changes to the land, the fauna and flora of this beautiful area. Please do not allow grazing or farming in Point Reyes National Park, and do NOT kill native animals in order to help private companies make a profit from public lands.

#1161

Name: Lecki, Peter

Correspondence: Amazon rainforest is burning to make more land for cattle farmers. Now we're talking about initiating a species extinction of the Tule elk to make even more cattle ranch land life long locally?

#1162

Name: Barnes, Jolene

Correspondence: Please do not fold under the pressures of catering to the cattle industry. Cows are a dime a dozen, but our Tule Elk are special.

#1163

Name: Laskey, Karen

Correspondence: No cattleman , protect our land and elk. I am also wondering wht the cattlemen seem to get all our public land for next to nothing?

#1164

Name: Guarino, Lisa

Correspondence: There can be no motivation outside of financial gain to explain allowing the slaughter of these

Elk by ranchers. Having leased these lands means acknowledging they do not own them, they are borrowing access to them and may have to share resources with others. I lease an apartment and have a shared laundry space. Nowhere in this contract does it allow tenants to harm other tenants who use this shared resource, even if they leave their crap in the dryer or are otherwise annoying. Ranchers need to share the land they are borrowing, especially with their industry raising increasing concerns as to its sustainability and environmental impact as well as the ethical and health concerns regarding meat consumption.

#1165

Name: Schormann, Kathleen

Correspondence: This is a disgusting.

#1166

Name: Gura, Joanne

Correspondence: This idea sounds absurd to me. Reduce cattle ranching on public land and where other wildlife live and have lived forever. If these cattle were feeding America I could see having them here on our land, maybe not our public lands. But the fact is that the millions of cattle on our public lands that they get for next to nothing are export/profit, so it is like they do nothing but cover our country with cattle, never clean up after them, and then ship them off to other countries, all the while killing any other wildlife that might get in their way...absurd...this country belongs to us all...I vote that wildlife gets some respect and gets to keep their land, as each of them actually has a special job that they do to help this planet stay as beautiful as it is...I suggest you get educated on that as well...I also think we pay the salaries of all of you if you work for this govt. and you should listen to what we are trying to say to you....please you are ruining our country and our planet for what....we will not get a do over. Thank you for listening.

#1167

Name: Albertine , Gisele

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching shouldn't be allowed on Public lands anyway. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan

#1168

Name: Walsh , Jenny

Correspondence: Please do not let cattle graze in park!

#1169

Name: SWARTZ, JOHN

Correspondence: Save Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes

As I understand it, President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would allow the shooting of up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Cattle are very destructive to the land.

But even more is planned?? The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. Now if this is true, the Trump Administration has lost its every loving mind!! I HAVE VACATIONED AT PT REYES AND UP THE COAST TO MENDOCINO AND THE REDWOOD STANDS AT MUIR WOODS, THE AVENUE OF THE GIANTS AND BEYOND. THESE LANDS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE, NOT CORPORATIONS. THEY ARE NOT FOR PROFIT. THEY ARE TO BE MAINTAINED FOR WILDLIFE AND THE ENJOYMENT OF VISITORS.

SO MY VOTE IS TO TRASH THIS PLAN AND GO BACK TO THE PREVIOUS PLAN AND SAVE THE WILD!!

THANK YOU.

#1170

Name: Bates, Kim

Correspondence: I am saddened to hear that yet again another area of nature is being cast aside for the interest of the cattle industry. These days we need to work even harder to preserve these areas for future generations. As a taxpayer, I want to see these lands protected as a natural place and not as a handout for ranchers. Thank you Kim Bates

#1171

Name: Nagasawa, Christine

Correspondence: Please abandon all plans to slaughter elk for the purpose of raising cattle. Mankind is already irreparably interfering in nature and destroying the planet. Eating meat is not healthy in general. All species deserve to live and not be factory farmed and fed to merely be slaughtered. Feed hungry people instead. Preserve the natural habitats of wildlife in National Parks.

#1172

Name: Jayson, Pat

Correspondence: We had the wonderful opportunity to visit Point Reyes National Park and marveled at its lovely wildness and open spaces.

But now we see that the National Park Service is considering permitting cattle ranching and even artichoke growers to use this land within the park boundaries. Please tell me that this is not possible.

The NPS preferred Alternative B is so very incompatible with the mission of the National Park Service. The heresy this represents would be comparable to suggesting farming or ranching on the floor of Yosemite Valley.

Please consider the following points: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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We vote for Alternative A. Change nothing.

#1173

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#1174

Name: Vedros, Sally
Correspondence: Hello,

I would like to express my strong opposition to allowing cattle ranchers to encroach on Tule Elk territory in Point Reyes, and especially if it involves allowing them to develop tourism on these lands. We have so few unique wildlife populations in the Bay Area, and we should do as much as possible to preserve them. Although I support grazing, I am more in favor of preserving wildlife lands so that our precious living resources may survive and thrive. There are plenty of other open lands that ranchers can use to graze.

Please add my voice to those opposing this proposal.

Thank you, Sally Vedros San Francisco

#1175

Name: Campano, Janice
Correspondence: I totally oppose the needless slaughter of Tule Elk. Please let them LIVE. They only exist in that part of the world and there's no need to eliminate any more animals and make them extinct.

STOP THE SLAUGHTER PLEASE

#1176

Name: Eskelin, Karen
Correspondence: We do not need more cattle on public land.

#1177

Name: Mancuso, Candy
Correspondence: My first problem with this is that it is NOT President Trump's National Park Service. Secondly, the National Park Service has no business shooting or killing wildlife in any way. The National Parks and all wildlife within these parks should be protected. These lands and all the wildlife on these lands were here before we were and these lands are their home. I find it extremely outrageous and unconscionable that an Agency designed to protect our lands and wildlife are actually destroying it. It is a disgrace and this upsets me very much!

#1178

Name: Langford, Bonnie
Correspondence: Please stop Killing ALL the wildlife!! There is no need for that much Cattle, we only eat a fraction of what is raised. STOP the Welfare Ranchers NOW! Enough is enough already! 80% of Americans want our public lands to remain healthy and the cattle removed

#1179

Name: Pariser, Harry
Correspondence: Dear Staff,

The public lands of Pt. Reyes need to prioritize the numbers of elk rather than kill them,

Farmers need to take a second place!

#1180

Name: N/A, Benjamin

Correspondence: It is absurd to allow commercial crops and even more cattle inside a national park, at the expense of the native wildlife. Isn't the NPS supposed to protect our natural resources?

There already are far too many commercial farms in the park, and they severely limit the amount of habitat that native species have. Why are the roads in a national park lined with barbed wire fences and flanked by commercial operations?

#1181

Name: Buchanan, Anthony

Correspondence: I have been to Pt. Reyes. I cannot believe this could happen to these Elk. There has to be a solution.

#1182

Name: Montgomery, Edith

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a special place. The elk are part of it being special. Everything nowadays is about money. Do not kill the elk so ranchers can make more money on public land. Public land belongs to the public and is not there for private profit.

#1183

Name: Dobрева, Mariyana

Correspondence: It is important to protect wildlife and environment.

We must not privilege economic activities if they damage nature.

#1184

Name: Beer, Julie

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, one of my favorite local parks.

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Please protect the tule elk. Thank you.

#1185

Name: Hartgraves, Paula

Correspondence: Hello,

I am a native Californian and lived most of my life in the San Francisco Bay Area. I was a frequent visitor to all the parks and open spaces there, including Point Reyes National Seashore, where I would specifically go to see the tule elk.

I was horrified to learn that you are planning to kill the native tule elk just for the sake of cattle, who absolutely don't belong in the park to begin with! Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. They belong there. Cattle do not.

Apparently you've forgotten that Point Reyes is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There is no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Agricultural businesses takes up a good portion of California. We don't need them in Point Reyes too. Point Reyes is for both people and wildlife to seek refuge from rampant development. I go to parks like Point Reyes to get away from cities and agribusiness. The parks are important for our physical health and mental well being. You'll destroy the environment and beauty of Point Reyes if you proceed with this ill-advised plan.

It's outrageous that the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. I'm tired of my tax dollars going to "government welfare" ranchers and farmers!

Cattle ranching shouldn't even be allowed in any national park, and especially not at Point Reyes, because cattle ranching often harms endangered species and wildlife habitat, impairs water quality, causes excessive erosion, and spreads invasive plants & diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please do not allow cattle grazing and other farming businesses in Point Reyes. Parks are for people and wildlife, not businesses! Thank you.

#1186

Name: Pugh , Bree

Correspondence: I am very concerned about the Point Reyes plan to allow the shooting deaths of 15 elk per month simply to provide more grazing land to corporate cattle in the area, an action which will violate everything Point Reyes stands for. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Indeed, I find it offensive that private cattle be given any but the most minor consideration on public land. Public lands, funded by the taxpayers and endowed with a mission dedicated to ecological recovery and maintenance for the ultimate restoration of these areas for wildlife and the rest of the ecosystem, as well as the carefully monitored enjoyment of the areas by citizens.

Tule elk- -the elk being proposed to be shot and killed at a rate of 15 animals per month, or 180 per year- -are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

In fact, the Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Even something as innocuous-sound artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Ultimately, any type of artificial activities, especially those as far-reaching in impact as cattle ranching, should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. In fact, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

This barbaric plan to kill native animals who are not threatening or damaging the area in any way to accommodate an environmentally unfriendly species being supported simply to make a private profit- -the exact opposite of why areas like Point Reyes exist in the first place- -is not only wrong, it's revolting. Please stop this barbaric plan.

#1187

Name: N/A, Dory

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#1188

Name: Tolsma, Alice

Correspondence: Please don't do this. This land belongs to the citizens of this country. And I for one think this a very bad idea. The current denizens of this land are unique and special. They are part of what makes this country great.

#1189

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It is my understanding that the restriction of shooting of Tule Elk at Point Reyes is going to be lifted. I consider this to be a terrible idea. Not only is there no need to shoot these animals but having guns at Point Reyes is dangerous to the many visitors. This is a wonderful place for families to experience the outdoors. Opening it to more commercial grazing would not only restrict usage but also lead to deterioration of the area. I had friends from New Zealand visit recently and a visit to Point Reyes was one of the high point of their visit.

#1190

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: LEAVE THE ELK ALONE!

#1191

Name: Wilson, Jan

Correspondence: The points below are reminders of why Point Reyes National Seashore is to be protected as a park and not an area to be exploited for profit.

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

NPS needs to make sure that this park is is not turned into some kind of capital venture.

#1192

Name: Philleo, David

Correspondence: Is this for real :

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But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Native animals, especially rare ones, deserve better. If you must cull relocate, do not kill

#1193

Name: Rosentreter, Roger

Correspondence: I have visited this area and the last thing I want to see there are livestock. Get them out of the National Seashore. This area is supposed to be managed for the "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. There should be NO cattle ranching or agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

The vegetation of this area should be the focus of management not the commercial interests of a hand full of private individuals. Open the seashore up for more public appreciation of the natural world.

The American taxpayer has in the past funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Most Americans care about the Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Such as the Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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#1194

Name: Emmons, Jennifer

Correspondence: Really? For fucking cattle ranchers? This is deplorable. Anyone involved in this decision should be ashamed of themselves. Point Reyes and the elk deserve better.

#1195

Name: Michael, Sandra

Correspondence: Please do not open the Texas public lands to the ranchers and do not kill elk to make room for cattle. Due to climate change, our governments really need to take responsibility and make policy decisions that lower our contribution to global warming... and adding more cattle definitely does not do that and is irresponsible. The government needs to be the lead on this. The elk were here first - we have no business breeding more cattle into existence just to make profits for rich ranchers. The government should be encourage people to eat more plants - it's healthier anyway. Thank you.

#1196

Name: Walusek, Eileen

Correspondence: Like it is stated to be a unique and diverse landscape. To kill an animal unique to this area in order to grow more beef is ludicrous. People are dying every day from too much red meat intake. And more cattle will produce more methane which we know is harmful to the environment.

#1197

Name: Duggan, Eric

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#1198

Name: Pritchard, Roger

Correspondence: Point Reyes Seashore is supposed to be managed in the national interest for us, the public. At the moment it is being managed well, with fairly minimal intrusion from commercial activity, i.e. farming.

The tule elk population is rare and threatened and should remain protected at a distance from commercial activities and predators that can be introduced as a result.

The commercial activities should remain contained and even removed, as the oyster farm was a few years ago.

There are many other points to make but this will do from me for now.

Roger P

#1199

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I was alarmed to hear that Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

This plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Wildlife and natural scenery is what motivates my family and I to visit Point Reyes and other national parks. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

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Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

I vehemently oppose the Park Services destructive plan and urge you to reconsider.

#1200

Name: Catapano, Paola

Correspondence: To whom it may concern, reg:

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#1201

Name: Dallow, Julie
Correspondence: Dear NPS

I am writing to ask you to reconsider the decision to cull elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Point Reyes is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Thank you very much

Yours faithfully

Julie Dallow

#1202

Name: N/A, Erin

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#1203

Name: Brunner, Linda

Correspondence: Point Reyes Park in CA was a place that we enjoyed as citizens and tax payers. We especially looked forward to seeing the Tule Elk. Unique and wonderful residents of that landscape. We recently heard that the Park Service is planning to shoot many of the Elk due to a conflict with cattle??? How can this be. This is public land and more and more there are stories of native animals and plants being usurped by cattle and farm animals.

1. We do not support livestock on the public's parks and lands. 2. None of the Native animals and plants on public lands should be harmed to subsidize the well being of people in the business of raising animals for food or any form of agriculture for that matter. They should be responsible for that undertaking not the tax payer and their recreational lands.

3. The Tule Elk BELONG there. They are part of the ecosystem there. Don't you people have biologists on staff that get that picture? If not, you should.

#1204

Name: Grace, Donna

Correspondence: Point Reyes has been providing a haven and home for the recovering tule elk, in fact it's only home. To allow commercial interests to overcome this progress would be inhumane and unthinkable. Please uphold your own policies and practices by standing up for the elk and protecting them.

#1205

Name: bowman, sam

Correspondence: president of brazil and u.s.

burn destroy most of the amazon rain forest, trump and his complicit cronies all around the globe all for the lust of money and power will destroy the ever demishing wildlife habitat hastening the inevitable extinction of all life on this planet. "as ye so so shall ye reap". humans could be the most wonderful safeguards of all life on this planet but instead our species follows its leaders and if the leaders are narcissistic money mongering power lusting then man "unkind" will be come man "diseased" then man "extinct". "the lust for money and/or power is the root of all evil".

#1206

Name: Wuerthner, George

Correspondence: I support Alt. F to eliminate all domestic livestock and Ag uses in the park unit.

I am surprised that I have to even write such a comment. This is a national park where nature and natural processes are supposed to be given priority. These are public lands and should/must be managed for all Americans, not local economic interests.

The ranchers/farmers in Point Reyes were paid millions of public taxpayer dollars for the land they were using, and it is ethically wrong to allow them to continue using the park resources.

The park is proposing to continue cattle grazing as "a tool to interpret traditional land use and current agricultural practices." The idea that they are necessary for interpretation is absolutely crazy.

First, any one interested in ranching or dairy operations has many private farms/ranches they could visit elsewhere to learn about these operations.

Plus one could argue that Monterey was once a whaling capital so we must restore commercial whaling to the California Coast or perhaps we need to reinstate slavery to "interpret" southern slave culture. Obviously that is not necessary. Nor is it necessary to continue livestock operations to provide for "interpretation."

The production of livestock products at Point Reyes serves no significant purpose to California as there are over 5 million cattle/cows in the state and plenty of private lands available for this production. By contrast, there are few places where tule elk and natural processes are given priority in CA.

The on-going livestock production harms many natural resources in the park, including water quality, helps to spread weeds, compacts soils, competes with native herbivores for forage including everything from insects to ground squirrels to elk. All of these native species deserve priority in a national park unit.

The park's preferred plan puts at-risk native species, including coho salmon, steelhead trout, California freshwater shrimp, tricolored blackbird, Myrtle's silverspot butterfly, California red-legged frog, Western snowy plover, and numerous rare plant species.

The development of springs for livestock harms native species like red-legged frog, and native snails that may rely on these natural water sources.

#1207

Name: Oppenheim, Juliet

Correspondence: I strongly encourage Point Reyes National Park to adhere to their mission of preserving and protecting natural ecosystems and wild life. I do not stand by the use of leasing precious public lands for private dairy industry- -especially knowing the harm caused by such endeavors. The Park should NOT kill the Tule Elk in order to help the profits of the dairy industry, nor should they allow for the 20-year extended lease as it will cause further harm to the land. Right now it is so important to protect nature for the future well-being of all creatures (including humans!).

I urge the park to seriously consider a long term plan to remove the dairy industry from the park and restore the land to it's natural state. You all have an opportunity to preserve one of the most biodiverse places on this planet!

#1208

Name: Doswell, Carolyn

Correspondence: Your plan to kill elk for Cattle Ranchers is a blight and travesty to American freedom and a healthy eco system. Cattle Ranchers do NOT have the right to monopolize public land at the expense of natural wildlife. This death sentence to our precious wildlife must stop.

#1209

Name: shwery, carol

Correspondence: The thing that makes Point Reyes so special are the Tule Elk. They are the reason I drive for hours and hours to come to see them frequently. The ranches in the area do nothing for the people that come to enjoy the region and it's beauty.

Killing the elk in favor of the money making ranches is horrific on many levels and a decision that will ultimately create disgust and hostility in many people. I for 1 will never go to Point Reyes again if this occurs

#1210

Name: LaPorte, Michele

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#1211

Name: Zimmerman, Paulette

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Commercial agricultural leases on these public lands are not part of the Act. Instead native wildlife and public access should have priority.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. This is the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. It is simply appalling to consider such cruel actions.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

#1212

Name: Sterman, N

Correspondence: I strongly appose the proposal to extend ranch leases over Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate Recreation areas. and selectively slaughter Tule elk in the protected areas. Cattle ranching does not belong in these rare habitat areas at all. These are public lands, intended for the public, not for private use, and certainly intended to protect these habitats. I am fully opposed to the General Plan Amendment!!!

#1213

Name: Brennan, Brien

Correspondence: I have just heard about the proposed agricultural uses, including the murder of 15 Tule elk each year, for Point Reyes National Seashore. There is so much misdirection in these, such as:

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- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract an abundance of birds presently not feeding in the park. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes, who will then be targeted as nuisances. Expanded ranching would only create new conflicts with these sentient beings.

- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving ecological integrity. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. In general, mowing is murder, especially in self-willed communities of life.

#1214

Name: Rule, Juliann

Correspondence: I am writing because I am against the shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. I am also completely against allowing conversion of park grasslands to farms and row crops and let ranchers bring in sheep, goats and other animals. Our National Seashores, and all of our national lands, should never be used by private interests for any reasons. These areas should be refuges for wild animals and for people. My understanding is that Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed, by law, to be managed for the "maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment. The natural environment is a reason that I visit our National Parks, Seashores and Forests. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. It has taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore them to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. They should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park, not treated as problem animals. It is abhorrent to me that the narrow interests of ranchers and farmers should be taken over the interests in preserving nature. The cattle that are there now are the seashore's main source of greenhouse gases, so the Park Services preferred alternative is inconsistent with its Climate Friendly Parks plan. Parks are for all of us and for nature, not for the narrow interests of a few who would seek to destroy what's good about our parks for their own benefits.

#1215

Name: Sharkey, M.

Correspondence:

Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California

President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

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But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

I have visited Point Reyes and other National Parks over my lifetime. This administrations assault on the environment is truly disgusting.

#1216

Name: YOUNG, Meredith

Correspondence: I am horrified that MY National Park , paid for with tax dollars is being pillaged by for-profit cattle and dairy operators. For a National Park , there is essentially very FEW native wildlife., ie., tule elk vs domestic and property damaging cattle/cows. The concentrated poo pits clearly end up polluting the shoreline and encourage the growth of toxic algae blooms that contaminate sea-life.

How is this any benefit to Sonoma park goers ? The only people benefitting from this convoluted sellout is the big business diary and cattle organizations. Tourists do not visit to see poo ponds and cattle, they come to see wildlife like the elk. I feel like this 'PARK' purchase has been hijacked by cattle money and , perhaps political folks who may 'benefit' by supporting the big ranches vs tax paid parkland for people and wildlife.

We taxpayers were cheated. I want to see walkable , natural parkland with free roaming elk and other wildlife.

#1217

Name: Mizell, Keely

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, and public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

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Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment, and agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion, or spread invasive plants/diseases. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases, so the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. It's ridiculous that cattle ranchers were allowed to use a national park in the first place.

#1218

Name: Carl, Elaine

Correspondence: This is so unacceptable to give ranchers that right to murder and main wildlife. What is wrong with you people .you are doing nothing to protect our lands and wildlife.you disgust me.

#1219

Name: Martin, A

Correspondence: President Trump's Park Service plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore is absolutely shocking. This is the ONLY national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

I strongly protest this plan.

#1220

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: There has never been any hunting in Point Reyes. In the past I have Hiked through there many times. THIS WOULD ALSO ENDANGER HIKERS BECAUSE THESE ARE WIDE OPEN HIKING TRIALS. Please live and LET LIVE. These changes are unnecessary. We need to protect the Tule Elk. This is THE ONLY NATURAL PARK WHERE THESE ANIMALS LIVE!!! THEY NEED THE PARK GRASSLANDS. ****PLEASE TAKE THE TIME***TO HELP MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LIVE STOCK OWNERS.

KEEP A PEACEFUL SANCTUARY FOR THESE ANIMALS.

#1221

Name: Dougherty, Anne

Correspondence: After having lived in and around the SF Bay Area for 40 years, Point Reyes has been one of my most frequented and beloved landscapes for long walks, a bit of swimming, and a lot of photography over the years. I am stunned and disheartened to learn of plans to allow killing off the Tule Elk who live on the land at Point Reyes, and this land only. Tule elk are an important part of this landscape. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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And possibly the most important reason for not destroying these animals in their natural habitat,

" Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

These are all important issues which should not be dismissed. I cannot bear the thought of slaughtering the animals whose land this really is, and destroying this beautiful area, allowing it to become another unhealthy environment. We cannot keep doing this.

Please do everything you can to stop this atrocious policy from going into effect. Thank you for your efforts!

A Dougherty

#1222

Name: Lifton, Sarah

Correspondence: I am writing in vehement opposition to the ill-conceived proposal to cull elk from the Pt. Reyes herd and quadruple lease terms for ranchers. Expanding agriculture in this way will lead to degradation of the ecosystem and further conflicts with other native wildlife. It will also embolden ranchers to call for killing the park's bobcats, foxes, coyotes and birds- -pretty much anything that potentially interferes with ranching. The ranchers, not the elk and other species, are the interlopers here and do NOT have a God-given right to encroach on public lands and wildlife. Please do the right thing and drop this absurd proposal.

#1223

Name: DeBolt, Ann

Correspondence: Dear Point Reyes National Seashore:

I firmly believe that the natural values, native wildlife, and public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not be shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

The Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Lastly, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Sincerely, Ann DeBolt

#1224

Name: Cimino, richard

Correspondence: Dear Point Reyes Management, Subject: Point Reyes General Management Plan Having reviewed the National Park Service (NPS) Draft Point Reyes Management Plan EIS of August 24, 2019 please enter my comments into the official record. My interruption is that this NPS - EIS document is strictly in support of ranching within the park, ignoring the NPS commitment to the values of conservation. Conservation has a social component, a commitment to nature, science, and the restoration of the landscape and society. Increased ranching within the park is opening the door to commodity row crops plus goat, sheep and chicken production which is not in the framework of the National Park Service. If the NPS adopts one of the suggested agriculture growth plans, the wounds inflicted upon the environment and the conservation community will never heal. I respect, understand and appreciate the need for ranching as an industry which provides us food and fiber. The park service has so many management tasks before it in the day-to-day operation of the Point Reyes National Park. Industrial scale ranching shouldn't be added. Why has managing elk gained priority over managing the compliance of dairy cow and cattle herd size? Wildlife conservation and parkland restoration have been a long-standing public interest in the national park ethic over agriculture. I strongly suggest that the next revision of the EIS Plan support (items 1 thru 6 below) preparing the ranchers to move out of the National Park over a five year period from the time the plan is adopted. 1.) Provide professional coaching support to the ranching community enabling a positive exit from the National Park. 2.) Provide professional real estate services to help the exiting ranchers find land to establish their trade in-state or out-of-state. 3.) Federal funds can be requested by Rep. J. Huffman and both California Senators to fund these supportive services through the Department of Agriculture. 4.) These services would be available at no cost to the ranching families. 5.) When the ranchers exit the park, their leases are closed to farming of any type- dairy milk production, cattle raising and all agriculture activities. 6.) All care should be given to reach a comfortable departure where the ranching community recognizes that their government has cared for them and that their exiting is for the good of all concerned. I support implementing the Alternative E to eliminate dairy ranching in the Point Reyes National Park with added support for the ranching families at no cost to assist in exiting the park in 5 years. With Appreciation, Rich Cimino

#1225

Name: Caplin, Donna

Correspondence: We and our family and friends are frequent visitors to the Point Reyes National Seashore which we value as a public treasure. I am very concerned about the proposal to allow elk culling, new domestic farm animals and row crops in this area. These policies will adversely wildlife and have a devastating impact on the park's native species. I am completely opposed to these proposals.

#1226

Name: Asakawa, Patricia

Correspondence: I grew up in Northern California and went to UC Berkeley. I have often visited the Point Reyes area - it is a wonderful asset for all Californians. I oppose culling tule elk and quadrupling the lease terms for the working lands at Point Reyes. This action weakens the protections these lands need to continue to be available to all. We desperately need our wild spaces and they are under increasing pressure which must be opposed.

#1227

Name: COHEN, JENNIE

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of

successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore Tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1228

Name: Zagrodnik, Jeanne

Correspondence: I am against culling the elk. I am against extending the ranch leases. I prefer to see the land returned to its natural state (less or no ranches, more wildlife).

#1229

Name: Wall, Jack

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore

You gotta be crazy! For a park that bills itself as a "A Natural Sanctuary" you are proposing to shoot native elk and replace them with cattle????

The park is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Why waste all that just to further subsidize ranches? And turning park lands into row farms, introducing chickens, goats, sheep and pigs? Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Plus with human-caused climate disruption impacting all of us, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1230

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I have a few points I'd like to make about Point Reyes National Seashore, which is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. • Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. • Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. • Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. • The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural

activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. • Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

Please preserve this natural treasure. Thank you for your time and consideration.

#1231

Name: Savage, Elizabeth

Correspondence: There is no purpose to allow the killing of Tule Elk besides greed and the "glory" of trophy hunting. The desire from cattle farmers to allow these animals to be killed are solely so their cattle can graze on the park's land will lead to a whole new host of issues. The allowance of cattle to graze on these lands will ruin the park itself, water and grasslands will be destroyed. This will in turn cause more animals from the park (including the elk) to move to non-public lands and give more cause for these animals to be killed by farmers. This will also lead to prey animals feeding on private land from theirs being destroyed. This will cause a spread of the whole ecosystem and result in more wildlife interactions with people. For the sake of the park itself, animals in the park, farmers and people in surrounding areas do not allow farmers to have cattle graze and to prevent these rare elk from being killed for no reason.

#1232

Name: ari, lauren

Correspondence: Point Reyes sea shore is a place I come to feel connected to nature and hold dear to my heart. It has come to my attention that the bay we all enjoy and swim in is full of cow dung due to runoff. That our majestic Tule elk and other creatures in the natural sea shore are in peril. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Please help preserve the lands for our future generations. Our health and our land deserves to be protected.

#1233

Name: Vinton, Joanne

Correspondence: The proposals in the GMP Amendment DEIS for Point Reyes are shocking. Shooting elk? Adding pigs and other livestock? This is a national park, not another Trump business deal. Like the oyster farms, it's time to start phasing out the ranches, not increase their capacity or diversity of crops. What would more livestock do to water quality?

I don't know how the proposals could even be legal. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

These proposals will never happen, so please save everyone time and trouble, and think up something more in sync with preservation.

Thank you.

#1234

Name: Delisle, Sylvie

Correspondence: I am outraged to learn that National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. The

purpose of a National Park is to protect wildlife and not to use it for letting cows graze its protected land. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. I also learned that there is a plan for the conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife. The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Please keep this National Park for its intended purpose, to protect wildlife and not to use it for farming. Thank you

#1235

Name: Sandeen, Mimi

Correspondence: Is Point Reyes National Seashore public land? Or private and commercial use land? Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be public land and should be maintained to protect its natural state. Why are you instead allowing ranching at the loss of wildlife resources? And shooting elk so a few ranchers are appeased? And why are you allowing conversion of the natural landscape into cultivated farmland?

So why are you working on the behalf of ranchers and agricultural concerns? This is the opposite of what you're supposed to be doing. The National Park Service should be serving the parks and protecting our natural heritage. It should be protecting wildlife and the natural landscape. That's your job.

#1236

Name: Colasurdo, Christine

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service:

I am writing in strong opposition to your plan to kill 15 Tule elk each year. Tule elk are, as you know, a native species that only lives at Point Reyes. The plan is misguided and wrong. The elk should be protected, not hunted.

I also strongly object to your plan to prioritize for-profit farm and livestock operations over protecting native grasslands. The National Park Service is funded by American taxpayers and should act on behalf of the American people, not private, for-profit companies seeking to profit from public lands.

As an American taxpayer I urge you to switch course and correct the misguided plan to destroy a native species and sell out public lands for private profit-seeking companies.

Sincerely, Christine Colasurdo

#1237

Name: Tucker, Karen

Correspondence: This park is intended for public use and the protection of nature. It is not, and never has been, intended for the use, in any capacity, of private farmers. It's there to protect the environment, in part from those very farmers! Natural values and the protection and enhancement of the natural environment should be the top priorities for this land - the very opposite of the proposals now under discussion.

Tule elk, whose habitat is severely threatened by these proposals, are rare creatures who only live in this one park. Given the current extinction crisis, the US should be doing everything it can to protect this last population. When one species disappears from an ecosystem, the gap it leaves can make a huge difference in the entire structure and

appearance of the area. Yellowstone is a case in point. Do you really want Point Reyes to become a second example?

The Point Reyes ranchers already enjoy huge benefits from this land, maintained at public expense. I understand that some of that expense should be recouped, but this is not the *raison d'être* of the park, nor should it ever become so. Allowing commercial planting on this land, even more than allowing a rare and important species to die out, would change the ecosystem radically, and should not be tolerated. New animals would enter the area, potentially threatening other species in the park.

Cattle are, of course, a primary source of greenhouse gases, and should therefore be kept to a minimum on public land. Are the ranchers not benefitting already to an excessive degree from land that is publicly owned and maintained? Adding to their privileges while degrading the environment of the park would be a massive retrograde step in the protection of nature, and as such, these proposals should be denied.

#1238

Name: Coffey, Jill

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1239

Name: 1544 Old Sequoia Ct., Julie

Correspondence: I was lured to visit Point Reyes National Park 1 1/2 years ago, by a photo of Tulle Elk which graced a magazine which I receive. An avid photographer of wildlife, I read the story which reflected the many different flora and fauna available to spot in the park. I was excited to plan a trip to visit this unique habitat and was not disappointed. I can't think of another National park in our United States with the amount of diversity included in Point Reyes. A beautiful seashore, forest for the animals which seek it's cover, plenty of walking and hiking without fear of borders for the human visitors, but best of all, seeing the Tulle Elk. Living in Colorado, elk

are common, but I had no idea that these elegant creatures lived and thrived on the California coast. To cull them for the sake of cattle grazing would be an anathema! To plant row crops where animals live and tourists visit is extremely discouraging as well. Is this a national park? Or has it become a commercial enterprise? As one who values environmental quality, these changes are absurd. I look forward to returning to Point Reyes again, but I fear with the new potential changes, the trip will no longer be necessary. I implore you to keep the park in intact as it is.

Thank you for listening,

Julie Picardi

#1240

Name: Gonzalez, Paola

Correspondence: I am writing to express my concern for the plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. As such, priority should be made to protect this native species, the soil and the water quality currently found here.

In a time where care must be given to diversity and the earth, it is important to focus on the importance of the Point Reyes Act and to uphold it, not to focus on corporate interests and for-profit cattle-growing. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Please consider the concern of your state residents, as well as those of future generations to come who are not able to voice their concerns.

#1241

Name: Mooney, Marina

Correspondence: Dear All,

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1242

Name: Storrs, Andrea

Correspondence: I am against the proposed plan for managing the elk population at Point Reyes National Seashore. The purpose of a National Seashore is to preserve native habitat, not to allow subsidized livestock grazing. The idea of allowing new agricultural activities is absurd. I contribute routinely to the NPS, I do so to protect natural habitat for future generations.

#1243

Name: N/A, Andrew

Correspondence: NPS, Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Additionally, cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. Thank you for your time, AU

#1244

Name: Johnston, Beverly

Correspondence: I am vehemently opposed to opening yet more land to the cattle industry. Studies have proven that the cattle industry is a major contributor to the environmental problems today. Consumers are more aware of this fact as evidenced by the decrease in meat consumption and the increase of plant based products. Please do NOT open more land to ranchers - - especially at the expense of the magnificent Tule Elk.

#1245

Name: Ruprecht, Paul

Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

I strongly support Alternative F. Please remove all commercial ranching and dairy operations from this gem of a national park. Agriculture does not belong in our national parks! It harms the wildlife, native plants, scenery, and water quality.

Thank you,

Paul Ruprecht

#1246

Name: Schlinger, Debbie

Correspondence: An unholy and unhealthy plan has been put out there to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

Livestock owners are being "honored" so they can enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land, which will enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

This plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Please do not do this. It's time to take a stance against unwise land use. California, my old home state for more than 30 years, is under attack from private interests. How about you keep this from happening and keep this land for the general public and the native animals that live there, and not for the rancher or farmer. Commercial interests are given enough concessions.

#1247

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: To the National Park Service Please PROTECT Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. This park is a national treasure. The National Park Service under President Trump has issued a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. This is the only national park where these rare animals live. This is a national park that belongs to all of us.

The plan does not include protections for Tule elk and the healthy grasslands that they require. The plan does not address the damage from grazing, water quality degradation, and soil erosion that results from cattle grazing.

The agency intends to kill 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. This plan would prioritize private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use.

In addition, the plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs. All of this will further degrade Point Reyes National Seashore and will damage and harm native wildlife.

#1248

Name: Goodman, Arifa

Correspondence: I am appalled that the National Park Service plans to kill members of the Tule elk population in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." This does not mean the NPS should be working to promote the interests of private commercial agriculture. The Tule elk are a rare breed, living only at Point Reyes. Their current population is the result of many years of careful wildlife management to protect and nurture this species. As someone who loves our National Parks for providing sanctuary and refuge for wild animals to live and thrive in this moderne world, with its ever decreasing natural habitat and over development, I urge you to re-consider this dreadful plan and continue to manage Point Reyes as a pristine habitat for the subsistence of the Tule elk and all other native inhabitants of this beautiful land which is such a valuable part of our national heritage.

Thank you.

#1249

Name: Park, Lea

Correspondence: Re: Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Please reconsider the plan to cull native tule elk from the park and to expand and institutionalize cattle grazing and the raising of other types of livestock in the park. This is a very special landscape and one of the last places where the tule Elk still thrive. Cattle, livestock and agricultural

interests already occupy vast tracts of land in California. There is no need to expand their footprints into such a unique and vulnerable landscape particularly in the age of climate change. As a California resident, tax payer and frequent visitor to the park, I urge you to preserve this landscape for its own sake.

Regards,

Lea Clay Park

#1250

Name: Mulrane, Lisa

Correspondence: I oppose allowing ranchers access to our public lands.

#1251

Name: Ari, Lauren

Correspondence: I am struggling to understand the name "National Park Service" in light of learning of the ranching practices ongoing at Point Reyes National Seashore with the apparent approval and protection of said "Service."

My understanding is that congress purchased Point Reyes National Seashore as a park, one intended to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "MAXIMUM PROTECTION, RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT."

That does not include in any way a mandate for prioritizing or protecting commercial agricultural exploitation - - and the subsequent ruination - - of these public lands.

So is "The National Park Service" intended in the way restaurant service works? To hand protected lands over to private interests on a silver platter. To open unique and delicate ecologies to the unfettered, short-sighted gluttony of ranching?

I urge you to educate yourself on what's going on now that is in sharp contrast to the MAXIMUM PROTECTION, RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT including

- The destruction of Tule elk, native fauna in the area
- The extreme amount of bovine waste saturating land and water - 133 million pounds per year
- Blatant disregarding wildlife friendly recommendations that were submitted to the park decades ago
- "The worst case of land management ever seen" as stated by members of the BLM
- Blatant lies about economic value and sustainability
- Ignoring public response surveys and ignoring overwhelming public outcry
- Frequently violating lease agreements with no consequences
- Using my tax dollars to fund ranching related expenses
- Prioritizing rancher desires over wildlife needs
- Allowing ranchers to squat on land after the expiration of their leases.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

I hope you will seriously take time to sit in judgement on your own actions. Turn off your cell phone. Turn off the TV. Meditate on the land around you and your responsibility for it.

I pray this: May YOUR sleep reflect the peace you feel at your core about the actions you take TODAY to protect and preserve this treasured territory. May YOU not rest peacefully until you are fulfilling the original intent of The National Park Service.

#1252

Name: Green, Dr. Brent

Correspondence: Dear NPS, Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on our Point Reyes National Seashore land use and Tule Elk. As a retired professional I value the past long term efforts to restore the native ecosystem and Tule Elk habitat so that I and so many others can visit the natural scenery and wildlife. I spend countless days hiking and bringing family and friends to visit. So much time, money, and efforts have gone into restoring this area I am shocked that the many Elk are being considered to be shot removed, fenced, or otherwise treated as a problem in service of commercial interests (cattle). Moreover, that land is compromised by 1400 lb. cattle (I've seen the video of this). Are tax-payers subsidizing commercial grazing and housing? Have we voted on whether taxpayers approve of this? Under the Point Reyes Act "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" is the mandate. Lets follow it by NOT allowing the Elk's habitat to be further disrupted and by NOT having new agricultural activities (planting row crops, artichokes, and having pigs, chickens) introduced. Thank you.

#1253

Name: Kirk, Sue

Correspondence: Public lands should be protected for the preservation of the natural ecosystems unique to native wildlife and plants. We should be stewards not exploiters of nature's resources for the current and future generations. Protect this iconic species of elk.

#1254

Name: Nakumura, David

Correspondence: If the ranching families get exclusive use of the ranches in no bid deals, what was the point of buying the ranches in the first place? They cashed out big and then got to keep their ranches tax free on below market leases. What a deal for them and just to stick it to the taxpayer?

#1255

Name: Golding, William

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1256

Name: Gore, Laurie

Correspondence: Do not allow the killing, sterilizing, removal or further curtailing of the territory of these beautiful native ungulates. Do not allow the expansion of ranching and farming within the park lands; planting row crops, raising livestock other than the cattle already permitted would jeopardize the well-being of native predators and other species who need safe, undisturbed lands to call their homes.

#1257

Name: Newbold, Richard

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern:

When Pt. Reyes was turned into a park, similar to the oyster farm that existed at the time, the NPS extended existing businesses the right to continue until the original owner retired.

The is the expectation with all parks that are converted from private property.

For the ranchers to try to work a "side-deal" to bypass this expectation goes against the original intent of the bill to create the park.

Again, like the oyster farm that existed in Pt. Reyes, it is time for the ranchers to cease operations and allow the park to become the natural environment it was before the ranchers arrived.

Please don't allow the ranches to continue. They have had 50 year's notice of this change and need to accept reality to let the ranches go.

Thank you for your consideration.

#1258

Name: Kennedy, Barbara

Correspondence: Manage Pt Reyes Seashore for those values it was created to protect: the landscape and its wildlife.

Phase out dairy and beef ranching, as was originally intended.

No increase in the level of commercial activity of leaseholders in the Seashore.

Protect wildlife over livestock.

Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education.

Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

Stop the horrible plan to kill tule elk for the benefit of ranchers.

#1259

Name: Dietz, Matthew

Correspondence: I support the eventual discontinuance of cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore. The mission of the National Park Service and for Point Reyes National Seashore in particular is to support the natural ecological systems and preserve native biodiversity for this generation and future generations to enjoy. The original cattle ranchers were given generous compensation for their land, have been provided subsidized housing and grazing fees, and were guaranteed 25 years grazing rights. That time has long expired, and it is now time to promote the benefits of the park for the general public, biodiversity, and natural processes.

Tule elk should be allowed to expand in the park as cattle are being phased out. This is the only national park in the US with tule elk. There are many opportunities for cattle ranching outside of the park but very few opportunities to have free-ranging tule elk outside of Point Reyes. Cattle ranching is damaging to the land, is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, and benefits private interests at the expense of the public and the condition of the land.

I do not support Alternative B (the preferred alternative). Instead, I support maximum conservation as is supported in alternative F or a similar plan of management.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Matthew S Dietz, Ph.D. (Ecology)

#1260

Name: N/A, Kate

Correspondence: I don't think farmers should be allowed to graze their livestock on Point Reyes land. The deer have much more right to be there and should in no way be disturbed, much less shot. This is protected natural land. The wildlife that lives there should be protected as well. Please do not allow anyone to shoot wildlife at Point Reyes National Seashore. It is a national gem, as are the wildlife that live there. Thank you.

#1261

Name: O'Brien, Jess

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I go to Pt. Reyes every year to visit nature. NOT COWS.

Please protect the ELK in point reyes, not the CATTLE!

Time to get these ranchers out of our national park.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

Jess O'Brien

#1262

Name: Pike, Brian

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1263

Name: Cuviallo, Pat

Correspondence: Cattle ranching has been and continues to be a scourge on our planet. Get rid of the cattle and let the elk free. Why are we even debating this when our planet is burning and cattle ranching is a major contributor.

#1264

Name: Goldstein, Amy

Correspondence: These are public lands and should not be used for grazing cattle. They should be maintained and kept for the wildlife like the Elk.

I urge the National park service to do the following: -Manage Pt Reyes Seashore for those values it was created to protect: the landscape and its wildlife. -Phase out dairy and beef ranching, as was originally intended. -No increase in the level of commercial activity of leaseholders in the Seashore. -Protect wildlife over livestock. -Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. -Re-purpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

Thank you for all you do!

#1265

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: To the Park Service:

Point Reyes National Seashore is managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate- and never has been- for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes and their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore Tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. They should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. It's people and their cattle that are the problems, not elk.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. Agricultural leases are NOT the mandate expressed in the Point Reyes Act.

The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes, including planting artichokes or other row crops that will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

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#1266

Name: McQuillan, Kathleen

Correspondence: I am writing as a former resident of the State of California. The continued degradation and/or reduction of habitat for rare and endangered species has got to stop. Human encroachment on land as beautiful and precious as Point Reyes is just one more awful example of our disregard for the inherent value of the few remaining wild and natural areas left in our nation. The survival of the Tule Elk is important to the native ecosystem of this region of California. My request is "let it be".

#1267

Name: Linsley, Walter

Correspondence: I am a retired water quality professional with a doctorate in biochemistry. I am very familiar with the seashore, having visited pt. Reyes multiple times annually since 1971. If the proposed alternative to allow row crops like artichokes and new livestock such as sheep, pigs, and chickens is adopted, then the resulting pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and Coliform bacteria will do irreversible harm to the natural environmental balance and water quality. Please do not adopt any alternative with that possibility in it.

#1268

Name: Tarr, Christina

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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I live in the area and visit Point Reyes often. It's a wonderful thing to have a national seashore so close to a populated area. I go there often to watch birds, look at wildflowers, camp and hike. I have nothing against cows or ranching or agriculture, but I don't think it belongs in a national park, particularly when ranching is coming in to conflict with wildlife. All over the west wild animals are shot and killed so that ranchers can grow more and more cows. I'm not in favor of that either, but I'm really not in favor of it in our national parks.

Ranching is fine, but not in Point Reyes National Seashore. Remove the farming. Let the elk live.

#1269

Name: Kretzer, Michelle

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#1270

Name: Zerzan, Paula

Correspondence: I live in Sonoma County. I left a vibrant, exciting city to live near physical beauty and wildlife. I love the moments when wilderness offers a taste of the untouched, the wild.

Our public lands are just that - public. I don't believe they should be used for private gain, and the idea that individuals can profit from grazing and trampling these lands is repugnant.

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Wildlands are precious, and require preservation, not degradation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paula Zerzan

#1271

Name: Eberle, Martha

Correspondence: I am appalled. Ever since trump became president, he has ordered one horrible catastrophe after another, to happen to our land and wildlife. I'm "assuming" that you have an environmental mandate to PROTECT what is under your care?! Stop these changes now, to kill the elk, to allow ranchers to have more say than The People, to essentially turn the park into a ranching enterprise. If you care nothing about the responsibility you have to us and to the United States, think of your reputation and legacy, what this will say about you to your families, your children and grandchildren. THINK.

#1272

Name: Kovalicky, tom

Correspondence: For Pete sakes will you please hold your ground and implement the original contracts.....Whats with your Agency???? These folks got paid, implement your authority

#1273

Name: Hainstock, Jennifer

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk so cattle can graze the land instead. The plan was to phase out the cattle who are very destructive to the ecosystems, including the water ways. Thank you for your consideration.

#1274

Name: Berner, Ellyn

Correspondence: The land is best served with native animals, this means allow the Elk to stay, have the ranchers move their herds to their own land NOT public land. Thank you, Ellyn Berner

#1275

Name: Denish, Louise

Correspondence: The Elk have lived in Point Reyes for a very long time in harmony with the environment. The Elk have a small footprint in comparison to cows. Yet they are vilified. A several million \$ tourist industry has been impacted as folks from around the world come to enjoy the Elk and what was the unspoiled beauty of Pt. Reyes. What has taken place with the grants to irresponsible ranchers is unacceptable.

Killing the innocent Elk is a travesty. As is the poisoning of the land and water at the hands of irresponsible ranchers.

Restore Pt. Reyes before it's too late to. And, do not kill the innocent Elk.

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#1276

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#1277

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I would like The Point Reyes National Seashore restored back to its natural/native state. Absolutely no cattle or any age-business should be on national park land. People don't go Point Reyes National Seashore to see cattle, they go to see the elk and other native plants and animals. I hope you do what's right.

#1278

Name: Edwards, Robert

Correspondence: Scrap immediately any and all plans to shoot Elk - or any other wildlife - on public lands in CA. Ranchers complaining that the elk are competing with their cattle for grass should be evicted from all public lands which the NPS is supposed to be 'managing' for the benefit of ALL Americans, not greedy ranchers who are already being coddled - financially and politically - by the Service to the detriment of us all, and most certainly to the detriment of wildlife and the environment the Service is supposed to protect. It is well established that cattle ranching is one of the greatest sources of greenhouse gases, and used immense amounts of water in a state that sees regular droughts and wildfires. If any species needs to be 'thinned out' of public lands, it's the assholes in cowboy boots.

#1279

Name: Hay, Misty

Correspondence: I am very deeply disturbed over the idea of killing Tule deer in the Point Reyes National Seashore and the Golden Gate Recreation Area to satisfy and cater to cattle ranchers.

Tule deer are only found in this area and therefore, must be protected and given the right to live in harmony. Slaughter is not an option!

Why would the National Park Service even think about handing over thousands of acres of this land to ranchers in the first place? Ranchers sure get everything they seem to think they need and it includes pushing out every other animal living in the areas and on public lands.

I would sincerely urge you to rethink your crazy idea and leave the majestic Tule deer to live without problem in this wonderful place.

#1280

Name: Norwalk, James

Correspondence: The management of Pt. Reyes National Seashore must remove cattle from the public property and manage the area for native wildlife and public recreation by restoring habitat and watersheds.

#1281

Name: Prah, Leslie

Correspondence: I feel the elk need to be allowed to live. The cows add to greenhouse gases and their waste polluted the water and land. Cows are already subsidized by the government. The elk should be allowed to prosper in their natural habitat. Thank you.

#1282

Name: Forman, Don

Correspondence: Extending or reissuing the leases to the ranchers is not in the best interest of anyone but the ranchers. This is a national park next to the ocean. Having all the cow poop going into the ocean is not good. Also the cows wreck the land. The government subsidizes all kinds of agricultural business. Have the government buy the ranchers out and have them go away. Or find a plant type crop they could grow. You could make the ranch houses a BNB or something less destructive to the planet.

I can't believe this is going on in 2019.

Don Forman

#1283

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I think that ranching and the elk can coexist on the point. As a lover of the outdoors and wild places I truly believe that there can be balance between the farmers and the wildlife. Farmers and ranchers love and cherish the land more than 90% of this country's population. I do however think that a cull of the elk is a waste of a beautiful resource and direct contrast to what you are trying to protect.

Rather than a cull in the middle of the night why not include the Point Reyes area in the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunt selection for elk. The amount of money that would be raised in Resident and non-resident elk applications could go to fund certain projects on the point. And even further the Tag costs could profit hundreds of thousands of dollars that would come from people voluntarily giving money to the system rather than taking the money from people's taxes. One auction tag (governor's tag) could alone profit hundreds of thousands of dollars that could be used to pay for projects in the area. Not only would the tag application costs and actual costs of the tags provide revenue but the local economy would be bolstered from this approach as well. People would be traveling from all over to hunt and enjoy the resource paying money for gas, food, lodging in nearby towns, guide fees, etc.

Reference DFW article below: <https://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/econ-hunting.html>

#1284

Name: Butler, Sam

Correspondence: Please put the interests of the Tule elk ahead of private grazing. These are public lands that should be there for the benefit of all the people and preserved for future generations, not surrendered to the short term interests of a few for-profit enterprises.

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#1285

Name: christ, m'lou

Correspondence: Cattle ranching, etc. commercial interests have no business in an area that is supposed to be protected forever as natural ecosystem.

Get the cattle out. And all other domestic "for profit" animals. Convert buildings for ecological research. Restrict all access to "leave no footprint" standard.

#1286

Name: Hazelton, Michael

Correspondence: I am deeply concerned with the draft to allow the hunting of elk to make room for cattle pastures in Point Reyes National Park. There is more than enough pasture land already and these creatures are some of the last remaining large mammals in our country, which is one of the main reasons I visit. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#1287

Name: Henry , Barbara

Correspondence: Public parks were established to persevere an environment for plants and animals native to the area. These lands were never intended for private use to profit an individual or company. This sense of entitlement needs to end. Ranchers have no more right to use of these grass lands than I have to what grows on my neighbor's property. Sharing a property line does not entitle one to the right to cross that line and take what you want. That practice should never have been allowed to start with.

Tule elk have but one place to survive-Point Reyes National Park. Do not sacrifice them for cattle. Biodiversity is necessary for all life-including man. And when we visit these national treasures of nature, how out of place, how disappointing to see not wild game but barn yard animals instead!

Public lands need protections, not cattlemen.

#1288

Name: Nawbary, Susan

Correspondence: I support safer access to prevent unnecessary deaths

A plan to connect the Cross Marin Trail into Point Reyes.

A new trail between Devil's Gulch and Platform Bridge through the Cheda, McIsaac, and Zanardi Ranches.

Adoption of social trails off Bolinas Ridge for better connectivity and a single-track trail experience.

Extend the Olema Valley Trail to Bolinas on the east side of Highway 1.

Close gaps for bikes through ranch lands in the park, including closing the Estero Trail loop, connecting Sir Francis Drake Blvd. with Pierce Point Road, and connecting Marshall Beach to Pierce Point Road,

A more bike-friendly permit application process for road and mountain bike events in the park, including along Bolinas Ridge and out to the lighthouse.

Bike access to all ranch roads in the pastoral zone that are already open to pedestrians.

#1289

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please consider the following comments:

Public lands and native wildlife on Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area need to be conserved - not replaced with cattle and commercial agricultural expansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

#1290

Name: Doty, Margaret

Correspondence: I wrote to you previously about my strong opposition to the shooting of the tule elk and the proposed growing artichokes and row crops in the park. I have been pondering the situation a lot and have come up with what may be a solution in keeping the numbers of elk from outgrowing resources. Is it possible to put the elk up for sale annually. So annually 17 elk would be sold to individuals or other entities for re-habitation purposes. There are individuals who own hundreds of acres of land who might be very happy to pay for the animals, sedate and transport them. I wonder if the town of Elk in northern California might like to have a small herd of their namesake. Although this may seem like an unorthodox solution, I can see many people and tourists getting on board for an annual compassionate auction or sale of elk. They are amazingly beautiful creatures and we have been thrilled to see them on visits to Point Reyes. Thank you for considering this.

#1291

Name: Hoover, Robert

Correspondence: I am opposed to any and all agricultural use of my parkland. I feel violated learning that these uses have been happening at all. I am wondering what kind of thoughts allowed this to happen in the first place and what to do about purging those thoughts and restoring a right spirit to those entrusted with these responsibilities. I think park lands should be managed to preserve and promote natural systems that were in place prior to agricultural interests in the area. To the extent that reparations to damage by livestock and other interests in the land in question need to be addressed they should be financed by those that derived the benefit in the past. I am all for maintaining and enhancing native plant and animal ecosystems wherever possible. This is what I thought you guys were doing. Shame on you for allowing your sacred commission to be eroded. When I was a child I joined Boy Scouts of America. When participating in this program in England we frequently went camping on areas known as "commons". Invariably there was evidence of livestock use in every place we went. We moved to California and then after a year to Idaho where I came of age and began my career in the study and promotion of our natural resources. I worked with several state and federal agencies over the years and recently retired from one federal agency not related to natural resources after 31 years service. I still have a passion for what's right for now and our future generations. I do not want our nations children to camp and hike in areas inundated with livestock feces. We can do better than that. WE have to do better than that because those feces carry pathogens into the watershed that can affect surface water, crops and wildlife in the area as well.

#1292

Name: Trost, Charles

Correspondence: Please do not allow cattle to graze on Point Reyes National Seashore. I have long belonged to Point blue, the avian research station. I know they have opposed cattle going on this significant section of the

coast, and much prefer it to remain in a more natural state. I do not believe commercial grazing and other enterprises belong on this sacred site near San Francisco. Thank you.

#1293

Name: Crooks, Deborah

Correspondence: Ranching is unsustainable. We need a new vision for the Seashore.

The preferred alternative:

No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

We love the natural beauty, hiking trails and camping opportunities at Point Reyes. We perform there in town when we can and get out to the water to appreciate the native trees, birds and animals. Please think toward conservation and respect for all species not just destructive money-making ventures.

#1294

Name: Levinson, Lisa

Correspondence: As an official representative of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their operations.

As national park land, this property was set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase their profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1295

Name: Reed, Barbi

Correspondence: Public lands and native wildlife on Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area need to be conserved - not replaced with cattle and commercial agricultural expansion.

Protect our public lands for the many as opposed to allowing them to benefit a very few!

#1296

Name: Glover, Elizabeth

Correspondence: I grew up spending summers in Northern California, Oregon and Washington. We went fishing to the salmon runs, which in the later half of my life have completely disappeared. I watched the clearcutting, degradation of watersheds, foul smelling paper mills spewing into rivers leading to some of the most beautiful coastline on this continent. I saw the extinction of Abalone beds in southern California, happen. Happily, through the extreme efforts of citizens and scientists, we have brought Monterey back, from being a dead body of water. I

remember when Monterey was a nasty dump of a ghetto town. I remember when whales were on the brink of extinction, and now I can watch them from the shorelines of California, with my kids. I remember my parents showing me the wild elk, and when we had a chance to share them with our kids. National Parks and National Seashores are land that belongs to the people of this country, and similar to world heritage sites, to the people of the world. They are to be cherished. They are not to be squandered for the short term profits of agri-business corporations. And similar to the billboards in Central California which ask if "Using water to grow food is wrong"? The answer is yes. It's wrong to use up so much ground water that the entire region sinks over six feet, and most of the product goes to China.... which thanks to our great "leader", is rejecting Americans AG products, which are rotting on the vine. Keep agriculture out of America's crown jewels, the NPS

#1297

Name: Gemmell, Douglas

Correspondence: Shooting elk for cattle ranchers? Horrible!

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes, especially cattle grazing!

#1298

Name: Palmieri, Emily

Correspondence: • The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

• Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

• Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please help defend our land!

#1299

Name: Hepworth, James

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area need to be conserved - not replaced with cattle and commercial agricultural expansion.

As the Park Service knows perfectly well, cattle will only degrade the environment.

#1300

Name: Burns, Patricia

Correspondence: I live on the west side of Petaluma and frequently visit the coast for hiking and outdoor enjoyment. The elk at Drake's Bay are a tourist attraction and a welcome sight for thousands of people, including children, and tourists from outside California.

Most recent reports from the UN detail how the use of lands for grazing and the over development of meat sources for food are hurting our planet.

The elk exists in a beautiful sanctuary that provides a vision of what this state and country were before financial gain became our only measure of success or accomplishment.

You are going in exactly the wrong direction at a time when we know more than ever that we must maintain the quality of our wild places.

#1301

Name: Forman, Marjorie

Correspondence: I am appalled that keeping the dairies are the priority over the Tule Elk - this is a National Seashore. I thought it was part of the National Park Service's job to protect the lands and its wildlife, not to contribute to its destruction. It is well-documented that the dairy industry is detrimental to our environment.

I can't take my leashed dogs on many of the lands because they disturb the wildlife. And what do the cows do?

I hope that NPS reconsiders, and does not, again, renew the leases of the dairies.

I understand this is how the dairies make a living. In some parts of our country, there are organizations that help farmers turn their lands into other profit making businesses. This is what the NPS could help with. The land is obviously very, very fertile because of all the the bovine waste.

There is the animal activist side of this, also, which I will stay out of except to say how veal is "raised" is horrible and inhumane, just as inhumane as killing the amazing Tule Elk, and keeping cows pregnant all the time so people can drink milk - well, I said I will stay out of it, but you get my point.

Thanks for listening.

#1302

Name: Konstanty, Kristin

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
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#1303

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: 27 August 2019 Dear GMPA EIS for Pt. Reyes National Seashore,

The Pt. Reyes National Seashore plan choices of the current Draft GMPA EIS can only be acceptable through adoption of the removal of all farming and ranching activities as mandated in the Park's creation over 50 years ago on the Seashore lands. This corresponds to Item 5 of the EIS plan choices. The current owners were long ago compensated for their property with agreements to leave following death or departure of the then-current owners.

I think it is a mistake to give excess honor to the Pt. Reyes farm families through their several generation occupation and utilization of that once coastal prairie for dairy and the more recent beef, livestock feed and other commercial farm activities. The 1860 decade of arrival of the first Pt. Reyes farms marked the end of the American frontier in the United States- -dramatically so with the blue Pacific right at hand. Those first European Americans to occupy that space had only to push aside and exterminate any remaining native people to set up shop for their new lives, taking control for their own ends. Thus argument for multi-generational righteousness of ownership falls before this historical record of property capture. Nonetheless these original and ongoing settlements must be thanked for preventing what would have surely have turned out to be housing and other constructed and commercial settlement on this now quite special place. Perhaps this gratitude could be expressed in a farm-ranch free Pt. Reyes in the form of a plaque at the Park headquarters.

The decision makers on Pt. Reyes future must not be swayed by long standing politics, and go for a future free of commercial meat and dairy production on a still unique and potentially wild stretch of western North America's coast line.

Sincerely, William Klitz, Ph.D. Department of Integrative Biology University of California Berkeley, CA 94720

#1304

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please respect the wildlife of Point Reyes. Their wellbeing must supercede and activities related to farming the park lands. Thank you.

#1305

Name: Kennedy, Maureen

Correspondence: I'm the Chair of the Point Reyes National Seashore Association, but these comments are not from PRNSA (it does not take positions on policy choices) but are rather my own personal comments. I live in CA, about 1/4 mile as the crow flies from the Seashore. I have been visiting the Seashore since I arrived from Maryland in 1996. When I lived in Maryland, I had a personal interest as a citizen in Point Reyes National Seashore, just as now as a Californian, I have a personal interest as a citizen in the Assateague Island National Seashore.

I have just a few basic points:

- -The park and the national park system preserve environmental, cultural and historic resources. In this case, those include the historic ranches (and the livestock that are associated with them). One could excise the livestock from the land, but that would remove the cultural and historic patrimony that has been associated with these lands for over 150 years. There are any number of national parks across the country that encompass historic economies, and Pt. Reyes should not be an exception.

- It's crucial that if the ranches remain, that their acreage are maintained in an environmentally sustainable manner. There are too many leased public lands across the nation that are overgrazed; sustainable management is essential to the equation.

- With the current short leases comes a short time horizon and planning framework. If a rancher operates under a two-year or five-year lease, s/he can't rationally make standard investments whose time frames, loan terms, and payback windows would typically extend for 20 or 30 years- any business owner would say that making those investments (important in this case for business, staff housing, and environmental protection reasons) would be incredibly risky. Longer-term leases are essential.

- As the agricultural markets have changed over the past fifty years, the viability of West Marin ranches has shifted, and in some cases, declined. I support authorizing limited alternate income streams for ranchers that are consistent with ranching, hiking, and otherwise experiencing the landscape, in part to protect and conserve the cultural and historic values of the park and in part limiting federal subsidies. I'd suggest that Seashore staff be open-minded about what those might entail, focusing on landscape and asset protection as a first order constraint (rather than a pre-conceived notion of what income stream might be preferred).

- Managing any national lands is a balancing act. In this case, the Park Service is balancing ranching and other uses of the land, increased access against resource protection, as well as balancing native species, introduced species, re-introduced species, domesticated species, and invasive species. While a black and white approach (no livestock; no elk; etc.) may seem attractive, it's illusory. Eliminating livestock would lead to degradation of the landscape with invasives. Eliminating elk would remove a species native to the area, and essential to the food chain. A balanced approach is the best we can hope for.

- I heard a few days ago on the streets of Oakland a plea to eliminate livestock at the Seashore to combat climate change. This nation needs a climate plan, and arguably a population that relies less on beef for protein. Eliminating livestock at Point Reyes without changing demand for beef, however, just ensures that herds elsewhere will expand, leaving climate outcomes unaffected. Let's focus on policy levers that will make change; not those that are ineffective.

For these reasons, I'm in support of Alternative B. It optimizes the goals outlined above.

#1306

Name: N/A, Elizabeth

Correspondence: When everywhere I look in this country, I see the BLM killing wildlife in favor of ranchers' profits. Letting corporate beef ruin our planet. Point Reyes is such a gorgeous place, it's so tragic to see what you're doing to it. Please stop all expansion of agriculture on this land, and create/enforce a law against gmo use or cultivation. Leave something for the rest of us, let the ranchers go pollute a red state instead if they must.

#1307

Name: Garrison, Anita

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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#1308

Name: Miller, Marilyn

Correspondence: As an equestrian, hiker, nature lover, and long-time visitor to Point Reyes, I support Alternative F. With ranching discontinued, the vast planning area could be opened up with multi-use trails, where appropriate and safe. New campgrounds could be built. Historic ranch buildings could be repurposed into bed and breakfast inns where feasible, perhaps with facilities for horse boarding for visitors bringing their horses to Point Reyes for a few days. I think the visitor experience would be immensely improved by adding this wonderful open space, free of cattle but with the historic buildings preserved. People could still learn about the ranching history. Perhaps there could be a demonstration dairy ranch with a few cows for city kids to learn about hands on. That would be very educational for city kids! Best of all, no elk would be killed. That is not a good look for a national park, to be killing off a protected species within its borders. The positive effects on the soils, water quality and vegetation would be huge. The Bay Area is so fortunate to have the amazing beauty of Point Reyes nearby. I think you really have to put the general users' viewpoint ahead of the interests of a few ranchers. What's best for the most people? Alternative F, for sure. I am very excited about the possibilities that could happen under Alternative F and fervently hope it will be selected.

#1309

Name: CRANE, MARCELLA

Correspondence: Dear NPS: What the Fuck! We pay, with our tax dollars for NPS to protect, preserve, protect and manage our public lands, NOT to turn it into a Killing Field. You are Idiots for this pathetic piece of shit administration. I hope you know or perhaps you need to be reminded of what is at risk at Point Reyes if this allowed to go through: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

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#1310

Name: Carlton, Gloria

Correspondence: The public lands and native wildlife on Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area need to be conserved - not replaced with cattle and commercial agricultural expansion.

I can't believe you are even considering these changes!

#1311

Name: Flower, Melissa

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Muldoon,

I urge you and your team to stop this action against the magnificent Tule elk. People who travel to the historic Point Reyes National Seashore and surrounding areas come to experience the natural land, animals, and shore and would be horrified to learn that an elite group of ranchers want to kill these beautiful elk.

Throughout the years of the leases to the ranchers, we have seen destruction of native plants and foliage, neglect of and killing of wildlife, and the spreading of animal waste across the hillsides, all for cattle ranching families who believe they are entitled to exploit the area for their own gain.

Marin could be a spectacular natural landscape if not for the cattle ranchers. Now, they want to take guns and kill the Tule Elk, who exist as part of the eco system out there rather than in contradiction to it, as the ranches do.

Please prevent this massacre.

#1312

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: GET THE DAMN LIVESTOCK OFF OUR PUBLIC LANDS. This is private profit at public expense! Ranchers at Point Reyes National Seashore mix tons of dairy cow manure with water and spread the slurry over OUR public parkland. This runs off into creeks, bays and the Pacific.

They are given Clean Water Act waivers so they don't need to comply.

The Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California. Who pays? Endangered Coho salmon, red-legged frogs, and we the taxpaying voters.

The continuation of modern dairy facilities, trucking in of alfalfa hay, harvesting of potentially genetically-modified silage seed mixes, and a proposal for agricultural diversification flies in the face of preserving the integrity of OUR historic structures, native wildlife and natural landscapes, and cultural sites. The park is proposing to concentrate dairy cattle in the heart of OUR National Seashore and feed supplemental forage, far beyond the carrying capacity of OUR land and native grasslands on OUR sensitive coastal habitats.

Perhaps even worse, the agency is proposing to kill OUR native tule elk to enable ranching operations. The welfare ranchers don't like the wildlife eating "their" forage, so the Park Service is proposing to shoot OUR elk if they cross over barbed-wired fences into ranches.

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS AND UNETHICAL, PROBABLY ILLEGAL. When I go to OUR seashore, I want to enjoy the views, the wildlife, and clean air; **NOT LIVESTOCK.**

#1313

Name: Warner, Barbara

Correspondence: I strongly oppose allowing cattle and other livestock in Point Reyes National Park because cattle will harm the environment by causing erosion and polluting water . They will eat vegetation needed by native species and defecate in water causing E.coli . They will trample and destroy habitat needed by birds and other wildlife. Our parks must not be used for private , agriculture business. They must be preserved for the American public to which they belong.

#1314

Name: Stanger, Janice

Correspondence: I have enjoyed hiking at Pt Reyes for decades, it's one of my favorite places in the world. I am strongly opposed to any policy changes which give priority to cattle over elk or other wildlife for the following specific reasons:

1) Cattle have a detrimental effect on ecosystems. This has been demonstrated in many studies of land recovery after cows are removed. Wildlife that evolved with the ecosystem (such as elk) have a beneficial effect on those ecosystems. 2) Cattle have a very detrimental effect on the planet's climate - according to the United Nations, and many other sources, raising cattle for food-related activities is one of the major drivers of climate change. 3) As a hiker, the presence of cows severely limits my hiking opportunities in some areas of Pt. Reyes, such as near Chimney Rock. The areas there without cows are carpeted with wildflowers in spring. The areas with cows cannot be hiked, and the soil there is trampled and barren.

Pt. Reyes needs to be run for the benefit of all US residents, citizens, and visitors. To favor a tiny group of cattle ranchers in making decisions is not acceptable public policy.

As an alternative to the proposal under consideration, I strongly support barring cattle from the public park, encouraging a balanced ecosystem (instead of shooting wildlife), and opening more hiking trails through areas previously trampled by cows.

Thank you, Janice Stanger

#1315

Name: Saleh, Jason

Correspondence: Solution: no slaughter. No subsidies for agriculture. It's inhumane and not sustainable. Let the animals who live there live there.

#1316

Name: Pelakh, Susan

Correspondence: When we visit national parks it is to see the unique species and habitat of that particular park not agriculture and livestock that are not native to the park.

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Please protect the Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank-you for your consideration.

#1317

Name: N/A, Susan

Correspondence: I love Point Reyes. I've been going there for about twenty years now. It is a wonderful place for hiking and enjoying nature - which are two major purposes of any national park. OTOH, national parks aren't supposed to be farmland or cheap sources of agricultural lands. It's totally inconsistent with Point Reyes function as a national park to turn any part of it into artichoke fields or expanding ranchland which will only lead to increased conflicts between native species and domestic animals. Instead, the park's emphasis should be on protecting native species and the environment for the enjoyment of all Americans, not just local ranchers.

#1318

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: How silly is it to first 'save from extinction' then kill for dairy cattle? Transport to wild areas and release them. ANY western national forest will work. simple solution.

#1319

Name: N/A, Mae

Correspondence: Please reconsider transforming this park. This is home to many unique animals native this area. Displacing them would imbalance nature. Additionally converting the park to agriculture or farmland would expose area and community to harmful pesticides.

#1320

Name: Williams, Marta

Correspondence: i am totally opposed to killing even one Tule Elk.

The Park Service is supposed to protect and preserve the natural features of Point Reyes as a National Seashore, for the use and enjoyment of the public, not the livestock industry. The ranchers currently squatting on Park Service lands were bought out at taxpayer expense for princely sums decades ago, with the explicit understanding that they would already be gone by now.

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end the welfare cattle industry it is killing our public lands

#1321

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This major habitat loss will naturally displace a lot of the native wildlife,tip the ecological balance, cause conflict and have a huge environmental impact due to pesticide use and other problems that come with commercial farming.

#1322

Name: Suguitan, Sheila

Correspondence: please keep the Point Reyes Park the way it is and preserve it for the animals that live there. There are not many places like this anymore. Its value is more than the dollar money that we could get by turning it into agricultural land.

#1323

Name: Schinner, Miyoko

Correspondence: We are at a critical point in history when our planet, our survival, and the survival of other species are threatened. We must think beyond the scope of our tiny little corner of the world, and consider impacts that affect much more than 20 or so ranching families. We cannot continue to do things just because they have been done a certain way for 150 years. "This is our cultural heritage," has been an argument of those trying to protect their lifestyle or livelihood throughout history, whether it be coal, slavery, or men binding the feet of women. But at some point, those "historical traditions" become recognized for the damage they cause, and thus become irrelevant. There is no question that ranching on our national seashore is one of those traditions that needs to be retired. It is causing not only environmental damage, but could even be impacting visitors. Several tourists I have taken out to the seashore have expressed dismay at seeing cattle instead of nature.

If there is an underlying economic reason to keep ranching activities, I would ask that the Park Services seriously consider what is most important. According to the UN's IPCC report, animal agriculture is one of the leading causes of climate change, and needs to be mitigated. A study by Oxford University of 40,000 farms in 119 countries showed that there were no truly sustainable forms of animal agriculture, except anecdotally - - they can't be scaled or replicated with precision. If cows on our seashore were so sustainable, why were the waters off the coast on the list of top ten most contaminated (by feces) locations?

It's time for the Park Services to side with nature. Let's let the Tule elk regain their home from which they were already evicted once. Please select F.

#1324

Name: Rodriguez , Ryan

Correspondence: Please end all cattle ranching and the environmental pollution it causes at Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, CA. Animal agriculture is the top cause of the climate crisis and is certainly not in the best interest of Marin County's coastal habitats. Also, the idea of killing off any of the native Tule Elk in favor of ranching is completely insane. We must have lost our minds and hearts to even have proposed this. Thank you.

#1325

Name: Choi, Jessica

Correspondence: Please stop the agricultural project and protect the national Park. Protect the Mother Earth, animals and greens that's been living for centuries.

#1326

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Save Tule Elk From Being Shot at Point Reyes!

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#1327

Name: Gregg, K.

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is a national treasure, a gorgeous remnant of coastal prairie and

and an ecological oasis for rare native wildlife just north of San Francisco. It's an important place culturally, recreationally, and environmentally.

Unfortunately, the Park Service isn't proposing to protect the seashore from livestock abuses. Instead, the agency is proposing to allow private ranchers to keep running their private cattle on our public park lands, plus expand their for-profit commercial agricultural operations: row crops, chickens, hogs, sheep, goats, horse boarding, plus private tours are being considered. This is a dangerous precedent inside our national parks. The continuation of modern dairy facilities, trucking in of alfalfa hay, harvesting of potentially genetically-modified silage seed mixes, and a proposal for agricultural diversification flies in the face of preserving the integrity of historic structures, native wildlife and natural landscapes, and cultural sites. The park is proposing to concentrate dairy cattle in the heart of the National Seashore and feed supplemental forage, far beyond the carrying capacity of the land and native grasslands on these sensitive coastal habitats.

Perhaps even worse, the agency is proposing to kill native tule elk to enable ranching operations. The ranchers don't like the wildlife eating "their" forage, so the Park Service is proposing to shoot elk if they cross over barbed-wired fences into ranches. It's almost unfathomable that the agency would consider this in a national park unit.

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#1328

Name: Dollard, Nancy

Correspondence: As a US citizen, I STRONGLY SUPPORT PROTECTING our NATIONAL parks and do NOT want to see ANY ranching on NATIONAL lands, or any animals KILLED to protect for-profit cruel ranching. The National Park Service should PROTECT and CONSERVE PUBLIC lands and NATIVE WILDLIFE on Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and NOT be replaced with out of control cattle and commercial agricultural expansion which will HARM the lands! The Park Service should be proposing to PROTECT the seashore from livestock ABUSES. PRIVATE ranchers should NEVER be allowed to keep PRIVATE cattle on our PUBLIC park lands to expand their FOR-PROFIT commercial agricultural operations like: row crops, chickens, hogs, sheep, goats, horse boarding, and "private tours." ALLOWING SELFISH BUSINESS ranchers to use PUBLIC lands sets a DANGEROUS NEW precedent inside our NATIONAL PUBLIC parks and MUST BE STOPPED!!! Even worse, the continuation of modern dairy facilities, trucking in of alfalfa hay, harvesting of potentially GENETICALLY-MODIFIED silage seed mixes, and a proposal for agricultural diversification flies in the face of PRESERVING the integrity of HISTORIC structures, NATIVE wildlife and NATURAL landscapes, and LOCAL CULTURAL sites. The park should NEVER concentrate DAIRY cattle in the heart of the NATIONAL Seashore and feed "SUPPLEMENTAL" forage, far beyond the carrying capacity of the land and NATIVE grasslands on these sensitive coastal habitats. NO NATIVE TULE ELK should be KILLED to enable CRUEL FOR-PROFIT ranching operations. RANCHERS who don't like the wildlife eating "their" forage, should NOT ADVOCATE that the Park Service should shoot INNOCENT ELK if they cross over barbed-wired fences into ranches b/c ALL animals can be HUMANELY DARTED and RELOCATED and NOT SHOT!!! It's UNFATHOMABLE the a PUBLIC agency would consider this in a NATIONAL park unit, and it's why I'm speaking out for NATIVE wildlife and PUBLIC parks and NOT for ANY for-profit ranchers ABUSING our parks! The Park Service is supposed to PROTECT and PRESERVE the NATURAL features of Point Reyes as a NATIONAL Seashore, for the use and enjoyment of the PUBLIC, and NOT the for-profit livestock industry. The ranchers ILLEGALLY squatting on PUBLIC Park Service lands were bought out at MY taxpayer expense and other taxpayers for princely sums decades ago, with the explicit understanding that they would are NOT entitled to ANY PUBLIC park land! So let me reiterate again, PUBLIC NATIONAL parks are for the PUBLIC and NOT for-profit ranchers who have an outdated lifestyle as many American are boycotting meat/dairy products for HUMANE, ORGANIC, and VEGAN or VEGETARIAN COMPASSIONATE lifestyles. I choose PUBLIC

NATIONAL parks over for profit ranchers, and the NATIONAL Park Service must make it a priority to PROTECT PUBLIC lands period!

#1329

Name: Sinclair, Cheryl

Correspondence: When I visited Pt. Reyes National Seashore a few months ago I went to the visitor center to ask about the Tule Elk. I had heard there was an opinion that there were two many of them. The ranger assured me that if anything were done about it They would relocate some of them. What happened to that solution? Killing even one a year is wrong. Please don't allow this to happen.

Thank you, Cheryl Sinclair

#1330

Name: Brumbaugh-Cayford, Cheryl

Correspondence: The public lands and native wildlife on Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area need to be conserved - not replaced with cattle and commercial agricultural expansion.

#1331

Name: Irving, Judy

Correspondence: Do not cave in to ranchers' demands. They are not the only ones who count. Please revise your plan to protect tule elk, phase out ranching and farming, and restore all over-grazed fields to natural habitat. Do not shoot tule elk while protecting cattle! Do not allow an expansion of ranching/farming activities. This is ALL WRONG.

#1332

Name: Sauber, Michael

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative F, the no grazing alternative. I grew up in the area and spent much time throughout the park region.

With the rapidly increasing effects of climate change destroying whole communities with wild fires, floods, droughts, and sea rise, it is incumbent upon us to limit as much as we can the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Whether beef or dairy, both of those non-native ungulates emit large amounts of methane. Best practices of management would be to eliminate grazing by cattle and allow the native Thule Elk to do what they have been doing since before our time.

With any privately owned cattle grazing here, there is the undeniable political pressure to manage the park for the economic interests of the ranching industry with the commensurate reduction of necessary care for the land and for us citizens who pay your salaries to manage it for us. This is public Park Service lands paid for and owned by every U.S. Citizen. Nothing should prevent management that would lessen greenhouse gas emissions and improve the natural diversity of species within the park.

#1333

Name: Gowrie, Lucy

Correspondence: I am seriously stressed at the backwards way of dealing with problems in this country. The Fish and Wildlife Agency has become an enemy to the very population it seeks to protect(?) They are responsible for slaughtering more animals in any given year than all the hunters do... This is an agency that is to protect the underserved wildlife of America. Their murdered annual take includes many animals that are listed as endangered, threatened of being extinguished as a species.... Why, you ask? Because apparently the agency works for meat

ranchers. Even though they are subsidized for all cattle lost to wildlife, by the Government, they still are able to call the F and W agency to terminate wolves and highly endangered large cats, as well as birds of prey . Now, meat ranching is a business that are allowed, for reasons I shall never understand, they have the Governments okay to let heir business graze for free on federal and state parkland. Any deleterious hunting animals on federal and state parklands may be assassinated at the ranchers request. Meat ranching and the farming used to feed them has been shown, over and over, to be the number ONE reason for our climate change which will ultimately kill us all. The pollutions caused in waters, air and the temperature changes, released methane, etc. will be our undoing. We are the fattest country on the planet...also known as the unhealthiest, and yet, even with all this common knowledge and facts, I am looking at Park services plan to slaughter these beautiful animals to keep their #'s at status quo. While our history of wild animals and land become extinct, we rally, instead, to support an industry that is killing us all, literally and figuratively. Fact....anyone relying on a meat based diet is an animal abuser. Visit your local chicken warehouse, meat cannery or fish farming establishment. Disgusting, cruel and subhuman. How about if a real thinker grabs the helm and bans the industry, period. Train the poor meat ranchers in soy bean cultivation....and make us a forward moving country with a soul and a means to problem solving. Save park workers for actually protecting wildlife and park visitors. Hey, in a few years, the fat of the country will wear thin freeing up the preponderance of medical needs and \$'s . We are not the smartest animal on the planet, so let us be the least interfering of life with animals.

#1334

Name: McTague, Melissa

Correspondence: I am writing to oppose the killing of Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, and converting the land for agricultural use.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public land, and Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

#1335

Name: Sieracki, Paul

Correspondence: Please stop supporting welfare ranchers, this is a National Park I have been there once. Remove the cattle for good. Paul Sieracki

#1336

Name: Lexa, Rebecca

Correspondence: I support removing cattle from Point Reyes and focusing on the management of the land for the benefit of the elk and other wildlife.

#1337

Name: Heiken, Doug

Correspondence: We urge the NPS to emphasize ecological restoration and low impact recreation as required by the legislation creating the national seashore.

It's time to livestock grazing to be phased out and for Tule elk (and other wildlife and natural processes) to flourish.

- The elk cannot thrive on the narrow strip of land at Tomales Point. They should be allowed to move freely throughout the National Seashore and compatible adjacent lands.
- Cattle grazing has a wide range of adverse impacts on the environment and recreation, including soil erosion, water pollution (both sediment and fecal coliform), degrading native plant communities, spreading weeds, reduced landscape carbon storage, spreading diseases, fences that can harm or kill wildlife and impede recreation uses, loss of habitat, wildlife mortality from various ranching practices, etc.
- The livestock operations were bought out decades ago. They are only allowed to continue if they do not impair the natural resources and wildlife. The National Seashores legal charge to provide "public benefit, recreation and inspiration." Livestock grazing is incompatible with these mandatory requirements, especially in areas where crops are grown to feed livestock and areas where cattle concentrate for feeding, and where impacts like those described above occur.

#1338

Name: Taylor, Gigi

Correspondence: Need to Preserve Point Reyes National Monument: I and my family believe it is important that Point Reyes National Seashore preserve and protect natural elk herd. After all, one of the goals of the Seashore is that it be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

There's no mandate or reason for for giving out commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. It seems more in keeping with the goals of the Seashore to continue to preserve natural wildlife and environment.

Commercial activities have no place at Point Reyes. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over any commercial activities at Point Reyes.

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, in keeping with the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. The elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. That is enough. - Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - or not be allowed at all. They should follow strictly defined rules outlined by the Park Service.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes at all. It would be appropriate to phase them out as quickly as possible.

#1339

Name: Shioda, Mene

Correspondence: Please continue to protect the elks' right to occupy this land. Part of the draw is the wildlife. Let's all be proud of what we ave and not destroy it.

Please.

#1340

Name: Stevenson, Julia

Correspondence: I have been told that there is a plan to kill rare native Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

This is a terrible plan!

Point Reyes is the only park where these deer live. But apparently livestock owners prefer to graze their cows on this land- a public land owned by all of us. Indeed, not only do they not own this land but they rent it from all of us and as a result it is heavily subsidized, for them, by taxpayers.

But there is more to this bad plan. This plan would turn over additional grasslands to other private for-profit entities to allow even more farm animals to live there, such as sheep, goats, chickens and pigs. And other farmers would be allowed to carve out areas in which to establish row-crop for artichoke and the like.

I ask instead, why doesn't the National Park Service look into the damage caused to this land from the heavy over grazing of the cattle which includes water degradation and soil erosion?

This is a shocking attempt to deprive the rest of us of a beautiful park. I do not live in California but some of my children do, and they love Point Reyes National Park and we unfailingly visit it whenever we go to California to visit our children there.

The NPS should be protecting the sanctity and beauty of our natural land- there is so little of it left.

#1341

Name: Meyer, Donald

Correspondence: Parks for the most part should remain parks. We owe it to future generations. As the saying goes no more land is being made.

#1342

Name: Rosenblum, Roanne

Correspondence: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live. The main reasons for being against this plan are the following:

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Please do the right thing for our wildlife and national park land! Thank you.

#1343

Name: KESER, DEANNA

Correspondence: PLEASE REMOVE ALL BEEF FROM CALIFORNIA NATIONAL PARKS AS THEY DO NOT BELONG ON OUR LAND NOR IN THE WOODS, THE FOREST OR ANY OTHER PARK. IF PEOPLE WISH TO RAISE CATTLE, THEY SHOULD PURCHASE THEIR OWN LAND! LEAVE OUR WILDLIFE ALONE, LEAVE OUR ELK ALONE AND LET NATURE RETURN TO IT'S OWN NURTURING...HUMANS LACK THE INTEGRITY AND THE REAL KNOWLEDGE TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN ABUSE THE LAND WE SET ASIDE FOR EVERYONE...NOT BEEF.

#1344

Name: Ruprecht, Peter

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Please choose Alternative F of the Point Reyes EIS. As a visitor to Point Reyes in the past, I deeply appreciated the remaining wild open spaces within the Park. Ranching and farming operations are not compatible with a national park experience and should not be permitted to continue at Point Reyes.

In fact I am astounded that cattle operations are still occurring in the Park, given that the US taxpayers spent millions of dollars in the past to buy them out. This is especially galling considering that there is already significant dairy overproduction in the US, so desecrating a national park to produce more unneeded animal products makes no sense at all.

I strongly encourage you to prioritize the rare native plants, butterflies, salmon, and tule elk that call Point Reyes home. It should be the job of the NPS to preserve these natural resource treasures (and the human enjoyment that comes from them) over commercial interests in the Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards, Peter Ruprecht

#1345

Name: Allen, Karon

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded

infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

#1346

Name: Barnato, Teresa

Correspondence: Get rid of the cattle ranchers and other businesses who want to use this land. The elk belong there. If your agency really cared about wildlife, it would spend the time and money to use birth control or move some of the elk to an alternative home. Many of us are sick and tired of this attitude that nonhuman life is disposable. It's another sign of bigotry against someone who is different. Stop selling out our public lands to people whose businesses are destroying life and the environment!!!

#1347

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1348

Name: VAN SOELEN, PHILIP

Correspondence: Please prioritize native plants, native animals & the health of the natural ecosystem at Point Reyes & shut down private ranching in the National Park. Ranching for private gain is incompatible with the needs of the park environment & the intended purpose of its founding.

#1349

Name: Griffith, Tami

Correspondence: I like elk. I like cows (and farms) too, especially California Happy Cows (and farms). But I don't

like cows (or farms) in National Rec Areas. They are not meant for protected areas. And their manure is not meant for Tomales Bay or the Pacific Ocean. NOPE NOPE NOPE. Cows (and farms) do not belong in parks. Elk belong in parks so they can roam free.

#1350

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,

The proposed expansion of dairy cattle grazing land and the extermination of wild Elk is appalling and disgusting use of a National Park.

Words from the 2013 coastal watershed assessment of Point Reyes National Seashore, funded by the park service: "The effects of historic grazing practices are evident and pervasive, including gully erosion, soil compaction, nutrient enrichment, altered hydrology, increased vegetation cover of non-native pest plant species, and non-native pasture species that have naturalized from plantings and are now expanding into adjacent areas. Extremely high fecal coliform concentrations have been documented in streams adjacent to the seashore's existing dairy operations. Manure spreading areas are correlated with the increased presence of invasive and noxious weed species."

And yet you are still considering given even more land to dairy farms claiming to be sustainable? Let me know which of these is the most sustainable part of their business model: 1. The need to kill wildlife just to get by 2. The need to steal mother's milk from babies just to get by. 3. The need for discounted leases and financial aid just to get by. 4. The need to force animals into overproduction. 5. The need for thousands of acres of supplemental cow feed (in addition to grazing). 6. The need for tons of hay also as supplemental cow feed (in addition to all the above).

There is nothing sustainable about dairy, period. The public doesn't want more dairy - - there is a worldwide surplus as it is. In addition, ranchers at Point Reyes National Seashore mix tons of dairy cow manure with water and spread the slurry over parkland. This runs off into creeks, bays and the Pacific. They are given Clean Water Act waivers so they don't need to comply. The Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California. Who pays? Endangered Coho salmon, red-legged frogs, you and me.

133 MILLION 133,533, 900 pounds of manure are produced by cattle annually in ranch lands managed by Point Reyes National Seashore. This poop doesn't magically disappear. It saturates the soil and water, it seeps and drains into the creeks and oceans, and it is even intentionally dumped into ponds so the ranchers can spread it over the soil of our seashore with trucks and sprinklers. The seashore, its plants, its animals are all choking on cattle waste. But that didn't stop the state from giving 15 businesses \$750,000 grants EACH to make even more money processing the manure that they should instead be getting rid of. Ranchers hold all the cards and get all the funding...funding that comes from our tax dollars...all to destroy our public lands.

We are in a growing state of climate emergency, and cattle farming is one of the leading causes of greenhouse gas emissions. California should be leading the way with conservation, not conceding to the greed-driven demands of ranchers. Protect Point Reyes National Seashore, and all of the wild and sadly defenseless animals who rightfully call that park their home!

#1351

Name: Rogers, Stephanie

Correspondence: I visited Point Reyes a few years ago and I am shocked to learn this beautiful National Seashore is being plundered by the greedy desires of livestock owners and farmers. I am horrified to learn that it has been proposed to kill off some of the Tule Elk that live there to appease livestock owners. This land should be left untouched to be enjoyed by visitors searching for a rare glimpse of the sea untouched by development. The Tule

Elk have found a perfect home and should be allowed to live in peace. Tell the greedy farmers to stay away from Point Reyes.

#1352

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We can not keep doing this to the most vulnerable creatures in our country. It's not fair to the people of the country to cater to the industrialized farm/cattle organizations. Everything deserves to live and the last I checked Walmart had plenty of meat in their bins. With their subsidies from the American people's taxes, I'd say ranchers can give something of their own. They're already killing all the wolves, what's next???

THIS MUST STOP NOW!!!

#1353

Name: Huber, Cottie

Correspondence: Hello, I was disturbed to find out that there is a plan to kill tule elk, a rare species which is only found in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. I understand that the rhetoric behind this is to protect farmers' grazing land. I live in a farming community in Oregon and respect that farmers need to ensure their livelihood by protecting their crops, and am urging you to seriously pursue alternatives to the killing of native and rare species. They have as much need to be there as the farmers, and it is incumbent upon human beings to protect and respect the lives of animals in addition to our own interests. I understand that the mission of the park is to afford "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." This plan to kill the elk is clearly counter to that and is prioritizing commercial interests which is irresponsible and problematic to the environment. I have read of several proposed projects to introduce artichoke fields, cattle ranches, etc. This is protected land that has taken a large investment of time and effort to protect. Natural lands are enjoyed by our communities and to wit, the taxpayers who pay for them. I am urging you to protect this park and its animal populations for the benefit of all species. Please do not kill elk or destroy habitat to install commercial interests; there is plenty of other land for that purpose.

#1354

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: On August 7, 2019 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released the Special Report on Climate Change, Desertification, Land Degradation, Sustainable Land Management, Food Security, and Greenhouse gas fluxes in Terrestrial Ecosystems.. The Special Report concluded with high confidence that reductions in the production and consumption of meat and other animal products through balanced diets, featuring plant-based foods, such as those based on coarse grains, legumes, fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds, present major opportunities for adaptation and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions while generating significant co-benefits in terms of human health. Yet the NPS Preferred Alternative ignores the scientific evidence and proposes to not only maintain ranching and darying on Point Reyes but also to add additional animal production such as pigs and chickens to the allowable uses of Point Reyes. The NPS Preferred Alternative prioritizes greenhouse gas production by cattle and other animals over the Tule elk, and does this for the next 20 years.

Clearly the most environmentally sound Alternative is Alternative F, as it eliminates the greenhouse gas production from the cattle and other animals reared for slaughter, eliminates the runoff of water polluted by agricultural chemicals and manure unto the seashore and Tomales Bay and restores Point Reyes to a biodiverse sanctuary for flora, fauna and humanity.

#1355

Name: N/A, RR

Correspondence: Although the NPS Preferred Alternative is not the best alternative to improve the water and air quality in Point Reyes and Tomales Bay, it can be made less impactful if it is modified to permanently exclude from ranching and dairying activities the areas of the ranches east of the Inverness Ridge that abut the western shore of Tomales Bay. Tomales Bay is a precious and unique resource that should be preserved by the NPS, not further impacted by another 20 years of agricultural runoff.

To quote from the NPS's own Draft EIS "Tomales Bay has numerous designations, including being named a "Wetland of International Importance" under the Ramsar Convention in 2002 because it supports plants, animals, fish, waterbirds, and other wetland- dependent species including threatened and endangered species." To allow private ranching and dairying on its Western shoreline is to disregard the noxious impact that the runoff of agricultural chemicals and manure is having on this "Wetland of International Importance". Please amend the NPS Preferred Alternative accordingly

#1356

Name: Winokur, Leslie

Correspondence: Terrible idea. I hope this is defeated.

#1357

Name: N/A, Robert

Correspondence: The Draft EIS states that "In early 2019, Congress addressed ranching in a Joint Explanatory Statement regarding House Joint Resolution 31 (the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019). The Congressional statement noted that "multi-generational ranching and dairying is important both ecologically and economically" and is "fully consistent with Congress's intent for the management of Point Reyes National Seashore."

Given this framing by Congress (Rep. Jared Huffman, D CA) the NPS could do nothing but recommend a preferred alternative that includes ranching and dairying, regardless of the significant impact that these activities have on the Point Reyes and Tomales Bay air and water qualities, and biodiversity. It appears that once again Congress has succumbed to influential lobbie, and framed the question in such as way that the only acceptable outcome from NPS was to align with the desires of ranching and dairying lobbies in favor the for profit activities of a few families over the interests of the general public and the environment.

In order to mitigate the detrimental effects of the recommended alternative, please consider amending the recommended alternative to reduce the proposed duration of the leases from 20 years to a maximum of 10 years.

#1358

Name: James, Alison

Correspondence: I thought the Park Service was tasked to manage beautiful area not help manage grazing for ranchers. You are disappointing a great number of people not taking care of wildlife and parks but trashing parks and turning them into grazing to cattle, which will be sold by ranchers for their profit not for you. Or is that a deal you have made with public lease ranchers? Sincerely, Alison James Sandy Hook, CT

#1359

Name: Starkgraf, Valerie

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is a national park, and its greatest value to the parks system and to the visitors the parks system was chartered to serve is in the preservation of the unique coastal ecosystem native to this region for the health of the local and migratory wildlife populations.

This park does not exist and was not created to preserve ranching interests at public expense. The cows were there and were supposed to leave. The cows have not left. The cows need to go.

The proposed continuation of ranching at this site is an abomination and farce to the purpose of this park. Nesting birds are killed in hay production, grazing has caused soil impaction and erosion. Manure has caused pollution and polluted runoff.

Killing or removing native elk from this site is completely counter to everything the park was created to be.

Enough is enough. End the ranching, restore the ecosystem, and stop shaming this beautiful ecosystem with continued mismanagement. The time has come to restore this park to be the park the American people deserve.

#1360

Name: N/A, Enrique

Correspondence: Tomales Bay is a "Wetland of International Importance" under the Ramsar Convention in 2002 because it supports plants, animals, fish, waterbirds, and other wetland- dependent species including threatened and endangered species. It is also a preferred leisure and touring destination for Californians and tourist from around the world.

Given the prevailing wind direction, the pungent smell of manure from the dairy farms on Point Reyes often pervades the whole of Tomales Bay including the eastern shore. Needless to say this impacts negatively those to seek to enjoy the Bay, its trail, the eating and lodging establishments and private properties on the Bay's eastern shore. An alternative that eliminates the manure piles and manure management (spreading) that result from dairy farming would mitigate this issue. It would allow for the Bay's full potential as a world class destination to be developed. Either alternatives E or F should be the preferred alternative.

If Alternative B is nevertheless the NPS preference (despite its many negative impacts), then techniques should be mandated to ensure that pungent smell of manure does not permeating Tomales Bay.

#1361

Name: COLLINS, LISABETH

Correspondence: I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE F -

PRIVATE PROFIT RANCHING SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED ON PUBLIC LAND.

150 YEARS AGO, TULE ELK WERE ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION. THEY HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN TO REBOUND. THE SHOOTING OF TULE ELK IS NOT HUMANE, NOR DOES IT MAKE SENSE CONSIDERING THE RECENT HISTORY OF THIS SPECIES.

THE AMAZON BURNS BECAUSE OF CATTLE RANCHING. IS THIS SOMETHING WE SHOULD PERPETUATE, EVEN ON A MUCH SMALLER SCALE? CALIFORNIA IS NOT IN NEED OF MORE ANIMAL AGRICULTURE, THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS.

I OPPOSE CULLING OF THE TULE ELK

#1362

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing to oppose killing Tule elk at Point Reyes. People don't visit Point Reyes to see cows, they want to see the native species. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as

problem animals. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

#1363

Name: Reese, Sheryl

Correspondence: Preserve native species of elk over cattle. This is National park land to be preserved not leased for cattle.

#1364

Name: DiPietro, Crystal

Correspondence: I can't even believe I have to write this! The NPS is seriously going to thin the herd of a native species in a National Park so that there is more room for cattle & farming!?! I've been lucky enough to see the coastal Tule elk. They are magnificent. Seeing elk on the beach & coast was an incredible experience. Humans have already almost wiped this species out. There are other places to have cattle. The taxpayers already paid a lot of money to transition these cattle out of the park. It's time to get them out of there & restore natural balance to the park, as it was meant to be. Leave the elk alone!!!

#1365

Name: Stites, Will

Correspondence: Cattle are an invasive species that is hugely destructive to natural landscapes. I object to my National Park being managed to cater to private special interests at the expense of the legitimate mission of the park. Manage the park for preservation, not agriculture!

#1366

Name: Smith-Latham, Stephanie

Correspondence: Please manage for native/natural environment. No commercial agriculture/endeavors should be allowed. Special places should be preserved for future generations. You are the stewards that ensure they have these gems to visit.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Smith-Latham

#1367

Name: Marshall, Leonard

Correspondence: Please stop working for the ranchers and hunters and save wildlife from human slaughter. Thank you.

#1368

Name: Wacker, Jean

Correspondence: The intent of Point Reyes National Seashore is to preserve the natural seashore, not to subsidize farmers and run a mini disneyland! Ranchers should not be allowed to diversify and have more farm animals, for profit tourism should not be allowed and the Tule elk should be protected not exterminated!!

#1369

Name: Gary , Olya

Correspondence: We don't need more cows. Especially in the national parks or close to seashore. The beef is a huge source of green gas emissions and cows cause overgrazing and shore pollution. Limit the cows (and other farming) in the park, and preserve the elk and other wildlife!

#1370

Name: Huebner, David

Correspondence: Hello NPS,

I grew up in California, and lived there till I was in my 30s. I lived in the Eastern Sierra region of the state, blessed by public lands and National Parks. I traveled to Pt. Reyes several times and consider that region a very special place thanks to it's unique balance of small town life, ranching, and public - protected - open space. I think that balance is a beautiful thing and I know you've worked to maintain that unique balance for many years. What I see in your current plans is an effort to shift the weight of priority from that of the wildlife to that of the Rancher's life, and I think that could be a grave misstep. The priority in a National Park must always be on the wildlife and ecosystems of the park itself, with ranching and other concerns coming secondary. I'm not of the mindset that all ranching must go, and do not want to see the wider "ecosystem" of ranching, wildlife, and coastal community disrupted in Pt. Reyes, but I also don't want to see the reverse of that - where you prioritize human concerns over wildlife and natural concerns within your Park. The fact is, your job is to protect and preserve the wildlife within your park first and foremost and I hope you'll choose not to move forward with these flawed plans and instead develop an alternative plan that places priority on the Thule Elk of Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you'll do the right thing. - Dave

#1371

Name: Jacobsen, Rodger

Correspondence: Leave the ranches, give them 20 year leases, they have been there for generations. I think public use for recreation and ranching are compatible and are a model for the future. If the environmental zealots have their way there will be nothing left of ranch land anywhere. Ranching and farming are just as much our heritage as wilderness and this particular land hasn't been wilderness for a very long time. The elk will have to be culled no matter which plan prevails Salazar promised this, is the government going to speak with forked tongue again?;

#1372

Name: Chu, Theodore

Correspondence: It defies everything the NPS is supposed to stand for and be about to remove elk from an area to benefit domestic livestock and increase private profit. Instead the Park Service should be pursuing a course of action which will eventually eliminate livestock grazing from the area in favor of native species and ecosystem health.

#1373

Name: Satt, James

Correspondence: Please keep dairy and beef cattle away from native elk

#1374

Name: Sweet, Samuel

Correspondence: I am commenting as a private citizen but relying on my expertise as a faculty member of the

Department of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology at UC Santa Barbara. My research focuses on endangered species management.

Point Reyes presents a difficult situation for managers, but I think the handwriting is clearly on the wall favoring Alternative F, which I endorse. Free-ranging cattle are simply incompatible with many of the provisions for National Seashores, including but hardly limited to adverse effects on vegetation, soil and water quality. I believe the original goal was to remove most or all competing land uses, as we saw with oyster farming a few years back, but that stakeholders have essentially sought to forestall original plans via legal challenges. Unfortunately I can see no justification for those variances that does not adversely affect Park resources.

Alternative F will come in time, and should be implemented now.

#1375

Name: Carter, Fred

Correspondence: In all honesty, this plan is in complete opposition to the states goals of the park & the park system. The elk are native! The cows are not. Are you also changing the park name to the Point Reyes National Cattle Ranch? Because that certainly appears to be he intent.

As this administration powers forward toward the destruction of the civilized world as well as the planet, we must not allow these changes to take place.

#1376

Name: Rice, Deb

Correspondence: KEEP THE RANCHES/AGRICULTURE IN PT REYES!! REPEAT - - KEEP THE RANCHES!!

CULL THE ELK HERDS TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY POPULATION LEVELS! (FEED THE HOMELESS WITH THE VENISON!!

RANCHERS NEED 20-YR LEASES TO PLAN FOR FUTURE AG NEEDS! 5 YRS IS NOT AT ALL REALISTIC FOR AG PLANNING!

PARTNER WITH RANCHES FOR MORE AGRI-TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES!

MARIN COUNTY NEEDS ITS AGRICULTURAL AREAS TO SUSTAIN COUNTY REVENUE NEEDS!!

ALLOW ELK HERDS WANDER BEYOND THE PARK BOUNDARIES AS THEY WOULD NATURALLY. Why only in the park? Is that their only natural territory? Herds near Eureka are not contained/graze freely.

#1377

Name: Lippay, Jennifer

Correspondence: The wonderful farm-to-table culture of Marin County relies upon our home-grown produce and meat. The ranchers on Pt. Reyes National Seashore land are keenly aware of the tremendous gift our natural resources bestow upon us.

Agreed that ranch lands should be limited and that the ranches' operations should be held to the highest sustainable practices possible.

I believe that our area celebrates the wonderful synergy between agriculture and open space. Let's continue to embrace this amazing collaboration.

#1378

Name: salguero, anika

Correspondence: Point Reyes is one of the most magical places I've ever been, I really love visiting this park. I think its older geology makes it a very special place. I love the fact that the tule elk are allowed to continue to survive out there since humans have completely destroyed thier natural habitat. Its a rare thing when a species can be brought back from the brink of extinction. The magical feeling of Point Reyes is inhanced by the roaming Tule Elk that you may happen upon while hiking or taking a drive through the park. They perfom essential functions of consuming the fauna and I think its very appropriate that being said I think that the cattle farms detract from the feeling of being in a wilderness an I think that its unfortuante that they are still there. There are so many other places these people can relocate to as farmers, but the Tule elk do not have more options. Humans can adapt but the elk are in a very fragile place, we have plenty of cows everywhere and they pollute the environment and consume the resources that are essential for elk and probably having to live with these working farms is causing the elk undue stress. I personally hated driving up to see the elk and then feeling like I am in someones farm with all the man made crap everywhere and it detracts from the relaxing purpose of getting out into nature. Farms are not natural they are manipulated by humans and its gross, when I go to a park I want to get away from this kind of stuff and enjoy the natural rythms of land untouched from humans and thier mess. Please get rid of the ranches and restore peace and tranquility to feeling of point reyes, at the most five more years but seriously they will just keep hanging on as long as they see a chance why should a few family farmers ruin point reyes for everyone else and the elk ? This is not fair and they have had a long time to continue to do so lets progress forward out of this tired debate and save the tule elk.....

#1379

Name: Sandbach , John

Correspondence: Non-native species should take precedence over invasive non native cattle. One has belonged to the ecosystem for thousands of years. The other is introduced. People do not visit parks to see dairy cows. This is short sighted and if the elk must be moved, should be relocated to other parts of their natural range in California

#1380

Name: Capouano, Esther

Correspondence: As a former resident of Marin County, I often enjoyed the site of the elk roaming around. Is it not possible to continued a shared existence? The support of the farmers and their livelihoods should not be prioritized over those of the native Elk. I suggest that we DO NOT kill off the Tule Elk. I'd rather see native livestock such as the Elk rather than a farming operation if it comes to one or the other.

#1381

Name: Sparrow, Deb

Correspondence: Getting rid of the elk and expanding cattle in the park would be entirely against the reason for this park's creation. In fact, taxpayers bought out the ranchers long ago based on the rancher's agreement to remove their business from the park. Do not break faith with the American public. Existing ranching in the park must not be expanded. This national park must be managed to maintain it's rare and special elk and natural beauty.

#1382

Name: Sullivan, Cheryle

Correspondence: I recently traveled through California to visit family and visited several national park sites, including Port Reyes National Seashore. Seeing the elk, along with a nearby coyote was a highlight of my visit there. I can't believe that anyone is considering lowering the elk population in favor of increasing domestic cattle and other domestic animals raised for commercial purposes.

For personal and planet health we are trying to move away from a meat-based diet. The NPS should be concerned about the environmental impact of grazing cattle, if not the health effect of eating red meat. I have absolutely no interest in seeing beef or dairy cattle when I visit a NPS site, no more than I'd want to see a factory or strip mall. This land was set aside to preserve nature for generations to come, not commercial enterprises. I hope you will reconsider this plan.

If these activities continue to be proposed and undertaken by the parks, my NPS donations will be changed to donations for conservancy organizations to prevent these activities.

#1383

Name: Danielson , Bren

Correspondence: Protect the park. Protect the Elk. Protect Tomales Bay Oyster estuaries. More access to Tomales Bay Oyster Company. No more toxic run off from cattle. No need for more ranching. Widen Hwy. 1 to two lanes where it's possible. More passing lanes to go around bikes.

#1384

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please keep the Tule Elk and wind down the cattle farming.

#1385

Name: Flynn, Tina

Correspondence: I strongly disagree with the capping of wildlife for agricultural purposes. If it is necessary or humane do reduce the population because it has grown too large and the elk are starving then yes cap the population. I am sure there is plenty of land for the farmers to grow crops and livestock that would not adversely affect the wildlife population of the elk or any other wild animal living on Pt Reyes National park. Where is the wildlife to go if it is not wanted in our National Parks?

#1386

Name: McKibben, Melissa

Correspondence: Having reviewed the historic ranching component of Point Reyes NS, and the genetic struggles of the Tule elk in California, I think Option B is a poor choice of alternatives.

In the age of climate change, the rare habitat types enclosed by PORE and the native species they shelter are under increasing pressure from sustained changes in local weather and temperature. As PORE's own InsideNPS online literature states, in the first sentence under its 'Nature and Science' section: "As wildland habitat is lost elsewhere in California, the relevance of the Point Reyes Peninsula increases as a protected area with a notable rich biological diversity." Tule elk are a vital component to maintaining this diversity...and as a species limited in number and genetically compromised throughout its range, they are especially vulnerable to new diseases and threats to their environment.

A few years ago, half of the global population of Saiga Antelope was wiped out in the space of a year by a rampage of a common bacteria suddenly run wild due to unusually warm, humid temperatures across their range. From an article by National Geographic staff:

'The scientists noted that the bacteria seem to be regularly present in the large noses of saiga, even perhaps at birth. But especially warm and humid conditions seemed to have allowed the bacteria to grow out of control, overwhelming the animals.'

Before the mass die-off, the Saiga were nearly half a million strong, genetically diverse, and spread over a vast area of the world.

In light of this, 5,700 Tule elk with known genetic impairments (such as unusually fragile antlers), hanging on in fragments of habitat throughout the state, seem horrifically at risk. Efforts to limit their range and numbers even further in one of the places they are thriving in their ancient habitat seem misguided at best. Across California, farming and ranching dominate - cows are even run on the majority of the public lands (USFS) here. Must PORE be yet one MORE place where domestic livestock is favored to the detriment of a vanishingly rare habitat and a vanishingly rare species of elk?

I am aware that the historic ranching on PORE is done with habitat enhancement in mind. And that the historic family ranch is, in its own way, highly endangered. After review, it appears that Alternative D is the ideal compromise, providing for the ranches and while recognizing the tenuous hold that both the elk and their habitat retains on this Earth. Ranching is not an evil enterprise. And the historic structures and operations have important cultural benefit. But in the end, the importance of safeguarding the Tule elk and its habitat for future enjoyment simply cannot be overstated. I hope that, in the end, the chosen plan will respect that above all else.

Thank you for your consideration.

#1387

Name: Schulze, L

Correspondence: YES to Preserving Tule Elk!!

No to COWS & Farming!! This is WRONG on so many levels! Don't sell out to individual interests!

Keep preserving this precious National Park land for Natural Wildlife!!

#1388

Name: Velasquez, Linda

Correspondence: What in the world are you doing? There is no justification for killing the elk shame on you for destroying our wildlife in this area

#1389

Name: Buegeleisen, Debbi

Correspondence: We do not need to eat meat for health. We do not need more cattle Please save other animals besides animals used for food. Animals lives matter. Animal agriculture is destroying everything. Please be responsible. Do not destroy the elk and our planet for sensory pleasures like the taste of animal flesh. It makes absolutely no sense.

#1390

Name: Reichert, Elaine

Correspondence: Please extend all the ranch leases for the full twenty years. These ranchers provide vital stewardship of rangelands and locally sourced healthy food. It's time to eat more elk. If allowing a short hunting season is unrealistic, allow a qualified hunter to humanely take as many as need to be culled. Then sell us the meat! This will provide revenue for the park, and supply local markets with delicious, healthy elk meat. The Seashore was created on the promise to ranchers that they would continue to farm. Many voluntarily sold land to the Park Service based on this promise. Honor it. Thanks! Elaine Reichert

#1391

Name: McCann, Ellen

Correspondence: We are in a climate emergency and need to change how things are done if we are to preserve wildlife for future generations. Cattle grazing is detrimental to the environment and has no place in a National Park. Not long ago Tule Elk were near extinct!

Wildlife before ranchers. Cows aren't going to become extinct; Tule Elk are in danger of just that. Here in America we get all up in arms over the killing of lions, elephants and other African wildlife while here in the States we do the same thing to our wildlife and favor corporations and ranchers over people and wild animals.

Listen to the people; we don't want cattle in Point Reyes.

#1392

Name: Minkoff, Annette

Correspondence: Protecting wildlife protects all life. Does this seem simplistic? Sometimes the best things in life are simple!

#1393

Name: Ogden, Maynard

Correspondence: Ranches/ranchers offer food and other produce for public consumption along with valuable history of settling coastal lands.

Elk offer entertainment to the public and visitors. The males fight for entitlement to procreate with the female harem. An increase in its population is not necessary to project its value or function.

There must be some available compromise to maintain both ranches and elk without the incessant warfare where everyone seems compelled to take sides.

A balance could be accomplished by capturing greater numbers of elk than needed for public viewing and shipping them to some other preserve within the US.

Renewal leases for the ranchers should be provided for the maximum time allowable so future internecine wars can be forever eliminated.

#1394

Name: Grace, Jaclyn

Correspondence: Dear Park Service, Enabling the murders of innocent, native Marin Co. Tule Elk is barbaric, and unnecessary, along with being on the wrong side of the compassionate movements that are now working to preserve and save all living creatures. Dig deeper into your hearts and feel the pain & terror this will cause these lovely sentient beings, just for the sake of ranchers' greed and power. Using guns and slaughtering animals is the opposite of what this county and country should now stand for!! Where is your moral outrage & sanity in murdering defenseless native creatures simply to make dairy & meat businesses prosper, who in fact are causing tremendous harm to our bodies and climate change for the Earth! Please! Please re-think this and come to your senses!! Look at the Amazon fires enabled for cattle ranching: TIME FOR CHANGE not more guns and violence here!

#1395

Name: Bauman, Kristen

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

I do not support this plan.

#1396

Name: Carswell, Anita

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1397

Name: Fenn, Elizabeth

Correspondence: National parks for all people to enjoy the natural and native species not for ranchers and farmers. I oppose any removal of tule elk

#1398

Name: robinson, james

Correspondence: I wholeheartedly support Alternative F. This is best for our future generations! I am a 30 year resident of Mill Valley, and a frequent visitor to Pt Reyes. Thank you James Robinson

#1399

Name: Bonvechio, Wendy

Correspondence: This is totally outrageous!! Is there no end to the greed respect for wildlife and the environment? Please please don't let them do this.

#1400

Name: picardi, james

Correspondence: Cease and desist immediately. You are helping to destroy whatever is left of natural habitat in

America. What you are planning smells of money-breathed politics and you should be ashamed, not proud, of this undertaking!

#1401

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We visit the park yearly for it's beauty. Please do not kill the off the wild elk, to subsidize cattle ranchers. Farmers get enough subsidies and if you have not heard, dairy consumption is in decline.

#1402

Name: Flanagan, Floyd

Correspondence: The Point Reyes National Seashore General Land Management Plan poses an extreme threat to the low number of Tule Elk which inhabit the region. The cattle industry's claim that Tule Elk eat too much grass and are interfering with their grazing operations is not true. In fact, it is the cattle that graze the area which are impacting it detrimentally. Tule Elk are not damaging the ecosystem. They are not in too high numbers. In fact, there are less than 600 elk within the park, yet there are about 6,000 head of cattle. The elk are not the problem. A National Park is no place for private industry- let alone one that is explicitly trying to displace and kill wildlife. The Point Reyes National Seashore is a treasured natural resource. And this includes Tule Elk who have resided there since the arrival of cattle farming in California.

For the reasons stated above, I urge you not to pass the Point Reyes National Seashore General Land Management Plan, as drafted, which will be a death sentence for the Tule Elk by granting ranchers 20-year leases, expanding their dairy and cattle grazing operations to include other domestic livestock and row crops and cap the Tule Elk population to 120 animals which means killing multiple elk every year.

This plan will surly mean the end of Tule Elk in the National Park and be extremely detrimental to other wildlife.

Please say no to the draft Point Reyes National Seashore General Land Management Plan for this National Park. Thank you.

#1403

Name: yanke, Brian

Correspondence: oint Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. • Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

#1404

Name: Lagergren, Ginna

Correspondence: Aug. 28, 2019

Dear National Park Service

Your job is to protect our National Park lands for all the people of the U.S. Therefore, it is your responsibility to preserve the natural features of Point Reyes as a National Seashore for the use and enjoyment of the PUBLIC; not the livestock industry. Public funds were used to buy out the ranchers that are still illegally occupying Park Service lands in Point Reyes National Seashore at taxpayer expense decades ago. They were explicitly told that they would have to be vacated from those lands by now. Listen up, National Park Service, the public lands and native wildlife on Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area need to be CONSERVED!! DO NOT ALLOW cattle and commercial agricultural EXPANSION !! Please listen to the citizens that you serve;

not the self-serving ranchers or government officials dictating poor decisions that are not in the greater public interest. Ken and Ginna Lagergren, National Park Lifetime Pass Holders

#1405

Name: wilcoxon, heather

Correspondence: I am writing to you about my concern on killing or eliminating wild Elk in the Pt Reyes area. These are native animals. and to destroy them because farmers want to have more cattle is insane. We need to protect our wild life. Our planet is changing daily and many species will be lost forever. Please not be part of that because of greed and money. Please protect those amazing animals!!!!

#1406

Name: Medeiros, Christine

Correspondence: I am an avid hiker of the Point Reyes National Seashore. I have hiked very trail and beach, but the most troubling is foul runoff down the gullies and cliffs of the South beach. I have photos to prove. Just last week I found actual cow droppings on the south Pt Reyes beach. Never mind the polluting of the fragile Abbotts Lagoon, where I have found cows in the actual lagoon and cow droppings everywhere. That farm needs to be shut down.

As does the ones all around Drakes beach - let the Elk take over. Will attract more tourists than smelly cows. Take down the fences - that starve our elk.

C. Medeiros

#1407

Name: Mitchell, Bridger

Correspondence: In November 2012 Secretary of the Interior Salazar directed: "... the Superintendent work with the operators of the cattle and dairy ranches within the pastoral zone to reaffirm my intention that, consistent with applicable laws and planning processes, recognition of the role of ranching be maintained and to pursue extending permits to 20-year terms for the dairy and cattle ranches within that pastoral zone. In addition, the values of multi-generational ranching and farming at Point Reyes should be fully considered in future planning efforts."

At page 6, the DEIS says the Park would implement succession that is consistent with multi-generational ranching:

"In the event an existing lessee decides to discontinue ranching, NPS would implement succession planning that is consistent with maintaining multi-generational ranching in the action area."

However, the draft Succession Policy (Document ID 97618) also says the Park could issue a Request for Proposals to identify a new operator, someone not from the generations of original leaseholders: "2. In the event that no other park leaseholders are interested and NPS determines that it is appropriate to maintain the lease/permit area in agriculture, the NPS would pursue issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) to identify a new operator."

QUESTION: How is the Draft EIS consistent with Secretary Salazar's direction to fully consider the values of multigenerational ranching in planning efforts? How would issuance of a RFP for ranching by operators who are not members of the immediate family of a current rancher satisfy this directive?

#1408

Name: Dawes, Fleur

Correspondence: I am a frequent user of Point Reyes National Seashore and a deep admirer of California's wild

animals, especially the Tule Elk. I remember how full of wonder and honor I felt to first encounter one of these amazing animals, standing with a crowd of similarly entranced tourists. When I left the area, I felt so proud of California for being a place that respects and protects its native wild animals. I was somewhat surprised to see the old ranches there, thinking they were relics from a less educated time when people of the gold-rush times could not fathom how harmful it is to allow humans and domesticated animals to roam in such special habitat. I could not believe when I visited again another time that there was an operational farm with horrid little hutches, torture chambers for baby cows being made into cruel veal. It is a stain on California's tourism buck, and certainly marred my enjoyment of the area.

I come from a place where all the wild animals have been wiped out. I beg you to preserve the Tule Elk and not harm them in any way, but support their continued existence in their native habitat on the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you

Fleur Dawes

#1409

Name: Rinder, Lawrence

Correspondence: Regarding the proposed Point Reyes Management Plan, I am strongly opposed to Alternative B, which would allow continued use of historic ranch sites for cattle operations. These operations pollute and degrade the ecosystem. The owners sold their land and were adequately compensated long ago. Now is the time to return this land to nature and to preserve it for our environmental health and well-being. I support Alternative F. Thank you.

#1410

Name: McCarthy, Michael

Correspondence: Regarding the long term management of the Tule elk and the future of the agricultural leases in Point Reyes. I believe the Tule elk and the welfare of public lands should be prioritized over the agricultural interests. There is no shortage of milk and beef producers in the US. There is however, a shortage of Tule elk. The ranchers and farmers have had decades to prepare, time for the livestock to go.

#1411

Name: Hallatt, Annie

Correspondence: Just took a fabulous tracking class with Richard Vacha at the park headquarters and I have a renewed understanding and appreciation of the wealth of animal life in the GGNRA. We are in the middle of the 6th great extinction of life on the planet threatened by carbon from Fossil fuel extraction and Commercial agriculture, including Beef Ranching and mono crop destruction of the forests and natural land cover. This idea of destroying a wild population in favor of one of the causes of global land mass chaos is beyond comprehension. I am glad to meet with you in person, I believe that community conversation is essential before decisions are made and look forward to that opportunity.

#1412

Name: Walter, Chris

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Tule elk are an important part of this landscape; it is the only national park where they live. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration—a key element of the Park Service's mission. A lot of time, money and effort has been expended to restore the Tule elk. They should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park—not shot

removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment needs to take priority over commercial activities there. The park draws and inspires visitors from all over and this tourism greatly helps the surrounding communities. There is **NO MANDATE FOR PRIORITIZING COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL LEASES ON THESE PUBLIC LANDS**. Currently the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects' but it is the native wildlife and the preservation of the natural ecosystem that needs to be accommodated-not the other way around. The Park Service should not allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. The land is needed for the native wildlife and expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it is **ABSOLUTELY** consistent with preserving the natural environment and if not phased out as soon as possible. I believe this needs to be closely and scientifically evaluated on an ongoing basis. Agricultural activities such as mowing etc. shouldn't be permitted in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. Let's love, protect and preserve this beautiful habitat, it's wildlife and unique ecosystem!

#1413

Name: Harmon, Ginger

Correspondence:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service Draft Plan for Cattle Ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Back in the late fifties and early sixty I was one of the many people in Marin County who urged the formation of Point Reyes National Seashore. We had long enjoyed the extraordinary natural and recreational opportunities at Point Reyes. Our expectation was the National Park designation of Point Reyes would mean indefinite protection for those values. We were sure that the Buy Out-Lease Back Plan would clear the land of commercial ventures in 25 years.

Well, we were wrong. Lease after lease was renewed year after year. The dairy farms along the coast expanded into commercial cattle ranches. Cattle ranching was never intended to be the predominant purpose of Point Reyes-or any other National Park-but that surely was what was happening

The killing of wild tule elk because of conflict with cattle grazing is a grossly twisting the values of National Parks. Wild animals should thrive in National Parks. Similarly wild grasses and wildflowers are mostly crowded out where stubble and weeds on grazed land have prevailed.

The EIS draft plan you have presented is not balanced. The ranchers get everything they asked for-the environment and the public get nothing. The Point Reyes National Seashore should be managed for the values it originally was created to protect: landscape and wildlife.

I am sure that those I worked with almost 60 years ago to get Park designation at Point Reyes would join me in urging you to end dairy farming and cattle ranching at our dearly beloved Point Reyes National Seashore.

#1414

Name: Biggs, April

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1415

Name: Tartaglia, Lauren

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Name: Bennett, Alan

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Name: Frost, MaryAnn

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Thank you.

MaryAnn Frost

#1418

Name: Barrett, Keiko

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#1419

Name: Harris, Freya

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Name: Harris, D.

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Name: Visperas, Carlene

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Name: Kozel, Tom

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Name: Jacobs, Quida

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Name: Harris, Pam

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Name: Wright, Kylie

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Name: Spiegler, Linda

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#1431

Name: Williams, Yvonne

Correspondence: I'm lending my voice today for those who can't speak for themselves. As a compassionate human being and a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations. Not cool. Trust me, the ranchers have had their time and enough is enough.

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Kevin Frost

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Name: Staley, Bill

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Name: Poissant, Barbara

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Thank you

#1438

Name: Mooney, Marina

Correspondence: Dear All,

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Name: Mendieta, Vince

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#1440

Name: Armao, Terri

Correspondence: I oppose the horrible National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations. Kick the ranchers off the land.

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Name: Wood, Peter

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Name: Shan, korinna

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#1444

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a life-long California resident and taxpayer, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their operations.

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Please abandon this plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat.

#1445

Name: Jamal, Kate

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#1447

Name: Rivalsi, Doug & Elvira

Correspondence: NO ranching, leave the elk alone.

#1448

Name: N/A, N/A

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#1449

Name: Riner, Dax

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Facts here:

https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/protecting_Point_Reyes_elk/pdfs/CowsAndElkByTheNumbers.pdf

#1450

Name: Covington, Betty

Correspondence: The Injustice of the Innocent & Voiceless!

All animals deserve lives free from human-inflicted suffering. As the highest created being, humans have a moral obligation to be wise stewards of animals. Just because we happen to be the most powerful species on earth, we humans have the ability, but not the right, to abuse the so-called lower animals. The ends do NOT justify the means!

We all know that there is something seriously wrong with a food system where the best day of an animal's life is the day that it is finally over!

Every Living Creature deserves the Right to Live as Nature has intended.

Not only do animal victims deserve to be free from abuse and neglect, but numerous studies show a correlation between animal cruelty and violence toward people-animal cruelty impacts community safety.

If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.

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#1451

Name: Garrett, Wendy

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Thank you - Wendy Garrett

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#1454

Name: Groome, Malcolm

Correspondence: Your proposal to murder indigenous elk strikes me as inhumane and misguided. All this for ranchers who do not even belong in the Point Reyes National Seashore anyway. I am outraged on behalf of these

beautiful creatures. What is the National Park Service for? For ranchers? No! They were always to be phased out. Your mission is for parks and the native animals who reside in them.

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Thanks for reading my comments.

#1455

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Name: Janicki , Joyce

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Sincerely, Cheryl Gardner

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the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1460

Name: Covington, Betty

Correspondence: The Injustice of the Innocent & Voiceless!

All animals deserve lives free from human-inflicted suffering. As the highest created being, humans have a moral obligation to be wise stewards of animals. Just because we happen to be the most powerful species on earth, we humans have the ability, but not the right, to abuse the so-called lower animals. The ends do NOT justify the means!

We all know that there is something seriously wrong with a food system where the best day of an animal's life is the day that it is finally over!

Every Living Creature deserves the Right to Live as Nature has intended.

Not only do animal victims deserve to be free from abuse and neglect, but numerous studies show a correlation between animal cruelty and violence toward people-animal cruelty impacts community safety. If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.

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#1465

Name: Hazen, Pamela

Correspondence: Point Reyes needs wild Tule Elk. Not more sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs for slaughter!

#1466

Name: Harper, Barbara

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Name: Martinez, Priscilla

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These are God's creations, we need to take better care of them, and their environment.

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#1475

Name: Harry, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Gee whiz, can't California step in to stop this? I thought that government in California was more progressive and enlightened than most of the country. How sad.

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#1478

Name: Poole, Diane

Correspondence: PLEASE STOP HANDING OFF OUR WILD LAND TO CATTLE RANCHERS!!! WE MUST SAVE OUR WILDLIFE & IF THE RANCHERS HAVE TOO MANY CATTLE, THEY NEED TO SELL THEM TO LESSEN THEIR HERDS & STOP TRYING TO KILL OFF OUR WILDLIFE TO THESE IDIOTS!!!

#1479

Name: Clausi, Tracey

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#1480

Name: O'Bryan, Kim

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Sincerely,

Kim O'Bryan

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#1482

Name: Barrett, Lisa

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#1483

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam!

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Sincerely, Esther Juhl.

#1484

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#1485

Name: bronson, jonette

Correspondence: I visit Point Reyes often, sometimes twice a year, from Colorado, and i am there to view the wildlife, particularly the Tule Elk. The sickening part of my visit is always the veal pens and the cattle fouling the land. DO NOT KILL THESE ELK. WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

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**DO THE RIGHT THING AND DO NOT KILL NATIVE SPECIES IN FAVOR OF DISGUSTING COWS.
PERIOD.**

#1486

Name: Camarillo, Suzanne

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Thank you for your time & attention to this matter.

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Thank you

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#1492

Name: Scarborough, James

Correspondence: I humbly request that the NPS come to its senses, recall its mission, and reorient its management of Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate NRA toward conserving the natural ecosystems and native

wildlife there - - versus the agency's apparent partiality toward cattlemen and agricultural expansion, both of which are in direct contradiction to these unique areas' designation, history, and present/future need. Ranchers who have remained stubbornly attached to the public teat on these public lands, despite having been bought out many years ago, have no business here and their operations should be fully and permanently removed. Get the cows out and allow the tule elk room and forage to thrive.

#1493

Name: Fiedor, Jillian

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Thanks for your time.

#1494

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a tax payer and a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1496

Name: Heins, Jill

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I'd like to urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and if financially feasible re-purpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1497

Name: Hall, Denise

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#1499

Name: Davis, Nina

Correspondence: This is important.

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#1500

Name: Harmon, Ginger

Correspondence:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service Draft Plan for Cattle Ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Back in the late fifties and early sixty I was one of the many people in Marin County who urged the formation of Point Reyes National Seashore. We had long enjoyed the extraordinary natural and recreational opportunities at Point Reyes. Our expectation was that National Park designation of Point Reyes would mean indefinite protection for those values. We were sure that the Buy Out-Lease Back Plan would clear the land of commercial ventures in 25 years.

Well, we were wrong. Lease after lease were renewed year after year. The dairy farms along the coast expanded into commercial cattle ranches. Cattle ranching was never intended to be the predominant purpose of Point Reyes-or any other National Park-but that surely was what was happening.

The killing of wild tule elk because of conflict with cattle grazing is a grossly twisting the values of National Parks. Wild animals should thrive in National Parks. Wild grasses and wildflowers are mostly crowded out where stubble and weeds on grazed land have prevailed.

The EIS draft plan you have presented is not balanced. The ranchers get everything they asked for-the environment and the public get nothing. The Point Reyes National Seashore should be managed for the values it originally was created to protect: landscape and wildlife.

I am sure that those I worked with almost 60 years ago to get Park designation at Point Reyes would join me in urging you to end dairy farming and cattle ranching at our dearly beloved Point Reyes National Seashore.

#1501

Name: COLEMAN, ANTHONY

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Name: Donohue, Colin

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Name: Ramsden, Jayne

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#1504

Name: Benyk, Georgia

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#1506

Name: Marshall, Jo Jean

Correspondence: Humanity's true moral test, its fundamental test...consists of its attitude towards those who are at its mercy: Animals. Leave our animals alone...our vulnerable, sentient, beautiful animals have psychological lives, emotional lives along with their physical presence - these animals KNOW - they want to LIVE - we do NOT have the right to take away their lives - it is WRONG, it's unconscionable and depravedly indifferent to the animals very existence.

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#1508

Name: N/A, N/A

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Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

#1509

Name: N/A, Olenkka

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Name: Kayser, Terry

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#1512

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: My fellow humans,

Let's please dedicate this entire space to non ranching national park that me, my family, my community needs as we struggle to humanely survive in a highly dense area in a time of great change.

Please let the elk live in peace.

I call on your strength, grace, responsibility and purpose.

Go in courage & peace

John

#1513

Name: McKay, Alison

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Name: Guard, Mary

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Sincerely, Mary Guard

#1516

Name: Sherman, Julie

Correspondence: How DARE you use my lands for private interests for grazing. How DARE you schedule the slaughter of native species for private and unnecessary interests on MY and other citizens public lands. How DARE you defile the intent of the legacy of Teddy Roosevelt and the others who created these PUBLIC wildlife lands for all Americans to enjoy by selling out our Public lands to private interests.

No Fucking Way you hypocrites! You should ALLL be removed from your jobs as you are NOT doing your American civil duty to protect America's parks and native species from the use by private users that endanger our parks and species.

Seriously, WTF is wrong with you!?

#1517

Name: Hulme, Nancy

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Name: Rendigs, Richard and Kim

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Name: Farmer, Bonnie

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#1521

Name: Smith, Judith

Correspondence: I am a frequent visitor to Pt. Reyes National Seashore and I OPPOSE the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1522

Name: Bland, Nancy

Correspondence: To whom it may concern: I oppose the Park Service's plan to remove the native Tule elk population and increase cultivated land and livestock grazing within the Point Reyes National Seashore. Such a plan runs counter to the purpose of having public lands in the first place. There are millions of acres already dedicated to grazing cattle, quite a lot of it on public lands already. Public land means PUBLIC land, land belonging to all Americans, set aside for their enjoyment. It does not mean land set aside for the enrichment of cattle barons. There is already enough of that going on in this country, and by "that" I mean enriching the rich at the expense of everyone who isn't. Point Reyes is the Tule elks' native range. Leave it alone!

#1523

Name: Albano, Sondra

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Name: Toulson, Alvin

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Step 2: Go to this National Park Service webpage and click "comment now." You will be redirected to a form where you can insert our letter.

Step 3: Fill out your personal information, paste our letter directly into the comments section on the form, and click the "submit" button.

Note: If you want to personalize your comments, use this helpful fact sheet comparing the impacts of Tule elk to cattle at Point Reyes drafted by our allies at the Center for Biological Diversity.

Step 4: Please complete our simple form at the right-hand side of this blog to let us know you took action! Thank you.

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Name: Escamilla, Vanessa

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Name: Leitch, Mary Ann

Correspondence: The National Park Service plans to kill native Tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, convert park grasslands into crops, and let cattle ranchers expand their businesses to kill sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs. After decades of activism, this is an outrage!

IS NOTHING SACRED SAVE THE RICH GETTING RICHER? More beef, more crops - NO keep the land for the wildlife! You cannot disassemble an eco-system to please profiteers like cattle ranchers.

When the Seashore was established in 1962, ranchers were permitted to continue their business in park for their lifetime or twenty-five years. Ranching was not even considered a reason for establishing the Seashore. Now the National Park Service plans to shoot up to fifteen elk annually to "compromise" with cattle ranchers who graze their animal victims within the Seashore. NO THANKS, NOT ACCEPTABLE!

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Name: Pintagro, Thomas

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Yours truly, Thomas J. Pintagro

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Name: DiMiceli, Crystal

Correspondence: Mahatma Gandhi said "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." This land is a National Park and it and its animals should be protected as such.

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Name: Gress, Laurel

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WE do not need any more animal farmers...Stop ruining this country and state.

People should be eating more plants.

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Name: Barranco, Pilar

Correspondence: Como miembro de la organización sin fines de lucro de protección animal internacional con sede en California, In Defense of Animals, con más de 250,000 simpatizantes, me opongo al plan del Servicio de Parques Nacionales para matar alces nativos de Tule, cultivar cultivos comerciales y permitir que los ganaderos agreguen pollos, pavos, ovejas, cerdos y cabras a sus operaciones de explotación.

Como parque nacional, esta propiedad fue reservada específicamente para proteger, restaurar y preservar el medio ambiente natural, incluidos los animales salvajes que viven allí. La intención original era eliminar

gradualmente la ganadería lechera y ganadera, no agregar más cultivos o animales para aumentar las ganancias de la ganadería.

El plan propuesto no aborda el daño causado por el pastoreo, incluida la degradación de la calidad del agua y la erosión del suelo. Además, agregar nuevos cultivos creará más conflictos con los animales salvajes nativos.

Por favor abandone este plan inhumano y destructivo. Les insto a restaurar la Zona Pastoral de la Orilla del Mar para el hábitat de animales salvajes y reutilizar los edificios de ranchos históricos para investigación científica, interpretación y educación pública.

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As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1560

Name: N/A, N/A

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#1561

Name: Mora, Harry

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grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1562

Name: Barber, Meadow

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1563

Name: Robbins, Steven

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1564

Name: Howe, Robin

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#1565

Name: Ames, Carol

Correspondence: The National Park Service (NPS) plans to kill native Tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, convert park grasslands into crops, and let cattle ranchers expand their businesses to kill sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs. **THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!**

You want to commit genocide in order to favor the cattle ranchers? When the Seashore was established in 1962, ranchers were permitted to continue their business in park for their lifetime or twenty-five years. Ranching was not even considered a reason for establishing the Seashore. Now the National Park Service plans to shoot up to fifteen elk annually to compromise with cattle ranchers who graze their animal victims within the Seashore. **THESE RANCHERS HAVE MORE TO FEAR FROM VEGANS AND VEGETARIANS than from native wildlife!!!**

PARK SERVICE MANAGEMENT PRIORITIZES CATTLE OVER ELK *Minimum acres of the Seashore grazed by beef and dairy cattle in 2015: 17,766 *Portion of the Seashore devoted to commercial cattle operations: 25% *Approximate portion of the Seashore occupied by tule elk: 18% *Portion of Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Marin administered by PRNS devoted to commercial cattle operations: 60%

I'd rather see the elk protected on public lands than cattle (I like cows the same as elk, but I detest ranchers and hunters).

#1566

Name: Johannsen, Mary

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1567

Name: Castle, Allison

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1568

Name: Dunsmore, Dawn

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1569

Name: Tumolo, Christopher

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#1570

Name: Rose, Diann

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education. I am counting on your leadership to protect the Tule elk and its habitat.

Thank you, Diann Rose

#1571

Name: Gregg, K.

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Name: Kite, Richard

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#1573

Name: Butler, Neill

Correspondence: It's so sad to see natural lands continue to be encroached upon around the world. I've always looked to California as being one of the most advanced places in the world for decisions around lifestyle and taking care of the environment. The shooting of Elk at Point Reyes seems to be a most un-Californian thing to do. I guess you always get a few "duff" decision makers. Please uphold California's high standards and don't let the Trump supporters destroy a piece of natural beauty and the animals that call it home.

#1574

Name: Saar, Jenny

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Name: Phillips, Sally

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Name: Williams, John

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#1577

Name: nasif, maria

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#1578

Name: Grafakou, Kalliopi

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Name: Vartabedian, Pia

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#1580

Name: Taber, Aili

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#1581

Name: Ziliotto, Sue

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The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1582

Name: massey, carolyn

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1583

Name: Nazor, Craig

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations (more or less supported by alternatives A, B, C, D, and E).

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment, including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

California's native costal habitats have been severely impacted since the arrival of European farmers and ranchers. Most of the major impacts have been caused by the farmers and ranchers themselves. It is my belief that National Seashores should first and foremost protect native plants, animals and pre-European environments. That is the main reason I would choose to visit them. Expanded ranching and farming along with the partial removal (read: killing) of the native elk subspecies found nowhere else is continuing (in some alternatives, actually EXPANDING) a large government subsidy to private enterprise. This will be achieved at the expense of all of the American people (like myself) who want to enjoy our wild American heritage unadulterated with private profits supported by inhumane animal practices and the use of agricultural chemicals.

The NPS preferred alternative B plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals. How will

permitting the spraying of the insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers now used in most farming practices be handled at a National Seashore? How will it be policed?

The best option for the ecosystems National Seashore is alternative F. This management plan would expand visitor opportunities and the quality of those visits. It is the most sustainable, so it will take the least amount of money to manage properly. As it is now, despite costing money, the NPS does not properly enforce its rules and regulations on commercial farming in the park. Why would you want to expand that responsibility when our parks are so underfunded? Alternative F will eliminate any need to do this.

Please abandon this inhumane, destructive, and costly plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1584

Name: Potiuk, Dave

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1585

Name: Mayer, Leo

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1586

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a very concerned citizen and a member of the California-based international animal

protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1587

Name: N/A, Katherine

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1588

Name: Bill, Susan

Correspondence: As a taxpayer, I am sick and tired of cattle ranchers having so much impact on our government lands. Enough is enough. If the cattle ranchers cannot afford to buy land to graze their cattle then they need to get out of the business. Please do not let them get away with yet another selfish act.

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1589

Name: Toohey, Brian

Correspondence: I'm oppose to the shooting of the tule elk, to open more space for the slaughter of farm animals. GO VEGGIE!!!!

#1590

Name: Kepner, Susan

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals, I VERY, VERY STRONGLY oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations. This IS NOT WHAT OUR National Parks ARE FOR!!!

As national park land, this property was "specifically" set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits. So why not phase out this program??? Who is making your decisions for you???

The proposed plan does NOT address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals. This is UNACCEPTABLE!!!

Please abandon this inhumane and VERY destructive plan. I VERY STRONGLY urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1591

Name: Petty, Kevin

Correspondence: We are experiencing a worsening climate catastrophe, so the last thing we need is to permit ranchers and industrial farmers to exploit what is supposed to be protected land. Humans need to cut back on their consumption of everything, but ESPECIALLY animal food products. I don't want our land used for commercial interests.

This land is for WILD, not domesticated animals. The Tule elk belong on this land, and they should not be harmed. The proposed plan will make public lands more commercial and harm the true inhabitants of those lands, all for business profits. Commercial misuse of our land leads to water and soil damage and hurts the beings who belong in nature.

Please disavow this plan and do something good for this world and us Americans: immediately eliminate commercial use of the seashore's pastoral zone and keep it for wild animals.

#1592

Name: johnson, pam

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1593

Name: hagen, chris

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Name: Palmer, Trent

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Baby cows are torn from their mothers so they don't drink their mothers milk, so humans can drink it. The male baby cows get killed and sold as veal as they are useless to the dairy industry. Then the milk is sold in the super market and we get told it's made for humans. That is how cows milk is made. Go vegan :)

#1595

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#1600

Name: Moss, Paul

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Save these beautiful elk !

#1603

Name: Crooms, Sandy

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#1607

Name: Mills, Irene

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Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I STRONGLY oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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The proposed plan fails to address the damage from grazing, specifically water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I STRONGLY urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1608

Name: shayl, sylvi

Correspondence: To whom it concerns,

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Sincerely, Sylvi Shayl.

#1609

Name: Lichstein, Debra

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#1610

Name: mendes, Augusta

Correspondence: Como membro da organização internacional sem fins lucrativos de defesa animal com base na Califórnia In Defense of Animals, com mais de 250.000 apoiadores, sou contra o plano do National Park Service de matar alces nativos de Tule, cultivar colheitas comerciais e permitir que fazendeiros adicionem galinhas, perus, ovelhas, porcos e cabras para suas operações de exploração.

Como parque nacional, essa propriedade foi especificamente reservada para proteger, restaurar e preservar o ambiente natural, incluindo os animais selvagens que vivem lá. A intenção original era eliminar gradualmente a pecuária leiteira e não adicionar mais culturas ou animais para aumentar os lucros da pecuária.

O plano proposto não trata dos danos causados pelo pastoreio, incluindo a degradação da qualidade da água e a erosão do solo. Além disso, a adição de novas culturas criará mais conflitos com animais selvagens nativos.

Por favor, abandone este plano desumano e destrutivo. Exorto-vos a restaurar a Zona Pastoral do Litoral para o habitat de animais selvagens e a reaproveitar os prédios históricos da fazenda para pesquisa científica, interpretação e educação pública.

#1610

Name: Picchetti, Gloria

Correspondence: Please don't shoot the Point Reyes Tule Elk. Thank you.

#1611

Name: Hume, Carola

Correspondence: This National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations, is deplorable.

National park land, is property that was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. THE ORIGINAL INTENTION WAS TO PHASE OUT >>> dairy and cattle ranching, and not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits!!!!!!!

The proposed plan DOES NOT ADDRESS THE DAMAGE from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

***STOP IMPLEMENTING this inhumane, insane and destructive plan.

RESTORE the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and re-purpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1612

Name: Corcoran, JC

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#1625

Name: Townsend, Tamara

Correspondence: Protect our wildlife. Too much killing and destroying.

#1626

Name: Garvey, Lydia

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#1627

Name: Wells, Jack

Correspondence: This is a true outrage, that even one of these magnificent animals should be killed to make already free-loading farmers that much richer.

#1628

Name: Collins, Carol

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Name: Barry, Marina

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Sincerely, Marina Barry

#1631

Name: Menache, Lucy

Correspondence: DEJEN DE MATAR ANIMALES! EL MUNDO NECESITA REFORESTACIÓN NO DESTRUCCIÓN, BONDAD Y NO CRUELDAD. QUIEN PERMITA LA MASACRE; CUANDO SE MUERA O ANTES DE ESO: EL TODO PODEROSO SE LAS VA A COBRAR CON EL KARMA, NO LES QUEPA LA MENOR DUDA. USEN SU PODER PARA ALGO BUENO NO PARA SEGUIR ARRUIRANDO EL MUNDO.

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Thank you for considering my comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Greg Rosas

#1643

Name: LIVINGSTON, Ken and

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We are asking you today to PLEASE ABANDON THIS EXTREMELY INHUMANE AND DESTRUCTIVE PLAN!!

We strongly urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education!!

Sincerely, Ken and Jan Livingston

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Name: Johnson, MIchele

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Name: Wall, Debbie

Correspondence: Animal agriculture is one of the most destructive forces on the planet. Besides causing more

green-houses gases than all forms of transportation combined, it is responsible for environmental degradation, habitat loss, species extinction, ocean acidification, causes unimaginable animal suffering and has huge human health implications. Our poor, poor planet is much too close to her tipping point for us to be enacting policies that will push her over the edge. We need to preserve whatever pristine wilderness we have left and re-wild much of that stolen from the animal nations. Do not enable animal agriculture by killing elk in Point Reyes Tule Park.

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Name: Topalian, Maggie

Correspondence: I am writing as a voice for the Tule Elk of Point Reyes National Seashore. Trump's Park Service's plan to kill up to 15 of these beautiful and rare animals every year is simply unacceptable. Given that they live in no other national park, it is crucial that every individual is granted the chance for a full, healthy life free from the threat of being hunted by people for no other reason than to appease private livestock owners. Catering to private interests is not the purpose of our National Parks. In fact, Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Tule elk are a vital part of the natural ecosystem; cattle are not. The presence of Tule elk at all in the park is only due to substantial amounts of time, money, and effort to restore this area, and as such, these

animals, along with all native wildlife, deserve to live and roam freely throughout their natural habitat without the risk of being considered and treated as "problem" animals. Furthermore, any additional agriculture in the park is also absolutely unacceptable, especially cattle ranching. Once again, National Parks are meant for their native inhabitants, not private interests, whose interests are environmentally devastating no matter where they take place. Cattle ranching does nothing but cause harm. It increases human-wildlife conflict, hugely contributes to release of greenhouse gases, habitat destruction, pollution, erosion, and water usage. Therefore, allowing cattle on National Park land is profoundly at odds with the Park Service's own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan. People are drawn to our nation's National Parks for their stunning natural landscapes, the chance to see native wildlife, and to enjoy the wonderful outdoor experiences our country has to offer. Allowing more agriculture and annihilating native animals obviously will not draw more visitors. Point Reyes National Seashore and all other national parks are supposed to be public lands, that is, for all to enjoy and cherish, not for subsidized exploitation by a few private entities. I ask you to reject the disastrous plan to allow hunting of Tule elk and additional agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore. More than ever before, we desperately need to focus on restoring, not degrading, the populations of all native species and Nature as a whole.

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Name: Vintimilla, Michelle

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Name: Govito, Stacey

Correspondence: Tule elk population compared to cattle Estimated historic tule elk numbers in California: 500,000 Surviving tule elk statewide by 1895: 28 Reintroduced tule elk population in California as of 2013: 4,300 Number of restored tule elk herds in California in 2013: 25 Locations where the public can view tule elk: 12 National Parks with tule elk: 1 Free-ranging elk at Point Reyes National Seashore as of 2014: 212 Number of elk fenced in at Pierce Point Elk Preserve as of 2014: 286 Estimated numbers of dairy and beef cattle in the Seashore as of 2015: 6,485 Park Service management prioritizes cattle over elk Minimum acres of the Seashore grazed by beef and dairy cattle in 2015: 17,766 Portion of the Seashore devoted to commercial cattle operations: 25% Approximate portion of the Seashore occupied by tule elk: 18% Portion of Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Marin administered by PRNS devoted to commercial cattle operations: 60% Rancher public subsidies Amount ten ranching families were paid by the public from 1963-1978 for purchasing ranch lands added to Point Reyes National Seashore: \$19.6 million Amount that payout represents in 2015 dollars: More than \$70 million Cost per animal unit for ranchers leasing back public lands at Point Reyes: \$7 Cost per animal unit for non-federal grazing land in Marin in 2009: \$15-20

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Name: McCartin, Michael

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YOU MUST STOP THIS INHUMANE TREATMENT- --NOW- --THIS IS A DISGRACE.

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Name: Benton, Devon

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Name: Cross, Tara

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Thank you

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#1671

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: STOP any plans to cull elk from OUR national park! Point Reyes belongs to the people NOT A FEW greedy ranchers!

I am appalled that the park service would even consider killing elk because of pressure from the dairy community. These elk should be given first priority and be able to continue to call Point Reyes NP their home.

STOP the nonsense! This is wrong National Park Service! And you know it. I don't visit to see dairy cows but rather to see, photograph and admire the wildlife in the park.

As far as I am concerned, ALL dairy and ranching operations should be terminated in the park. Don't you see the bigger picture? Our open spaces are disappearing along with the wildlife which calls it home.

STOP, STOP, STOP this outrageous move! I am PISSED OFF!

#1672

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Sincerely, Philipp Heinz-Reining

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Name: Viacrusis, John

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#1676

Name: Warren, Spencer

Correspondence: I oppose the proposal to begin killing elk on this land which should still be set aside solely for

this wildlife ranchers have plenty of other land and to begin shooting down the magnificent elk is contrary to decent conservation policy. It would be a craven sellout to business interests

#1677

Name: DeCarla, Tina

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Name: Leung, David

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Name: Roy, Debasri

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#1680

Name: Albert, Shan

Correspondence: I am appalled that you want to open the Point Reyes Park to cattle grazing and that in order to do so you will be killing the elk. Who is profiting from this plan? Certainly not the taxpayers and definitely not the environment.

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1681

Name: Koskinen, Michele

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To kill native wildlife, which has evolved to live in symbiosis with its environment, for the purpose of allowing the land to be turned into commercial grazing, a fast track to environmental degradation, is just wrong.

#1682

Name: Moretti, Vicente

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Name: Wreford, Julie

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Name: Dobson , Cynthia

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Sincerely, Cynthia Dobson

#1692

Name: Unger, Roni

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Name: Gazzola, Linda

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STOP THIS SLAUGHTER!!!!

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#1695

Name: Kingett, Kathie

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As a taxpayer, I resent paying to support private businesses, especially ones that would damage and even destroy my public lands.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

This will serve the PUBLIC, not private businesses.

thank you, Dr. Kathie Kingett

#1696

Name: Metzler, Vanessa

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Name: Fobes, Deborah

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Name: Potter, Doris

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#1700

Name: Lord, Rosalind

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1702

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

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#1703

Name: Williams, Christina

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#1704

Name: Noechel, Veronica

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, I feel strongly that this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase private ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the environmental damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals, which will inevitably lead to more unnecessary destruction of native wildlife.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education. Our national parks are a national treasure that belongs to all Americans, not just corporate agribusinesses or other profiteers.

#1705

Name: Trigg, Sharon

Correspondence: National Park land should not be used for agricultural purposes but for the welfare of the native animals and the enjoyment of citizens and tourists who visit our wild areas.

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1706

Name: Hamfler , Nanna

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations. As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits. The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals. Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1707

Name: krause, doug

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1708

Name: Clark, Carol

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I OPPOSE the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1709

Name: N/A, Carol

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations. As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits. The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals. Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1710

Name: Klein, JoAnne

Correspondence: An initial question begs to be asked: Is the National Park Service co-conspiring with the BLM to annihilate areas set aside as national treasures? What is this government drive to kill? The rights for survival and existence of the Native Tule Elk must take precedence over the any commercialization.

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I strongly oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations. As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits. The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals. Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1711

Name: Allert, Jonnie

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#1712

Name: N/A, Dolores

Correspondence: As a neighbor to our Gearhart elk herds (OR N Coast), I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1713

Name: Smoot, Todd

Correspondence: Thank you for taking our comments. I prefer Alternative F with some modifications. I believe the NPS Preferred Alternative allowing additional farming and domestic animal occupation of the property is short sighted and misses a golden opportunity to return a large swath of semi-wild land to a more native, wild state. The premise of honoring the "Historic Ranches" concept is a red herring. The so-called historic ranches are a relatively recent development in the recorded history of the property. In fact the natural environment was severely changed with the introduction of cattle to the area. And, as I was told at the Point Reyes information session by a NPS scientist, the service regularly "de-lists" historic sites across the country to return the environment they occupy to a more natural state. So relying on the "Historic Ranch" status as a reason to expand farming is non-starter. Another argument to keep the ranches goes something like this: The ranches provide a regular supply of milk products, some of which is organic, to the local markets. This too is not an adequate justification for passing up a chance to return a huge swath of the area to a fully natural state. There is a glut of milk products in the United States. A simple Google search will reveal more dairy ranches are failing than are being created, all for a lack of markets. Soy, oat, almond and other plant based milks are eroding the dairy market. Even projections of organic milk demand show just a modest increase. There are literally millions of acres in the United States that are suitable for dairy production, organic and otherwise, that do not prevent the return of thousands of acres of suitable lands to their natural state. As noted, I support Alternative F with the following changes: -Offer each ranch a 20-year, non-renewable lease from the date of the acceptance of the new GMP. - Incentivize lease holders to leave early through a financial credit. -Compensate lease holders who willingly dismantle their properties ahead of schedule (buildings, fencing, erosion mitigation). -Remove currently vacant properties from the lease pool and begin mitigation as soon as possible. -Retain some "example ranches" and other infrastructure as it supports the goal of education and recreation (campgrounds, education sites, research facilities). In this country today, there are so few opportunities to take land that has been subjugated to the hand of man and return it to a natural site. To miss this opportunity will be a shame. Todd Smoot

#1714

Name: Shih, Ya Hui

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#1715

Name: MacDonald, Ian

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Yours Truly, Ian MacDonald

#1716

Name: Rakaczky, Rachel

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Name: Murphy, Robert

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#1718

Name: Goppert, Donald

Correspondence: Please give mercy, compassion, kindness, respect and very strong protections for the vulnerable environment and precious wildlife. Please help to prevent their suffering, abuse and destruction. Please do not put greed and destruction before the integrity of nature.

#1719

Name: Marley, Yvonne

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1720

Name: Sheeler, Pam

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Thank you, Pam

#1721

Name: Treffil, Michaela

Correspondence: Dear Sirs, as a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Kind regards, Michaela Treffil

#1722

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I'm writing to say that I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat.

Thank you very much for permitting members of the public to comment.

#1723

Name: Pinque, Meryl

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk,

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#1724

Name: Navarro, Patricia

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#1725

Name: Furniss, Karen

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#1726

Name: torres, angela

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#1727

Name: Dornan, Emma

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#1728

Name: O'Steen, Philip

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and re-purpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

I thank you in advance.

Yours kindly,

Philip O'Steen

#1729

Name: Aronson, Reevyn

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#1730

Name: I, K

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I strongly oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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The proposed plan is not only cruel, unsustainable and impractical in the long-run, and does not address the inevitable damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals. It is basically a temporary "use, deplete, and trash" plan, which only leads to destruction and waste. There is no reason the wild animals that inhabit the land must be slaughtered and exterminated simply for short-term profit. This plan is completely unsustainable, and tragic.

Please abandon this completely inhumane, destructive, wasteful plan. I very strongly urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1731

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Name: Hopkins, Amy

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Name: Træet, Kristine Sivertsen

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Name: Alt, Anne

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Name: Thomas, Bob

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Thank you for reading my comment.

Sincerely, Bob Thomas

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Mrs Marguerite White

#1778

Name: N/A, AP

Correspondence: Dear NPS:

Please do not increase grazing/farming activities in the Point Reyes National Seashore. This is an iconic area of our country which should remain as such. Increased agricultural activity will negatively impact natural habitat for those wild birds, elk and other animals within the Seashore.

We live in a beautiful area of our country and have witnessed damage created by grazing cattle, transport of such, and the time needed for restoration. Cattle do not appreciate scenic views, nor do chicken and other farm animals. They can be successfully farmed in other, less vulnerable areas - not far from the Seashore.

That you protect nesting birds on the beach is commendable; please extend that mindset to other native animals and plants.

Thank you,

AP Hill

#1779

Name: Lurie, Ilene

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The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals. Was there no reasonable thought put into these decisions?

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Yours very sincerely and respectfully, Mrs. Carol M. Kommerstad-Reiche

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COWS and ELK by the numbers how the National Park Service Prioritizes Commercial Cattle Grazing Over Tule Elk Protection on Our Public Lands at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Tule elk population compared to cattle: Estimated historic tule elk numbers in California: 500,000 Surviving tule elk statewide by 1895: 28 Reintroduced tule elk population in California as of 2013: 4,300 Number of restored tule elk herds in California in 2013: 25 Locations where the public can view tule elk: 12 National Parks with tule elk: 1 Free-ranging elk at Point Reyes National Seashore as of 2014: 212 Number of elk fenced in at Pierce Point Elk Preserve as of 2014: 286 Estimated numbers of dairy and beef cattle in the Seashore as of 2015: 6,485

Park Service management prioritizes cattle over elk:

Minimum acres of the Seashore grazed by beef and dairy cattle in 2015: 17,766 portion of the Seashore devoted to commercial cattle operations 25% Portion of Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Marin administered by PRNS devoted to commercial cattle operations: 60%

Rancher public subsidies:

Amount ten ranching families were paid by the public from 1963-1978 for purchasing ranch lands added to Point Reyes National Seashore: \$19.6 million Amount that payout represents in 2015 dollars: More than \$70 million Cost per animal unit for ranchers leasing back public lands at Point Reyes: \$7 Cost per animal unit for non-federal grazing land in Marin in 2009: \$15-20

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#1787

Name: Balsam, Sunny

Correspondence: Ranching is unsustainable and an affront to the endangered natural environment that is Point Reyes Natural Seashore. Not only this precious environment but the citizens of California and the world would be best served if cattle were phased out of Point Reyes and domestic livestock were disallowed from the park. We urge you to restore the National Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education, as well as to repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education. We need to prioritize biodiversity and not kill wildlife to accommodate ranching interests. It is scandalous and a crime against the environment, as well as the public, to use these lands for private commercial purposes!

#1788

Name: Škalič, Dita

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#1790

Name: haworth, laura

Correspondence: I'm a volunteer with the Center for Biological Diversity and the Point Reyes Tule elk have been a part of a particularly special hike for me for the past few decades. Where else can you see such an amazing site as those herds? The following is the stance of the Center and while I know that I'm supposed to submit "my own words", I relay on those more knowledgeable about such issues to inform me. Therefore, I submit that Tule elk are an ecologically critical part of the landscape of Point Reyes, while cattle-grazing permits in the national park are a privilege for a few livestock owners. Ranch leaseholders shouldn't be able to dictate Park Service policy that hurts or kills park wildlife. The Park Service is required to manage Point Reyes National Seashore without impairing its natural values and for the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the local natural environment.

#1791

Name: Jones, Kyle

Correspondence: I'm writing to ask that the National Park Service put the protection of tule elk and our natural environment above the desires of commercial landowners at Point Reyes National Seashore. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

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HOW DARE YOU TRY TO MURDER THE VERY ANIMAL WE PUT RULES IN PLACE TO PROTECT! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO CHANGES THESE RULES AT OUR EXPENSE! PERIOD! At this rate, THOUSANDS of American taxpayers are beginning to believe that YOU ARE THE ONES WE NEED PROTECTION FROM! Keep it up and we'll FORCE congress to re-evaluate YOUR EXISTENCE!

#1798

Name: watters, Whitney

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#1800

Name: Bohn, Diana

Correspondence: Preserve natural resources, save the elk and the biodiversity of Pt Reyes, the National Park land is ours. The farms need to be phased out if and when possible!~

#1801

Name: Kingsbury, Gary

Correspondence: I would like to state that I strongly oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill elk and to permit ranchers to exploit animals such as pigs, goats and sheep. I understand the property was supposed to have been used to preserve the environment and allow wild animals to live in peace there. I also understand that dairy/cattle ranching was going to be phased out.

This new plan needs to be overturned and the Seashore's Pastoral Zone needs to be restored.

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Name: Hart-Zorin, Heidi

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#1803

Name: OSullivan, Lisa

Correspondence: This would be a travesty if you allowed the Tule Elk to be killed. That has always been a special treat to be able to see them when you go out to Point Reyes seashore. Don't let greed of the cattle rancher take precedence over allowing the beautiful elk continue to live and thrive at our seashore!

#1804

Name: O, Leslie

Correspondence: From the website for the National Park Service: "The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world."

The National Park Service was created to preserve and protect our national heritage in the form of our natural and cultural resources. Point Reyes National Seashore in particular, is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment- -which it does not, it only exacerbates erosion, damages native plant life, and spreads noxious weeds that the Park Service then has to spend money to remove.

There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. In fact, it's exactly the opposite on Park Service lands.

I oppose the removal of Tule elk from Point Reyes National Seashore and even more strongly oppose the expansion of cattle grazing, mowing, and introduction of agricultural fields.

This proposal goes against everything the Park Service stands for.

Thank you for considering my comment.

#1805

Name: Mauriello, David

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#1807

Name: Blair, Elke

Correspondence: Search DONATE Don't Shoot Point Reyes Tule Elk!

The National Park Service (NPS) plans to kill native Tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, convert park grasslands into crops, and let cattle ranchers expand their businesses to kill sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs. After decades of activism, this is an outrage! Submit your comment to stop the NPS's diabolical plan.

When the Seashore was established in 1962, ranchers were permitted to continue their business in park for their lifetime or twenty-five years. Ranching was not even considered a reason for establishing the Seashore. Now the National Park Service plans to shoot up to fifteen elk annually to "compromise" with cattle ranchers who graze their animal victims within the Seashore.

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The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

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Name: Flewitt, Claire

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Name: williamson, pamel

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Name: Dacus, Anna

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As national park land, this property was SPECIFICALLY set aside to PROTECT, restore, and preserve the natural environment INCLUDING the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to PHASE OUT dairy and cattle RANCHING, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

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#1814

Name: SMITH, DEBORAH

Correspondence: I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS!!....As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1824

Name: Taylor, Tom

Correspondence: I would support any policy that reduces ranching and allows wildlife to have more space at Point Reyes.

My family is spending the weekend in Inverness and on our drive to Drakes Beach all we saw was cattle.

I respect the ranchers right be here and find there history interesting, but this is no longer private ranch land. It is government property and and a precious resource.

Thank you

#1825

Name: Andrews, Nancy

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#1826

Name: a, c

Correspondence: Do not let the all out Slaughter of these precious beings happen leave them in peace and let them live the way they're supposed to don't you have any hearts?

#1827

Name: McCartin, Leora

Correspondence: This is an extremely important issue.

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#1833

Name: Nelson, Sarah

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is a precious treasure. For over forty years I have travelled from the East Bay to enjoy its hiking trails, its abundant wildflowers, berries, trees and shrubs, its beaches with shore birds and marine mammals, and its grasslands with tule elk, deer, and other wildlife. These wildlands are valued by thousands of people.

I am deeply disturbed by the current NPS proposal to cull tule elk, to convert wildlands to commercial row crops, and to introduce the raising of domestic farm animals. While I appreciate the presence of the historic ranches, further domesticating the land and wildlife habit would be a tragic and devastating mistake. Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area are parks for wildlands and wildlife, not for monetary aggrandizement.

If this NPS proposal is an effort to address the government's vastly reduced budget for park management, then there must be other ways to address the financial problems without bringing ruinous destruction to what we all treasure. A small percentage of funds skimmed off of the US military budget would more than provide funds to manage the national parks and make necessary repairs. This would benefit our environment, wildlife, and climate, while reducing wartime deaths worldwide.

1. No to killing elk or other wildlife with the intent of providing grass for more cows. Proposing to reduce the herd of tule elk to a mere 120, while ranchers want more grassland for their 6,000 cows, is outrageous.
2. No to converting park grasslands and wildlife habitat to commercial row crops. Proposing to convert current park grasslands and wildlife habitat to commercial row crops violates the vision of National Parks and would have a devastating impact on the park's native species, as would the environmental impact of pesticide use and fencing.
3. No to introducing the raising of other domestic animals such as sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, and llamas. Proposing to allow previously unauthorized domestic animals is sheer folly. Sheep, goats, chickens, pigs, or llamas would occupy wildlife habitat and would become potential prey. Will you kill the predators who take sheep or chickens on land once considered wild? Manure from these domestic animals would affect the water supply, and introduce pathogens formerly unknown to the park, thereby endangering all who call the park home.

Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area are not lands for monetary aggrandizement. They are parks for wildlands and wildlife, and to help all of us reconnect with the natural world of which we all are a part.

Respectfully yours, Sarah Nelson

#1834

Name: Harris, Jamie

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#1842

Name: Huey, Hazel

Correspondence: This is an addendum to the comment I posted earlier. I have just learned of the proposals and I feel Alternative F is the only acceptable route to go here. Alternative F is a financially sound plan because far more revenue comes from tourism than ranching. Preserving the park for its original purpose is better for the environment, given the pollution and droughts caused by the ranches. In this day and age, what with the awareness of what cattle ranching does to the environment, not to mention our bodies, the Park Service needs to focus on phasing out this practice, and stay with what the lands were originally intended for, that of being a habitat for the plants and animals that were meant to live there.

#1843

Name: Sterinbach, Howard

Correspondence: Any action that kills the tule elk population or that converts park grasslands and wildlife habitat

to commercial crops is a bad idea. It is a treasure to have a natural resource like Point Reyes so close to an urban area. It is a great benefit to people who live in the region as well as those who visit to have untouched natural areas remain near big cities.

#1844

Name: Goetz, Lisa

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#1846

Name: Freese, Lisanne

Correspondence: Whenever you have the choice between killing animals to appease ranchers or simply telling ranchers to bug off, opt for telling ranchers "No."

People who ranch and graze their destructive cattle on public lands should not receive priority treatment over the general public who actually own these lands.

Ranchers can either learn to live in harmony with wild animals or they can simply raise their cattle on feedlots or move operations to areas where cattle don't come into contact with wild life!

You are proposing to shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on public land.

This plan would favor for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to stop damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - creating even more conflict with native wildlife.

It's past time to stop catering to ranchers who should know better. Please protect wildlife by keeping cattle and other food animals off public lands.

#1847

Name: Nrville, Brian

Correspondence: I am appalled a by this proposal. I can't decide which is worse - the idea of "thinning out wild animals" in favor of domesticated cows "AKA" locusts who damage the environment - or - the notion that allowing the ranchers to expand their business plan, which should be facing sunset years per lease agreement, by allowing Air BNB and characterizing this as preserving cultural heritage. These lands are a national treasure and should not be compromised to accommodate the few ranchers who are lucky enough to be there in the first place.

Kick the ranchers and cows out and allow the elk to roam more freely. Let the ranchers go to other areas that don't require extraordinary government assistance in order to survive. If they can't make it under those conditions, let them apply for what other applicants for government assistance are able to obtain.

#1848

Name: Ascoli , Maria

Correspondence: Save the elk.

#1849

Name: Alschuler, Matthew

Correspondence: Don't kill Point Reyes Elk.

Point Reyes was set aside to preserve native plants and animals, not for grazing. I object to killing off native animals to provide more grazing land for private citizens. This is detrimental to the land, water quality, and the historic nature of the area. Private ranchers can reduce their herds, find other grazing areas, or purchase hay from other farmers, they don't have to use more public land for their private income. That land, and those elk, are for the benefit of the American public, not a few person's needs.

#1850

Name: Kline, Chante'

Correspondence: I know that in one state they have murdered an entire pack of wolves to accommodate ranchers on National Park land and now in California they are threatening to do the same to Elk. The elk belong there. It is their home. We the tax payers of America do not under any circumstances appreciate our native animals being murdered or displaced for the governments profit. No rancher should take presidence over any native animals on our public lands. They are sanctuaries for our wildlife not a source of profit for the government. Let the ranchers make their own way but not at the expense of our wildlife.

#1851

Name: Erdei, Janet

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1852

Name: Denish, Louise

Correspondence: ALT F is a financially sound plan because far more income comes from tourism than ranching. Given the pollution & droughts caused by the ranchers the tourism will decline.

#1853

Name: SMETI, MARI

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I OPPOSE the National Park Service plan to KILL native Tule Elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the Wild Animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, NOT add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

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#1854

Name: KASTEL, DIANE

Correspondence: • "Point Reyes National Seashore" is supposed to be managed under the "Point Reyes Act" for "maximum protection, restoration, and, preservation of the natural environment"! There is no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands!

• Natural values, native wildlife, public access, and, enjoyment, should take priority over commercial activities at "Point Reyes"!

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at "Point Reyes"! Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the "Park Service"'s mission! It has taken a lot of time, money, and, effort, to restore tule elk to "Point Reyes", the only national park where they live! Tule elk should be allowed to roam free, and, forage, in the park - not shot, removed, fenced, or, treated as problem animals!
- Right now the "Point Reyes" ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees, and, housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure, and, road improvements, and, publicly funded projects! But, commercial activities at "Point Reyes" should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around!
- The "Park Service" should not allow any new agricultural activities at "Point Reyes"! Planting artichokes, or, other row crops, will attract birds! And, introducing sheep, goats, pigs, or, chickens, will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats, and, foxes! Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts!
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it is consistent with preserving the natural environment! And, agricultural activities, such as mowing, should not be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species, or, wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion, or, spread invasive plants/diseases!
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases! So, the "Park Service"'s preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan!

#1855

Name: KASTEL, DIANE

Correspondence: Our Family is Taking Action to Stop Tule Elk From Being Shot at "Point Reyes"!

Trump's "National Park Service" has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's "Point Reyes National Seashore", the only national park where these rare animals live!

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk, every year, to appease livestock owners, who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land! Its plan would enshrine private,, for-profit, cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation, and, soil erosion!

But that is not all! The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms, and, row crops, and, it would let livestock operators bring in sheep, goats, chickens, and, pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife!

Our family is sending a personalized comment opposing the "Park Service"'s destructive, inhumane, plan!

#1856

Name: Nicolai, Nicola

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1857

Name: Frank, Harriette

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1858

Name: Hunt, Justin

Correspondence: The elk are a special part of Point Reyes tourism. They are important ecologically, but also as a way for people to experience wildlife. It is important that we protect this special part of California history.

#1859

Name: Cabezud, Carlos

Correspondence: Gentlemen:

I am writing you to speak out against your plan to kill 15 Tule elk a year, for the sake of protecting cattle interests.

The priority of the National Park Service is, and must always be the public which supports the protection of these areas for their enjoyment. Instead, your awful decision indicates that you prioritize private vested interests over and above the public good.

In addition, you're not taking into account how the environmental impact that your decision will have in the future.

The National Park service has the mission of being the stewards of these areas for the public.

It is disgraceful that now you should be considering serving those who are already receiving a free ride at taxpayers' expense.

I hope that you will reach the right decision which respects the public's right to enjoy this beautiful area and not the greedy interests of a privileged few.

Sincerely,

Carlos F Cabezud

#1860

Name: Rhodes, Janet

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1861

Name: Clark-Kahn, Lisa

Correspondence: Please don't kill other beings that have a complete right to this land as much as we humans do. We need to be moving forward morally towards animals not backwards. Please help us do this.

#1862

Name: McCrea, Michelle

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1863

Name: Andersen, Janis

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#1864

Name: Lewis, Nora

Correspondence: I oppose the recent plan to kill the elk in the protected Point Reyes area. They are rare and should have that area - not the plan to open it up to livestock and agriculture that will destroy it as a wildlife preserve.

#1865

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1866

Name: Barnum, Mary

Correspondence: I am opposed to your plan for "Tule elk management" which means you are going to kill the elk. The elk are a major draw to the park!!!! They are beautiful and they do not need to be killed or replaced with cows.

#1867

Name: Kuticka, Sheri

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

It has taken tax payer money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park without being removed, fenced or treated as a problem.

I was just at Point Reyes last month. We went to see the elk which we usually do every year. My daughter who works for CAFW explained that the elk are in trouble because they are inbred. Imagine my shock at reading in the newspaper the plan to reduce the number of elk which will only make them more inbred and less healthy. The people own those elk and we want them healthy.

Many people enjoy seeing the elk at Point Reyes. If you go out there and the elk are around, you will find people pulled over by the side of the road or even stopped in the middle of the road to see the elk. No one stops to see the cattle.

The park is owned by the people of the United States. It is not owned by the ranchers. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy subsidized grazing fees and housing. Commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. My taxes pay for federal parks. I want wildlife not ranchers enjoying the benefits of my taxes.

#1868

Name: Berardino, Diana

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1869

Name: Arneill-Brown, Lynn

Correspondence: We spent some time up there in June. We actually had no idea that we would see ranching. I happen to enjoy cows, but...I don't think there should be that many ranches if any on the peninsula. We stayed at a B&B where the owner said the Dairy's weren't really making money anyway. I could see a few grass-fed beef ranches, but how would you choose. Just do what you did to the Channel Is. and kick them out over a 5 year period. As for the Elk. Yes they should stay. But the herd does need to be managed properly and culled out so they don't devastate the peninsula either. Same with deer. Lovely place. Really enjoyed the trip.

#1870

Name: Perkins, Marie

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1872

Name: Suarez, Melissa

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Forests are the natural habitat of wild animals, not domesticated livestock. More and more of our natural resources are being destroyed to feed animals that are raised for food consumption. We cannot continue on this path with over 7 billion people on the planet. We must preserve our wild places and wildlife.

#1873

Name: Varanitsa, Oleg

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1874

Name: Hunter, Marianne

Correspondence: My family and I request that you deny the request to allow ranching to degrade the protected Pt Reyes environment . We have visited the area many times, staying in the area to boat and hike. We love seeing the wildlife there, the Elk in particular. The species needs the protection of this area as habitat. Cattle are very environmentally costly. They are run on widely on BLM land. They degrade habituate and water quality. They compete with wildlife. Pt Reyes land and water should be protected. The Elk are a treasure more valuable than cattle. The greater good for the greater number of Californians is to protect Pt Reyes and elk. Don't

#1875

Name: Tran, Sarah

Correspondence: We need things to be different. We need to protect our wild spaces AT ALL COST. The amazon is on fire. The ice is melting. There are cities all over the world without water. Climate catastrophe is here, and we want our National Parks to be a model for how things can be different. If we can't protect our environment in a place that's meant to protect it, we are surely in trouble.

#1876

Name: Gilliam, Adrian

Correspondence: I support the no changing alternative (F) because I don't believe our federal tax dollars should go towards subsidizing private industry. Additionally, this would reduce the amount of natural resources available for wild live and divert it towards private cattle rearing industries. We should keep public resources for the public and I oppose the killing of native wildlife populations in order to help raise capital and profits for industry,

#1877

Name: Berry, Kelly

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to the culling of Tule elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore. The wildlife and natural scenery are what motivate me to visit Point Reyes.

Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment.

#1878

Name: Mann, Michaela

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1879

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Best regards,

Maria Kasioni

#1880

Name: Simmonds, Melissa

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1881

Name: giammichele, francesca

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in faith francesca giammichele

#1882

Name: Goetz, Irene

Correspondence: Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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With kindest regards, Irene Götz

#1883

Name: Boccagna, emilia

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grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1884

Name: vlasiadis, andreas

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#1885

Name: N/A, Please.

Correspondence: Please stop killing the Elk. There has to be a more humane way to solve this problem. You are intelligent people please come up with it that is your job. Thank you.

#1886

Name: Spangler, Rita

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1887

Name: Wasmer, Natalya

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Thank you, Natalie

#1888

Name: Chizmar, RE

Correspondence: The public lands and native wildlife on Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area must be conserved - not replaced with cattle and commercial agricultural expansion. When are we going wake up and preserve what little is left? Let's stop destroying our wild places and wildlife for a few selfish people who care about nothing other than cash in their pocket?

#1889

Name: N/A, Shannon

Correspondence: Tule Elk are unique to our area. If we don't protect them then what is next? While I understand the farmers dilemma, Tule Elk are a valuable part of the area. The farmers need to change and adjust. If we keep devaluing nature then there will be nothing left.

#1890

Name: Delaney, Susan

Correspondence: Elk should NOT be killed so that the area can be opened to dairy cows. We need as much natural habitat for our wild animals as possible. Please do not allow this rancher initiative to take priority over natural habitat.

#1891

Name: Wells, Andrew

Correspondence: This is inhumane the national parks are a haven for wildlife to allow them to be killed and the land to be used for farming is a catastrophe.with the planet on the verge of Armageddon I ask you to reconsider!!!

#1892

Name: Gallagher, Theresa

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Name: Smith, Donna

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#1894

Name: Sparks, Wendy

Correspondence: We oppose Plan A because it takes no new action and continues the previous plans and allows NPS to issue new lease/permits to the existing ranch families to continue beef and dairy operations on approximately 27,000 acres with terms of 5 or 10 years. We do support the component of Plan A that would not alter or limit the population level or geographic extent of elk in Point Reyes.

We oppose Plan B because NPS would allow continued ranching with terms of up to 20 years and would set a population threshold for the Drakes Beach herd. We are also opposed to NPS actively managing the Drakes Beach herd and the monitoring of the Limantour herd, with the potential of using lethal removal methods. Justifying culling the tule elk herd based on estimate forage consumption by the elk would be a mute point if the cattle were eliminated. Cattle forage consumption is much greater and has a more detrimental impact than that of the elk herd.

What does adaptive reuse of vacant historic building mean Plan B and C? Would this allow buildings to be used as farm stays or as a bed and breakfast for the public? The ranches should be reduced and should not be allowed to

make any additional monetary profit from public land. This land needs to return to its natural state for the people and the native wildlife.

Another major concern with Plan B : What is defined by the types of ranching and diversification activities allowed on a ranch? Types of ranching and diversification is such a vague and far too broad of a term, but after searching through the documents we discovered it could include allowing chickens, pigs, and goats, horse boarding activities, row crops, farm stays, ranch tours, small scale processing of dairy products. All of these proposed items are going to profit the individuals leasing the land and these activities are counterproductive and are moving the parklands further away from returning PRNS back to its natural state. We are opposed to any additional diversification activities cited on page 54 of draft EIS.

Increasing the domestic animals on land that needs to be restored for the benefit of native wildlife and so people can walk freely in the park and not be impeded by barbed wire fences, which are there to control the domestic animals. PRNS needs less fencing not more to make the parkland more accessible to the public.

We oppose Plan C-NPS would remove the Drakes Beach tule elk herd, totaling approximately 124 individual elk, using agency-managed, contractor-led lethal removal methods. Elk from the Limantour herd would be monitored closely and managed in consideration of ranch operations. No new elk herds would be allowed to establish in the planning area. We oppose Plan C as it is still not establishing a plan to eliminate ranching and would provide 20 year leases. This plan still involves the extermination of tule elk (the entire Drakes Beach tule elk herd!) and again extending the time the ranches remain on public land!

We oppose Plan D - Converting dairy to beef ranches is not resolving the issue of returning the land back to its natural habitat. A significant amount of damage to the land is caused by cattle, both beef and dairy and has a substantial negative impact of the PRNS ecosystem. Some examples: 1. The land where the cattle roam has been significantly degraded. It is difficult to hike in this habitat because of the ruts and holes created by the domestic animals. This is not an issue if you hike at Pierce Point, where cattle are not allowed. The elk do not mar the land. 2. The stench from the cattle's urine and excrement is vile. We spent three days in the park a few weeks ago and the disgusting odor could be smelled throughout the park. Even hiking out to the beach at Abbott's Lagoon there was still no escaping that loathsome smell. 3. The erosion and the altering of the soil fertility is most evident in the winter when the rains wash the land down the rutted trails made by the cattle, thus causing the soil to be leached of all of its nutrients. 4. We have watched the small pond on the south side of the trail to Abbott's Lagoon become more and more polluted over the years as the cattle's excrement and urine have leached into the pond making it uninhabitable for the bitterns and rails that used to reside in this pond. This is only one example of the damage being done to animal habitats by the cattle in PRNS.

We Oppose Plan E- We challenge the statement "discontinuing dairy operations in alternative E would result in an adverse impact by removing the opportunity for visitors to observe and experience active dairy ranching in a historic district". Do park surveys reflect visitors primarily come to PRNS to visit historical dairies? The results we have read indicate people come to the park to see wildlife, scenic views and enjoy outdoor experiences.

Many of the buildings on the ranches are poorly maintained and dilapidated, which is more of an eyesore rather than an enhancement of the beauty of PRNS.

Plan F could be amended to allow one small farm or ranch with a small number of cows/cattle to demonstrate the historical past. However; at Pierce Point there already is an historical farm, which tells the history.

We Support Alternative F as it would phase out ranching, ending ranching-related emissions of criteria pollutants. We also support Plan F because it would allow the tule elk population to be restored and not culled- the elk are one of the main reasons visitors come to PRNS.

We conclude our comments with a restatement of part of the NPS Mission Statement, which clearly indicates the park should be "dedicated to conserving the unimpaired natural and cultural resources and values of the national

park system". Based on the plans presented in the EIS draft it appears there is too much focus on the wants and needs of the cattle and dairy ranches, which should not be more important than protecting and reestablishing the natural habitat of PRNS. If there is a commitment to preserving cultural resources we did not see any mention of preserving the history of the indigenous people who inhabited this land long before cattle and dairy ranches appeared on the landscape of PRNS.

The removal of Drakes Bay Oyster Company and the reclamation of that land allowed PRNS to return this area back to its natural state. This is a perfect example of how the park successfully removed the negative human impact on Drakes Estero and enhanced the natural beauty of Point Reyes National Seashore.

#1895

Name: Sorrells, James

Correspondence: As a society we have a fundamental lack of respect for the sacredness of life. Instead we allow death and destruction to be what we leave behind. We should be preserving the environment and the creatures that rely on it for our children to enjoy. It is time to make change for the better for future generations.

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#1896

Name: Mosher, Kathryn

Correspondence: The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

#1897

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The NPS is supposed to be conserving endemic wildlife, not adding more non-native animals for profit. If the NPS decides to continue with increasing livestock and for profit ranching in Point Reyes, we may lose all of our elk. Does the NPS want to be known for causing the extinction of a species of elk?

#1898

Name: Bindas, Janet

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#1900

Name: Romesburg, Denise

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Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

#1901

Name: Green, Sirena

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Thank you and take care.

#1902

Name: Margolis, Eliezer

Correspondence: First, given that the National Park Service (NPS) has available to it all of the resources of the academic and specialty consultation communities with which to address the critical range of substantive scientific and technical issues at stake in the upcoming decision re the issuing of additional leases to private businesses operating on public lands, the NPS should be obligated via the public review process to actively privilege by seeking, attending to, and giving proper weight to the input of ordinary citizen taxpayers without resorting to prejudicially disparaging language that characterizes non-technical comments as vague, open-ended statements& The employment of such rhetoric as used by the NPS on its webpage eliciting Comment is not only unacceptably contemptuous of the legions of nonspecialists who foot the bill for the private businesses on Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) and for NPS bureaucrats but constitutes in effect an abridgment of the public review process.

Second, to date, since PRNS was established there have been no-zero-Environmental Impact Statements conducted on ranching. Although, under a 2016 court ruling, the NPS was required to analyze the impacts of cattle on natural resources, wildlife, and recreation at PRNS and the adjacent Golden Gate National Recreation Area, it appears to be relying chiefly on the personal and political influence of the ranching and dairy farming businesses, and on the data supplied by their paid lobbyists and industry associations to shape the mandated update of the PRNS 40-year-old General Management Plan (GMPA) with a clear preference for Alternative B. The disregard of the robust scientific and technical information that refutes all of the bases and contentions of Alternative B represents nothing less than a formula for the wholesale degradation of the ecosystem of PRNS, as well as a clear violation of the public trust in the management of NPS lands. There are, however, extant and abundant scientific and technical data to demonstrate that the NPS Alternative B in the GMPA would have the effect, among others, of:

(1) unconscionably contributing, directly through continued ranching operations, to the production of greenhouse gas emissions on our earth home that is already in a condition of critical ecological stress and jeopardy due to this source of entirely unnecessary, human-caused climate change; (2) further degrading the 33.2% of the PRNS total lands that are being constantly grazed, with 36% of those lands having been documented per NPS own assessments as overgrazed during the study period 2012-2015 [National Park Service. (2001). Biological Assessment on the Renewal of Livestock Grazing Permits in Point Reyes National Seashore and the North District of Golden Gate National Recreation Area Marin County, California. Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes, California.]; (3) putting in further peril, with the possibility of extinction, a remnant herd of the precious native Tule Elk population whose natural habitat is PRNS-the only national park in which they live and enjoy some degree of protected status.

Finally, in spirit, the NPS approach to management of the Point Reyes National Seashore should be-and was intended to be-one of stewardship, in perpetuity, in the honoring of a sacred trust to the American people and not the transparent cossetting of special, for-profit commercial interests that are having the aggregate result of steadily destroying a unique, unreplaceable, and fragile ecosystem that is a national treasure to be both enjoyed and

studied by all. In abhorrent and cynical fashion, the proposed Alternative B in the updated GMPA will only accelerate and make irreversible the destruction of the wondrous natural character of PRNS.

Respectfully, Eliezer T. Margolis, PhD

#1903

Name: Larsson-Hall, Erika

Correspondence: We dont need any more cows. The dairy industry is big enough. The Tule Elk BELONG in the area. We dont need any more dairy. Leave it the way it is supposed to be!!

#1904

Name: Tobey, Kathy

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1905

Name: Leiseroff, Miriam

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I vehemently oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1906

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I oppose the plan to shoot Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have been there, and it is a beautiful place, so I am disturbed by the plan. It is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for

prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Commercial activity, while I understand has been there for a while, should not be the priority. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

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Since cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases, the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

I urge you to reconsider the plans.

#1907

Name: Morrison, Kerisa

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Name: Amick, Lauren

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Name: Smith, Casey

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Name: Kelley , Felicia

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#1911

Name: Combs, Kristin

Correspondence: Cattle grazing on our public lands is a privilege not a right. Native wildlife should come first, especially in such a small area that is home to the very rare Tule Elk. To kill native wildlife on public lands to make room for a private industry to profit, is an injustice to the American people who own the land. The National Park Service is for the enjoyment and benefit of the people, not just for one person who pays a pittance of the fair market value to graze on the land. Please let native wildlife roam free. In this era of mass extinction, we can make choices that help to preserve species, not push us headlong into extinction. Make the right choice.

#1912

Name: Mark , Val

Correspondence: Please do not kill any elk in the Pt. Reyes area! They are beautiful, & belong to that Ecosystem. We don't want more Cattle ruining it.

#1913

Name: Prjanikov, Esme

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#1914

Name: Rothauser, Susan

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#1915

Name: Ratcliff, Philip

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded

projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

#1916

Name: Cranley, Mary

Correspondence: Please remove cattle from Pt Reyes! There are so many reasons to do so - water pollution, land destruction, decrease animal suffering, eliminate removal of calves from moms, increase land beauty, return the land to it's rightful owners!!! I hate seeing the ranches there!

#1917

Name: Harker, Jana

Correspondence: PLEASE - No to killing native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore.

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- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1918

Name: Worthington, David J.

Correspondence: In my opinion, elk protection takes precedence over livestock grazing in this park. Therefore, I consider it wrong to make plans to kill elk to appease cattle farmers. I also don't agree with allowing any other kind of ranching or farming to be conducted in the park boundaries. That's just not what parks are for, especially national parks. I encourage your department to make wildlife the number one priority in the parks for its inherent value and significance. When I visit a national park, I am there to see and enjoy wildlife.

#1919

Name: Campbell, Kristin

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1920

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#1921

Name: Shanks, Judy

Correspondence: I care deeply about the Pt. Reyes National Seashore and want to see it protected and restored for my grandchildren.

Please ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F.

PHASE OUT RANCHING AND RESTORE WILDLIFE HABITAT.

Thank you,

Judy Shanks

#1922

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#1925

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I would like to express my dismay at the proposed cull of Tule elk and urge the National Park

Service not to go ahead with this reprehensible plan! The elk are an ecologically critical part of the landscape of Point Reyes and should not be shot for the benefit of a handful of livestock owners. Why would anyone suggest ranch leaseholders should dictate Park Service policy to the detriment of the natural values and maximum protection, restoration and preservation of Point Reyes local natural environment?

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Name: vrabie, claudia

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#1929

Name: Landrum, Stuart

Correspondence: I cannot believe that The National Park Service drew up this plan for the Point Reyes National Seashore! It is apparent that The Park Service is determined to return this land to private owners, the very same owners who sold their rights to the land years ago. This plan is a disgrace to the Park Service, and a violation of the trust placed in you to look out for all of the nation's wild places on behalf of all Americans.

I urge you to reconsider this action and withdraw this plan.

I am unconditionally opposed to this plan.

#1930

Name: Hill, Jennifer

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#1931

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Why would NPS kill native animals in a national park in order to allow grazing of livestock? These parks belong to the public and were set aside to protect the wildlife and wild lands. Quit selling out our heritage to corporations interested in nothing more than money.

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#1932

Name: Snyder, Brad

Correspondence: As a Science Teacher/Environmental Educator, Science/STEM Professional, and a Wildlife/Wilderness/Environmental Advocate, I wholeheartedly agree that Point Reyes National Seashore environment/ecosystems and natural wildlife should be preserved and protected as is without excessive human interference!!

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - NOT the other way around!!
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes! Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts!!
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment! And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases!!
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases! So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan!!

Thank you for preserving and protecting OUR natural environment for current and future generations to enjoy!!

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#1939

Name: Rogers, Judith

Correspondence: The multiple use proposal by Point Reyes ranchers translates to multiple abuse of the land. Increasing chickens and other farm animals will draw predators to the ranches and create a whole new set of problems. The dairy farms should be phased out. Restoration of natural flora and fauna should be introduced. Further widespread degradation of Point Reyes natural habitat will be a catastrophic assault on the ecological health of a rare treasure.

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#1941

Name: Osborn, David

Correspondence: Please manage the Park as all wilderness areas should be managed by preserving the land, water and wildlife and by adopting Alternative F.

People traveling to Point Reyes wish to see the Elk, Deer and wildlife, not cows!

The now leased buildings can be repurposed for educational and research facilities.

It is important that we do our part in combating climate change, raising unsustainable livestock on our public lands causes more harm than good.

We also must stop subsidizing animal agriculture on our public lands. The ranchers receive the use of the land for pennies and profit from it while the public cannot enjoy it.

Alternative F!!!!

#1942

Name: White, Barbara

Correspondence: I went to Point Reyes for the first time last April. The elk there are some of the last wild elk in California. It would be wrong to cull the herd so that more cattle, or farmland could be utilised. What is the point of having a National Park if you're not going to protect the animals that live therein? Please do not do this.

Barbara White

#1943

Name: Aranibar, Patricia

Correspondence: PLEASE have a HEART!!!! PROTECT ALL our animals!!!!

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#1945

Name: Cox, Susan

Correspondence: It is extremely important that the Dairy farms stay in business and are given the 20 year leases they have been promised. These leases should be ratified asap before these farms go out of business due to lawsuits or inability to invest in their futures. We are proud of our 150 year old Marin Heritage and the families

that have kept these industries going against all odds. They supply us with fresh products, and they employ a lot of people. The chain reaction of the Fresh Products is lengthy as well, being available to grocery stores, restaurants etc. We should also be very careful not to allow a handful of people to force everyone to their warped way of thinking. The Farmers gave over their rights and future profits in exchange for land leases and agreements to not develop their farms. The parks are meant for the use and enjoyment of everyone and that includes the joy of seeing cattle, cows, barns, and old fashioned industry. These so-called purists are fortunate that people believed in saving the hills and ridges around the housing tracts for open space. But they also realized that they should purchase these lands for open space and not just steal them from private owners. Many of the Farms allowed MALT to buy development rights which is all well and good but what was the point if the farmers are going to be cheated out of their homes and businesses. These Farms are becoming historical and important for our children to learn from. This is a substantive comment. To think each person is going to analyze the EIR and find pros and cons is ridiculous. What is important is how people feel and think about these issues.

#1946

Name: Sorensen, Dale

Correspondence: I feel that the Nation Park Service is going in the wrong direction, under no circumstances should the Tule elk be killed! When I moved to West Marin I looked forward to the time when the ranches would be gone and the land would be returned to as much as possible a wilderness that I and future generations could enjoy, hike the trails, enjoys the beaches and see many wildlife species. I was thrilled when the WPS reintroduced the elk as they had been exterminated and are still endangered, this would bring them back for all to enjoy with some kind of birth control to limit their numbers. The Park is the only place that citizens can view them and tourists come from around the world to view them. The Drake heard could be fenced or moved. My understanding is that the ranchers sold their land to the Para many years ago and they are subject to discretionary leases until their time as designated in the agreement expires. Why isn't the Park sticking to that agreement, instead you seem to be advocating for giving them longer leases and perhaps allowing expansion of their businesses which violates the whole idea of a wilderness area? The citizens of the US are not responsible for the ranches being able to make a living off the Park land and if they can't they should leave at the times designated by the agreements that they signed. The dairies in particular are not sustainable as they require huge amounts of water, contaminate the soil and Tomales Bay and contribute to green house gases emissions. As you know methane is a more noxious green house gas than CO2 and cows are a big contributor. Recently, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change advised that we all should cut back on meat and dairy to slow the climate catastrophe. Our Park should be a contributor to the climate emergency. Therefore, I think the dairies should go ASAP and the leases be confined to living areas, reduced acreage and perhaps even incentives for selling cattle like reductions in rent.

#1947

Name: Scherkenbach, Daryl

Correspondence: I oppose the Park service's preferred alternative B, and think the Draft EIS is deficient for the reasons listed below. Using the Park service's own words from brochures and web sites it is apparent that the Tule Elk are one of the main attractions. And it is logical to conclude that alternatives F, E and D in that order are the most desirable. As stated in PRNS brochures... "Opportunities for wildlife viewing have been greatly enhanced by the presence of these herds, and visitors can expect to view and photograph tule elk at Point Reyes even if they never travel to the far end of the park and into the Tomales Point preserve." "Point Reyes National Seashore remains the only National Park unit where tule elk can be found. The majestic animals you see as you travel through the park embody the restoration of the dominant native herbivore to the California coastal ecosystem. They shape the landscape around them as they did for centuries before they were extirpated by humans. They symbolize the conservation of native species and ecosystem processes, one of the primary missions of the National Park Service." "The tule elk's presence is treasured by visitors, photographers, naturalists, and locals alike." Therefore it is logical that management of Tule elk should be first and foremost compared to that of authorized farm animals. Advertising in NPS brochures states that PRNS is . . . a vast protected area with wide sandy beaches, rocky headlands, whale viewing, wilderness hiking, extensive trails. . . Visitors come to Pt. to see whales, elephant seals and elk and the natural environment. National Park brochures say nothing about polluting

dairy farms and extensive cattle ranches as an attraction. Yet 18,000 acres of Pt Reyes is devoted to those cattle. There are over 5500 authorized farm animal units and less than one tenth that of native elk on the entire peninsula. It is not in the public interest to preserve ranches in preference to the native elk and other associated species using the words of NPS itself. Visitors come to Pt Reyes to see elk and natural habitats, not to see cows, not ranches, not dairy farms. It is exactly these practices that led to extinction of elk in Pt. Reyes in the first place, and to somehow enshrine these farms and ranches as historically important and an attraction is absurd. Such a large acreage of the Park should not be dedicated to a single use industrial activity.

There is no explanation why alternative B is preferred. No explanation why farming and ranching should continue after the families were bought out in the 1960's and 70's after the national interest land designation. No explanation why farming and ranching should take precedence over natural environments and preservation of Tule elk.

The Draft EIS is deficient in key areas.

Recreational opportunities: There is not adequate evaluation for enhanced recreational opportunities on the 28,000 acres should ranching and farming be eliminated. These are national interest lands protected by the NPS for the benefit of all, not a small group of family businesses. Clearly, according to the NPS's own brochures natural habitat is the greatest attraction of the park and would result in a greater benefit to many user groups. Tule Elk would be more easily encountered and viewed without intensive agricultural use of the land. No one wants to hike through abused ranchlands if alternatives are available.

Water quality/abundance: There is not adequate study or explanation of the impact of water use by cattle in Pt. Reyes. Dairy and cattle operations are huge consumers of water. How much do wells in the area result in draw down of aquifers. You need to address: Is there adequate water for elk in years of little rainfall or draught? Are natural or enhanced water sources monopolized by cattle? Need for water was one of the reasons so many elk died a few years back. Dairy farming should not take precedence over the prime attraction of Tule Elk.

Historic Districts: All or most of the structures of the same age, use and location do not need to be preserved. Currently none of them except for Pierce Point are accessible to the public. If the best representatives were prioritized and preserved and opened to the public that could serve as a far better result than current use or extension of current use could provide.

Socioeconomic: No consideration is given to the fact that milk production in this country is so great that there are immense stockpiles of dairy products. Dairy products are produced in far greater quantities than can be consumed locally. Nationally the production of dairy exceeds our need or our ability to consume them. It is not necessary or desirable to continue this practice particularly on national lands. The federal government, all of us, end up buying excess dairy products at taxpayer expense. Overproduction means dairy farming becomes less profitable and may be the reason farmers are asking for alternative crops and animals. However, such changes would not be in keeping with the historic use of the ranches and farms. No consideration is given to increased visitation to Pt. Reyes if ranching or dairy production is reduced or eliminated. "Under all alternatives, visitation levels are not expected to change compared to existing conditions." I find it difficult to believe more visitors would not come to see the wildlife, hike and camp in PRNS. I know I would visit more if these ranches were eliminated. What data do you have to support this position?

Air Quality: As stated, dairy and meat production contributes inordinately to greenhouse gas emissions and global warming. Residents of Marin and Sonoma counties and the state of California have many programs administered at great expense to reduce the production of these gases, however, allowing this agriculture to continue circumvents that effort and adds to production of greenhouse gas. In addition, soil degradation, results in more emissions and less storage of greenhouse gas going forward. This is not desirable and not addressed.

Furthermore, mobile source emissions would undoubtedly decrease under alternative F, unless you ignore all transport and machinery use associated with farming and ranching and support of ranch workers and families.

There is no accounting for fuel use by ranching and dairy operations. Cows and milk have to move to market. Feed has to be moved around or brought in. What is this impact?

It is clear, all the alternatives that reduce or eliminate cattle and dairy usage result in the best outcomes F, E and D in that order. Water quality is improved. Air quality is improved Methane and CO2 emissions are reduced Impacts on soil are reduced or eliminated. Vegetation and wildlife benefit, Elk are either not culled or allowed to expand. Visitor use and experience is greatly enhanced. Alternative F is clearly the preferred alternative taking into account these problems and what is the greatest good for we the people who own the park.

#1948

Name: Gonzalez, Desiree

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#1949

Name: Romer, Elke

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#1950

Name: polk, stevyn

Correspondence: I have been a lover of glorious Point Reyes National Seashore for over 30 years now. And I have introduced the Park to many friends and family over the years, all of them leaving with the same awe and appreciation that I feel. The cows/cattle and farms I've seen were always just a part of the landscape and I never questioned them much. Until now. I've researched and discovered the circumstances that have allowed these farms to continue to survive within the National Seashore. The Park employees should be acting as protectors of this conserved oasis not aid in it's demise. And degradation has been happening as a result of these farm's practices. They have not been good stewards of the lands, only of their profits. That is why I want the Park to

revoke the cattle and dairy permits, never issue another grant lease for them, nor allow any future farming practices of any, commercial kind to be on the protected Seashore land. There are dairy farms and cattle ranches all throughout California. But these farmers have overstayed their welcome within this conservation area. There are MANY places throughout the state where their farming practices are encouraged. There are not many, protected National Seashores in state. Let's permit the world to savor a slice of true coastal wilds without for-profit farming and ranching of any kind. Let Point Reyes National Seashore be restored to a more natural condition. The National Park System should be promoting this unique ecosystem, not the farms that were and are here. WHO CARES? Who comes to visit PRNS to learn about the farms? We want to see the natural world with it's special flora and fauna. And speaking of fauna- -- no culling/killing of Tule Elk in the park. It is shameful that the Park Officials, the protectors of this area want to give a hand in killing one of the rarer species of wildlife that helps make PRNS such a revered spot on this Planet. The elk are not the problem. They are the original inhabitants of the Point Reyes area. Culling their numbers would be like culling the original Native Americans who once lived here in favor of a few more farmers. THIS IS WRONG! It's time for the Park to live up to it's name and save this environment from the forces of an unnatural, commercial industry that no longer deserves to exist here. No more farming and ranching of any kind in Point Reyes National Seashore.

#1951

Name: Lehmann Duke, Jacob

Correspondence: Point Reyes houses an unusual mix of natural and cultural history, both of which draw in the park's 2.4 million annual visitors. I'm a 17-year-old senior at The College Preparatory School in Oakland, and a lover of Point Reyes for its proximity to the Bay Area, its amazing views and secluded stretches of coast, its backpacking camps, and its miles of walking and running trails. In a Wilderness Studies class, I've had the opportunity over the last few months to take a deeper look at the history of the park and the controversies surrounding its future. Reading the new Environmental Impact Statement, meeting with park rangers and ranchers, seeing the elk by Tomales Bay, and discussing the future of the park with classmates have all added to my understanding of the complex network of interdependence and history central to Point Reyes. I recognize that this is a difficult process, and that the reviewing committee is being pulled in two directions at once. As an SF Chronicle article puts it, the debate of the continuation of ranching in Point Reyes "is a troubling conflict for many because it pits two almost sacred Bay Area environmental concepts against each other - sustainable organic farming and native wildlife conservation." I am submitting this comment on the Draft EIS in the hopes that you will consider the value of both the natural resources and the unique cultural history the park has to offer and balance these moving forward to preserve the feel of Point Reyes' working landscape and recreational opportunities for generations to come. Of the proposed options in the EIS, I support Alternative D for the balance of environmental preservation and preservation of ranching culture and history that it provides. The environmental side-effects of ranching, especially dairy ranching, are significant, but the products of the business are necessary and its place in Point Reyes history is undeniable. Ranching should not be allowed to spread, because the effects it has on the quality of local water, air, and soil are too substantial. These effects, analysed in depth in the EIS, are inherent to the cattle-raising business, but the organic dairy ranchers currently using the land are doing their best to minimize the negative impacts they have by spreading manure, limiting the sizes of their herds, and letting their cows have grass-based diets and relatively large pastures. Forcing the ranchers to leave Point Reyes would only be transplanting the problem of air, water, and soil pollution, because the demand for dairy products will remain regardless of whether these products are being produced in Point Reyes. While forcing the dairy ranchers (or all the ranchers) to leave could contribute to a more pristine appearance to the park, it would be an enforced pristineness gained at the expense of the park's history as a working landscape. Eliminating dairy ranching or all forms of ranching, as Alternatives E and F propose, takes away a central part of the history of the Point Reyes peninsula, one which long predates the area's designation as a national seashore. Point Reyes is included in the National Registry of Historic Places based on its ranching history, showing the central role this aspect of the park's use plays in the identity of the park as a whole. Ranching serves not only as a source of livelihood for dozens of workers but as a draw to the park for tourists and a point of pride for the Point Reyes area, which includes such cow-themed attractions as the Bovine Bakery. Bay Area residents-who are known for valuing locally-sourced, organic products-should feel lucky to have this supplier of high-quality dairy and meat products within fifty miles of the metropolitan area. The ranches do not detract from the natural scenery of the

trails through the vast majority Point Reyes. For hikers at Bear Valley or on the Coastal Trail to Alamere Falls, there is no need to interact with the ranching legacy of the area unless they want to. As park ranger John Elebee told us in our recent visit to Point Reyes, the trails are so popular that the park has been forced to consider setting limits on the number of visitors and allowing only permit-holders to park in certain lots. Clearly, the park is well-used, and the wilderness it houses is not "untrammled" in the sense that the writers of the Wilderness Act of 1964 likely imagined. Ranchers should therefore be allowed to remain, with equal right to the use of the park as tourists or rangers have. In *The Paradox of Preservation*, Laura Alice Watt writes that "environmental advocates have sacrificed the relative wild for an idealized one." Right now, this is not the case at Point Reyes, where the idea of "wildness" is not enforced at the price of responsible use of the land. Put another way, Watt writes that, "The appearance of natural purity remains the ultimate goal of most wilderness management, which results in erasing traces of human history." Eliminating ranching in the area would cause it to lose a central part of its unique history, bringing it one step closer to being just another "idealized" wild area that has little to set it apart from the rest of the nation's parks. Though elk and cattle cannot perfectly coexist, there is room in the Point Reyes ecosystem for both. Visiting Ranch A, I had the chance to talk to Betty Nunes, who has been working on the ranch since 1958, several years before the idea of Point Reyes as a National Seashore was first put forth. She referred to the "silly elk," who competed with her cows for food and seemed to serve no purpose in the working landscape. Eliminating the elk herd, which the Park Service has worked hard to establish and foster, would take this much too far, and I therefore strongly discourage Alternative C, which undermines all the efforts that have been made to reintroduce elk after their extirpation. The tule elk herds in Point Reyes are some of only a handful in California, and the population should be maintained. In its original state, though, the landscape at Point Reyes would not have supported the unlimited growth of the population of elk. Predators-including grizzly bears and coyotes-would have preyed on elk calves, and competition for food would have kept the elk population at a certain carrying capacity. In a meeting with park ranger John Elebee, I learned that some of the elk have Yohne's Disease, which eliminates the option to move part of the herd to another location. Articles support John's statement that the park has investigated elk contraceptive measures, and determined them too expensive. Given this, I support the lethal removal advocated in Alternative D to maintain a population of 120 elk in the Drake's Bay Herd. Though this is not the ideal solution-which would consist of natural predators limiting the elk population instead of humans-it is the best way to balance the needs of the elk and the cattle and to appease both environmentalists and ranchers. If possible, the diseased elk should be the ones to be killed, and the meat, skin, and bones should all be used in such a way that no part of the animal is wasted. Betty voiced a concern that the actual size of the elk herd is unknown, and said her grandson estimates there to be about 160 elk currently in the Drake's Bay Herd. Before the culling process begins, it would be necessary to obtain an accurate population count for the elk. Elk and cattle populations cannot both be allowed to grow unchecked, but by limiting the permitted sizes of both populations, the park can ensure that continued coexistence remains a viable possibility. If the current ranchers are permitted to stay, efforts should be made to ensure their success while limiting the spread of the business. Because of the environmental impacts of ranching, I propose that no leases be extended to new ranching families and certainly no new land be allotted for ranches. I support Alternative D's proposal to phase out grazing-only and low-infrastructure ranches, because these are not as central to the history of the area and do not provide necessary food products to the same extent as the other ranches. For the ranching families currently on the land, though, the reintroduction of 20-year leases is an essential step towards guaranteeing their ability to use the land productively. Betty Nunes said that without long-term leases, she is unable to invest in long-term projects related to the improvement of the ranch in its current location. Building a new barn, for example, risks wasting money on a project that cannot be transported with her out of the park should her lease not be renewed. With longer leases, ranchers could invest in more environmentally-responsible technology and in updating the infrastructure and improving the efficiency and appearance of their ranches. As old ranching families gradually leave the business, if they do, the park should reclaim the land, rather than finding new tenants. Additionally, the number of AUs on each ranch should remain limited, as it currently is. By limiting the elk and cow populations in the area, the Park Service can guarantee a continuation of Point Reyes' characteristic balance between wild and domestic animal use. Balancing the allotment of land between use and preservation should appease all user groups while maintaining all aspects of local history. In a virtual meeting with our class, park ranger Melanie Gunn addressed the importance of cultural history-the human-focused history of past uses of land-which she says is often overlooked by people seeking natural history-the appearance and resources of the land itself. These two aspects of the Parks System are both essential, and Melanie expressed her belief that there was no need to give up one to achieve the other. In an article, she is quoted saying, "I think sometimes people will say 'well it's your job as the

National Park Service to take care of natural resources' which is true...[but] it's our job to take care of the cultural resources [as well]. So it's a great mission and it's challenging." To address this challenge, the Park Service will have to commit to a middle path between the environmentalist extreme of eliminating ranching and the rancher extreme of eliminating elk. In her book *Tending to the Wild*, author Kat Anderson's central argument is that the Native Americans who lived in the Point Reyes area were a successful part of nature because they used it responsibly rather than taking either the extreme of idealizing the natural world or the opposite extreme of commodifying it, both of which are now common. Anderson argues that these two approaches are really just "sides of the same coin," both treating nature as an abstraction and cutting people off from it. Ideally, humans can use the land and improve it by doing so, rather than having the only way to preserve land be to leave it entirely untouched. In an effort to embrace the cultural history of the area, I propose that the National Parks Service should create several plaques throughout the park in honor of the way of life of the Coast Miwok people who inhabited the area thousands of years before Sir Francis Drake arrived, and whose appreciation and respect for nature allowed it to thrive as a result of human use, rather than as a result of being designated as unusable "wilderness." Aldo Leopold wrote that "Wilderness is a relative condition. As a form of land use it cannot be a rigid entity of unchanging content, exclusive of all other forms." Those who would like to see an end to ranching in the park need to accept that wilderness is not a one-size-fits-all designation, and that there are different types of wilderness and different ways to responsibly use land. Exclusivity, Leopold emphasizes, is not the key to success. Instead, we need to embrace a vision of Point Reyes that is open to ranching, elk, hiking and other forms of recreation, and the ever-changing landscape that accompanies that vision. I hope that all user groups can come to value the unique area for what it is: a place where natural and cultural history intersect and where use and preservation can coexist in harmony.

#1952

Name: Beck, Barbara

Correspondence: I support the continued operation of ranches and farms. I believe the elk population can be contained with a separation fence. Ranchers worked to help create the park with the understanding that they could continue running their ranches. Personally, I would like to see 20 plus years for a lease agreement...it takes time to survive the ups and downs of the agricultural economy. Ranchers should be allowed to make improvements on their ranch....and also diversify their stock and crops. This diversification creates a healthy environment overall...improves soil, sequesters carbon.

#1953

Name: Priebe, Matthew

Correspondence: As a resident of California and a frequent visitor to Point Reyes, I am appalled at any plan that places cattle over elk. This is not what the park was established for decades ago and it is not what it should be for now. Cattle were originally allowed as a temporary measure and now they are being prioritized? Nonsense. Stop pandering to greedy special interests and start serving the public good by preserving the park for the animals that actually belong there! No elk killing! No more cattle!

#1954

Name: Wood, Becky

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1955

Name: Gilligan, Laurel

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elks to accommodate ranchers Wildlife needs to be protected and not sacrificed for money in an industry which needs to scale back for the protection of us all during this climate crisis.

#1956

Name: Lheron, Wendy

Correspondence: I traveled to Point Reyes from Arizona a few years ago. My young son and myself hiked for some time near the old ranch house in hopes of seeing the elusive elk. We did finally see them from a distance. It's heartbreaking to think they will lose their lives for the sake of cattle. It's wrong to kill a native and rare species and should even be illegal. I strongly oppose the killing of these elk!! Cows grazing and pooping all over a national park is disgusting to me. Don't all Americans own these parks?? Not just ranchers!! Please for the sake of future generations of Americans that care about our wild creatures, spare these elk from an unjust fate. Thank you for reading my comment. Wendy an average hard working American and single Mom

#1957

Name: Bays, Romani

Correspondence: Step 1: Copy our letter below.

As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1958

Name: McLean, M

Correspondence: I am against the active management of tule elk herds by lethal means. I support alternative F as described in the draft statement, but also wouldn't mind if ranchers were given quite a long time horizon to ramp down operations in the Point Reyes National Seashore area.

#1959

Name: Nicoletta, Molly

Correspondence: Please do not cull or kill the elk at Point Reyes. Cattle do not belong on public land. With the decline in beef and dairy consumption for the sake of our health and the environment, now is the time to move forward and choose wildlife over profit. Ranchers need to manage their cattle on their own land, and stop overusing and destroying wildness and wildlife.

Please do not shoot Point Reyes elk to appease the ranchers. Get cattle off public land.

#1960

Name: Reed, Ronald

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT KILL OUR AMERICAN WILDLIFE TO PROTECT PRIVATE RANCHING OPERATIONS! Killing wildlife that is part of the American Public commons for ranching operations is horrific and unjustified. It is a waste of the American citizens' tax dollars and the minority of ranching operations absolutely must not be allowed to dictate to the huge majority of Americans who love and enjoy our wildlife. PLEASE do not kill our wildlife for the benefit of privately owned livestock and ranching operations!

#1961

Name: Ashton, Debra

Correspondence: I adamantly oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native (California) Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. I also oppose growing commercial crops and permitting ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

I am a member of California-based group In Defense of Animals, and have a personal interest in this area. My husband and I visit Carmel/Monterey yearly and always enjoy spending time at Point Reyes and all the surrounding areas. We love all the wildlife there. It's the highlight of our trip. For you to take this away in the interests of farming and ranching would be a travesty.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan in no way addresses the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please do not follow through with wholly destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1962

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: NPS needs to stop subsidizing "boutique" ranching and dairy farming (by way of leasing), especially if it might negatively impact native species (elk). Thinning or eradicating the tule elk at the behest of ranchers/farmers is unacceptable...they've had more than enough time to relocate or transition into another line of work. Leave the elk alone.

#1963

Name: Abbott, Robert

Correspondence: I see that our displaced Elk herds have made their way back from being close to extinction. I believe that it is now time to ride the park of the invasive species the cattle and dairy cows. The owners of this

land were paid handsomely for their property, enough so that they could of easily relocated years ago. It's time to give what land is left back to the native species.

#1964

Name: Furu, Nicholas

Correspondence: I heard that the suggestion of killing native elk for this plan is being talked about. I would like to strongly object to this idea. Find another way around the issue without hurting wildlife

#1965

Name: Royster, John

Correspondence: The cattle and dairy operations within Point Reyes National Seashore serve as critical landscape management tools and are important components of the Seashore's cultural landscape. Active land management through grazing is critical to maintaining the current grasslands, the Point's scenic beauty, and the immense sense of scale experienced by visitors. These grasslands have existed on the Point since Native Americans began using fire and grazing to control vegetation types on the Point.

It is my request to the National Park Service that the current system of ranches be allowed to continue to operate to benefit the people of the United States by preserving this unique and inspiring landscape.

#1966

Name: Ashton, David

Correspondence: As a member of In Defense of Animals, a California based animal protection nonprofit organization, I oppose the National Park Service's plans to kill native Tule elk. I'm also opposed to growing commercial crops and permitting ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

Point Reyes is national park land, and as such, is property that was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan doesn't address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane, destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1967

Name: Ensign, Dianne

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I strongly oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1968

Name: Allbritton, Kristen

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1969

Name: Lill, Nancy Enz

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT KILL OUR AMERICAN WILDLIFE TO PROTECT PRIVATE RANCHING OPERATIONS! Killing wildlife that is part of the American Public commons for ranching operations is horrific and unjustified. It is a waste of the American citizens' tax dollars and the minority of ranching operations absolutely must not be allowed to dictate to the huge majority of Americans who love and enjoy our wildlife. PLEASE do not kill our wildlife for the benefit of privately owned livestock and ranching operations!

#1970

Name: You, Karen

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1971

Name: Guzman, Lourdes

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1972

Name: Arndt, Linda

Correspondence: Please don't proceed with the killing of wild animals. It's unnecessary and just a reflection of the anti environment stance of the present, destructive administration. They value the money they can get from hunters and hunting associations than they do the wildlife and the environment.

#1973

Name: Manz, Laura

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to the state of California, I am horrified to learn of the plan to kill native elk for the benefit of ranchers! We as a species need to decrease or eliminate our beef habit if the planet is even to survive. To kill native species to provide fodder for cattle to graze is a horrible plan. We should be protecting our native species and not slaughtering them to help promote a beef habit that is killing the planet.

DO NOT KILL the elk!

#1974

Name: Ponchot, Susan

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1975

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Regarding the National Park Service's Proposed Plan to Shoot Tule Elk

Our family and friends are regular visitors to the Point Reyes National Seashore. We come for healthy recreation, to appreciate the Tule elk and other wildlife, and take hikes to enjoy the natural world.

I am very concerned that the National Park Service is proposing that commercial activities should take priority over native wildlife at PRNS. I strongly oppose the proposed shooting of the elk, and support restoring the native ecosystem by ending the leases to the private ranchers.

The elk populations at PRNS are already impacted by restricted access to water and bacterial diseases. They should be provided additional grazing acreage through the removal of fences that were put there for the containment of cows owned by private interests.

The Park Service should be dealing with environmental challenges such as the impact of climate change on the local ecosystem and the state of the water quality in the park, which is affected by bacterial and nutrient pollution from the ranches.

Our tax dollars were used to purchase the land at fair market value from the cattle and dairy ranchers with an agreement that these commercial operations would be phased out. Our national parks should serve the public at large and not subsidize private ranching or any other agricultural activities.

Finally, I do appreciate the principle for integrating the human dimension into ecosystem management. In this case, an implicit agreement already exists for ending agricultural activities in the park and for prioritizing the native wildlife in the park.

Thank you for your consideration.

#1976

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#1977

Name: Schoenenberger, Rebecca

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service not to kill Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in order to protect the profits of the beef and dairy industry. Tule Elk, which are native to Point Reyes, were exterminated and then reintroduced by the National Park Service. Now the beef and dairy ranchers, which no longer own the land they occupy, want to extend their land leases and cull the Drakes Bay Tule Elk herd. Please choose to protect wildlife over industry profits and select the alternative of no ranching and protection of the Tule Elk herd. Our National Parks are for nature not agribusiness. National parks are for the benefit & enjoyment of the public, and seeing wild roaming elk is one of the most rewarding things to witness. Protect the parks, and all those that live in them big & small. Protect public spaces for public uses. It is long overdue that we stop using our natural resources for the benefit & profit of few private individuals. Parks are not the place for agribusiness.

#1978

Name: Bolton, Pamela

Correspondence: Are you people insane?? Do you want to kill native elf for a bunch of cows?? Now that is insane for sure. You have something few other states have and you want to kill them to make room for COWS? Could it be HUMAN GREED at work? I think so. This is beyond foolish in the worst sense of the word. You should be proud that you have such elegant elk in your area. They look FAR better on the landscape than a bunch of cows. It would be smarter of you to expand the fact that you have such animals and use the fact to enhance the fact that such animals exist on your land. To heck with RANCHERS and go with the wildlife. You will be much better off in the long run. People are seeing the torture and cruelty of the factory farms and are moving away from meat, including me. Be smart and go with the wildlife.

#1979

Name: Youngelson, Noah

Correspondence:

NPS's "Preferred Alternative B" is a wholesale giveaway of our public land. It prioritizes ranching over recreation, wildlife and protecting natural resources. In sum, it commits our national seashore to commercial cattle grazing for decades to come.

Economics and climate change threaten the Seashore ranches' viability. There's a surplus of milk, prices are falling, and both beef and dairy consumption is declining. To shore up the ranchers, the NPS wants to grant 20-year leases and allow them to "diversify" by growing and processing crops and adding more livestock-pigs, chickens, goats, and sheep-to their operations. Their plan calls for shooting any Tule elk that "trespass" on the ranch lands.

Alternative B would:

Create a new zoning framework-the "Ranchland Zone"-encompassing one-third-more than 26,000 acres-of Point Reyes Seashore and 7,000 acres in the Golden Gate Recreation Area. This would permanently commit these park lands to private ranching. Manage the elk herd using lethal removal methods. The NPS proposes to kill all elk that enter "public" ranch lands. No new elk herds would be allowed to establish in the planning area. This sacrifices

native wildlife living in a national park to private, for-profit ranching. Allow grazing for “approximately” 5,500 cattle-2,400 beef cattle and 3,130 dairy animals. Cattle graze at the Seashore 24-7 every day of the year. The land is never allowed to rest and recover. Cattle manure is inadequately managed, runs off into waterways and spreads disease. Public access to recreation is curtailed-when one-third of the park is devoted to ranching. Issue grazing leases of up to a 20 years to Seashore ranchers for beef and dairy operations, despite well-documented damage to grasslands, birds, native plants and wildlife; pollution affecting freshwater and and marine habitats; and methane and other greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to the climate crisis. The 2019 United Nations report on climate change points to dangerously high temperatures, drought, and extreme weather events and calls for reforming agricultural practices, specifically reducing cattle.

Ranching is unsustainable. We need a new vision for the Seashore.

The preferred alternative:

No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore’s Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

Thank you,

Noah Youngelson

#1980

Name: Sisk, Lynda

Correspondence: I support protecting the wildlife for a number of reasons: 1) no one comes to this park to see cattle and without public attendance parks will not be sustainable. 2) the access for Private companies raising cattle should not outweigh the public interests. Why this decades old practice continues is questionable and it is time we revisit this policy. Why is my tax money going to subsidize private cattle ranchers? What benefit does the public derive from cheap grazing land on public property? Public land is for the public and needs to be a refuge from private industry, development and short term benefits for a few without input from people who prefer to see wildlife rather than cattle on our land. Killing wolves, elk, mountain lions and other animals for profit and personal gain needs to stop. We are running out of nature and when gone, it's not coming back.

#1981

Name: Collis , Robert

Correspondence: The idea that elk should be removed so that more cattle can feed is ridiculous. All cattle should be removed from the area.

#1982

Name: Lindeman, Janis

Correspondence: The elk in this area belong to all of the US Taxpayers, NOT the ranchers. Do not shoot elk.

#1983

Name: Dynan, Denise

Correspondence: Enough of ranchers calling the shots and killing wildlife! Do we really need to roll over and let the Meat and Dairy Industries ruin all of our lands?? I don't want their agricultural runoff adding more to ocean acidification. I don't want their methane and CO2 producing cattle on this beautiful land! Meat has been proven to be bad for health, the environment and the animals. Everyday I read about some damn greedy rancher killing

off other wildlife for his herd, that will be killed eventually by him anyway. I also detest any compensation for supposed predation. I want all the land free for the wild nature, I want the natural values of the park to be fully restored with no ranching I want the Tule Elk and other endangered species to have the greatest protection and be free to roam with no lethal culling I want the waters protected no more ranching and spewing hundreds of thousands of gallons of manure across the land, into the groundwater, streams and ocean. I object to my tax dollars paying for private businesses to ravage the land. I want the NPS to do their job and protect the natural values (the mission statement of the park) of the land for the enjoyment of the citizens (who currently cannot enjoy 30% of the park because of cattle ranch eyesores of manure pits, baby calf torture boxes, exploited mother dairy cows longing for their babies, degraded land, barbed wire. Gross) I want no diversification of goods produced by the ranchers; no pigs, sheep, goats, chickens no Airbnb, no row crops (water intensive: this land gets burnt during droughts, lets preserve the water for the wildlife!) OH AND GO VEGAN -BEEF IS NOT SUSTAINABLE!!!

#1984

Name: Zales, Nicholas

Correspondence: I support the no ranching alternative. Public lands and the animals on them belong to the public. To kill or harvest public animals for a for-profit business is wrong. It's taking from the public with nothing in return. Let ranchers provide their own lands and keep their animals out of public lands.

#1985

Name: Rosales, Yolanda

Correspondence: Leave nature and wildlife alone! Cows should be on private land...not public lands. Haven't we lost enough wildlife and nature thru fires and hunting. Be smart about this decision!

#1986

Name: Feest, Gary

Correspondence: I'm strongly opposed to the killing of Elk in their habitat, just to appease cattle ranchers. More than one-third of U.S. land is already used for pasture-by far the largest land-use type in the contiguous 48 states. Between pastures and cropland used to produce feed, 41 percent of U.S. land in the contiguous states revolves around livestock. A single cow releases between 70 and 120 kg of Methane per year. Methane is a greenhouse gas like carbon dioxide, but the negative effect on the climate of Methane is 23 times higher than the effect of CO₂. We don't need to expand the area used to graze cattle. We need to drastically reduce it. We should be doing everything possible to reduce the causes of climate change.

#1987

Name: McNemar, Tim

Correspondence: No no no do not kill one elk for factory farm COWS !!!!! No wildlife murdered FOR SOME ASSHOLE humans and our selfish bullshit

#1988

Name: Pearson, Kim

Correspondence: Tule elk are an ecologically critical part of the landscape of Point Reyes, while cattle-grazing permits in the national park are a privilege for a few livestock owners. Ranch leaseholders shouldn't be able to dictate Park Service policy that hurts or kills park wildlife. The Park Service is required to manage Point Reyes National Seashore without impairing its natural values and for the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the local natural environment. Wildlife should not be managed, restricted from survival resources (land and water), or killed to accommodate private domesticated livestock businesses. Critical wildlife habitat is already being damaged and seriously degraded by these private businesses. Nothing would please me more than

to see the Point Reyes National Seashore end all domesticated livestock use/activity so the public lands seashore can be fully restored as important, ecologically rich habitat.

#1989

Name: Callahan, Mary

Correspondence: I cannot understand why the National Park plan is prioritizing private ranching over wildlife protection and preservation. The parks should not be used/abused by private industry. This plan should be reconsidered to prioritize the preservation of the land and the protection of the Elk.

#1990

Name: Slate, Judi

Correspondence: As a member of the California based international animal protection nonprofit organization in defense of animals with over 250,000 supporters I oppose the national Park service plan to kill native to Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitive operations. As National Park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals living there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits. The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals. Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the seashore's pastoral zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#1991

Name: Eger, Suzanne

Correspondence: Shooting wildlife for the sole purpose of allowing cattle grazing is egregious. Why do the ranchers have the right to allow their cattle to graze any more than the public has a right to enjoy the natural wildlife present in this public location?!?

#1992

Name: CRYL, KIMERLEE

Correspondence: Please protect native grasses and wildlife in the Point Reyes Seashore area. This area should be considered historical and not be take over by special interests over consumption. Grazing leases/permits should be brought up to current standards and not be relying on antiqued terms and fees. Science appears to have supplied us with enough information that we can't sustain the area in such a manor.

Thank you, Kimerlee Curyl

#1993

Name: Minnick, Terri

Correspondence: My husband and I did a fly & drive vacation to the San Francisco area a couple of years ago. Seeing the Tule Elk was on our list of must sees. We are hikers, campers, photographers, wildlife enthusiasts...and TOURISTS We did not travel from Illinois to see cows.

#1994

Name: Scharin, Lisa

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk,

grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations. My brother and his wife live in Oakland and I have visited them several times. While visiting them on a few occasions-we went to Reyes park. This particular area is one of my favorite and I love seeing the elephant seals as well. It is also surprising to me that California would be engaging in this idea since traditionally California has implemented eco friendly, sustainable policies, innovations and lifestyles. I is VERY clear that animal agriculture is a MAJOR source of climate change, deforestation, water, land and air pollution-WHY would you even consider this at this time???? Right now I have been listening to the Climate Crisis Town Hall from 5pm-Midnight! Animal agriculture has come up a few times-I am able to watch only because I HAD to EVACUATE due to Dorian!! You actions will only continue to exacerbate climate change, soil destruction, erosion! Allowing ranchers to decimate this area is UNCONSCIONABLE as well-since ranchers are BURING the AMAZOn as I type this!! WOW- REALLY???? Are you NOT paying attention????!!!! This is also a PRIME example and EVIDENCE that animal agriculture is a MAJOR reason for Wildlife killing and extinction!!! I AM BEYOND APPALLED!!!!!!!!!! I AM DISGUSTED and DISAPPOINTED that this is being considered! You do California an INJUSTICE!!!!!!

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#1995

Name: Harrison , Mar

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#1996

Name: Turner, Robert

Correspondence: Wild life matters.

#1997

Name: Lanspa, Kelly

Correspondence: I do not support shooting of wildlife to protect ranchers livestock. Ranchers should protect their livestock adequately and find other means than killing wildlife.

#1998

Name: Blythe, Joanne

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#1999

Name: Dybevik, Julie

Correspondence: I don't know how to not sound angry. Don't let wildlife be a thought, have it be an American need. Ranchers are selfish, mostly right winged and don't give a crap about anything except "What's theirs" & "Their rights in the USA." There is enough room for everyone, just don't be a jerk and be selfish. Please leave the elk alone, all they want is food and to live.

#2000

Name: Blomberg, Bonnie

Correspondence: Keep this up and there will one day be no wildlife left, then you will be trying to find a way to bring it back. Please stop all of this NOW! We are all meant to live here on this earth together, let us stop killing everything and turning this beautiful planet full of life into a giant factory simply mass producing everything. We need the open spaces full of life with wild animals living free and fresh air and clean water. Please put an end to all of this killing! The value of life is so diminishing.

#2001

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Do not kill elk. Get rid of the cattle. I want elk out in pt Reyes and not cattle. I pay taxes and have a right to demand wildlife and no ranching!! Do not kill the elf and get rid of the cattle. Public land is for people and wildlife .

#2002

Name: Thompson, Kate

Correspondence: We must preserve the natural world and this planet our home. The cows must go!!

#2003

Name: Chahal, Flori

Correspondence: Re: Elk vs Cattle Grazing at Point Reyes

Grazing is a privilege, not a right, especially cost-free grazing on public lands. If ranching activities jeopardize the public's wildlife, remove the private livestock rather than OUR wildlife. Or remove as much private livestock as needed to bring a balance between the amount of elk and cattle in that environment. If this raises the cost of beef or dairy products then so be it. If eventually there's no room for cattle then elk have first right to live on our national parks. If after this there are still too many elk to be supported by the national park biome eventhough all cattle were removed then natural predators like wolves and mountain lions should be brought in or elk could be culled and sold as wild elk meat Profits from elk meat could go to the park service . Otherwise, as someone nicely stated, "leave our National parks alone!! If ranchers want to ranch, they should buy their own land! STOP LEASING NATIONAL PARK LANDS TO RANCHERS!!!!"

Thank you for listening.

Bay Area resident

#2004

Name: Rose, Chris

Correspondence: I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed extermination of the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Point Reyes must not become land for cattle ranchers to exploit. It is a place for people who enjoy the outdoors and for wildlife to be safe from harm. Please keep the Tule Elk protected.

#2005

Name: Neumann, Nancy

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#2006

Name: Shaffer, Matthew

Correspondence: Please don't cull the tule elk in Point Reyes.

#2007

Name: Varga, Rachel

Correspondence: I am opposed to any "management" of the native elk at Point Reyes. The elk are a beneficial species that works in harmony with the local ecosystem. The ranching should be stopped completely. Cattle are an invasive species that have detrimental effect on the land and are destroying sensitive areas. It is wrong to eliminate even a portion of a native species simply because a few ranchers who shouldn't be there in the first place want to get rid of them.

#2008

Name: hill, paul

Correspondence: We have read your proposal to expand ranching and agriculture in the POint Reyes Nat'l Seashore. This is a terrible idea. The current ranching already undermines the beauty, wildness and natural qualities of this area and to expand this activity plus allow agricultural development here flies in the face of protecting a national park that belongs to the public, not to private ranchers. Allowing the use of public lands for private profit is simply wrong, especially when such uses will further degrade the very qualities that led to setting aside this area as a national park in the first place. Please DO NOT allow expansion of the ranching and farming activities in this area. It is bad policy and bad for the land and people who enjoy and use their public lands.

#2009

Name: Kindermann, Marlo

Correspondence: Using taxpayer money and public lands to subsidize private, for-profit cattle farming - and prioritizing this above species biodiversity and the protection/preservation of native wildlife - is an aberration and major mis-management of tax-payer money, the rich resource of public parkland, and a violation of public trust. This must be stopped now! On behalf of our planet, it's time we kick out the cows and focus instead on planting trees, sequestering carbon, protecting biodiversity and restoring topsoil, native habitats and watersheds!!

#2010

Name: Donaldson, R. Keith

Correspondence: Please keep your commitment to having elk at point Reyes; Point Reyes with its natural beauty and incredible wildlife is a sanctuary that should be protected. The dairy and cattle industry in point Reyes should be stopped, and discontinued.

#2011

Name: Patterson, Carol

Correspondence: No ranchingshould be allowed. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

#2012

Name: Plumer, Elenor

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#2013

Name: Cutler, Gregory

Correspondence: As a Veterinarian and someone that is aware of the damage by hoofed animals both mechanically and due to nitrogenous waste, I find the argument that the park should manage the Elk by slaughter and not the cattle to be a spurious one. I believe if there was actually an accurate EIR the true management reality would come to light, not the economic one!

It is also my understanding that the cattle leases were supposed to be expired long ago.

I hope we can actually end this silly idea of having cattle as part of a National Park and let sense revert to letting Nature return and letting the Elk return so that future generations can enjoy them and let children go to feed lots or dairies to see cattle.

Sincerely,

Gregory G. Cutler DVM

#2014

Name: Davis, John

Correspondence: As editor of Rewilding Earth (rewilding.org) and executive director of The Rewilding Institute, I urge the National Park Service to stick with the historic plan to phase out livestock grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore. All public wildlands, but especially National Parks, ought to be fully protected for their native wildlife and for quiet recreation opportunities - - including wildlife watching - - therein.

Cows and other livestock do not belong in Pt Reyes or other National Park units. The plan for phasing out ranching in the Park was sound, and should be upheld.

The restoration of Tule Elk to this area is among the most promising rewilding success stories in California. These Elk should be protected - - and favored over livestock - - and they should be allowed to reclaim more of their original habitat. Domestic livestock compete with native ungulates for forage. Domestic livestock may also imperil listed endangered and threatened species, not only with their eating and trampling, but also by artificially bolstering populations of opportunistic predators like ravens.

Please support Elk recover, and please make Point Reyes wilder and still more beautiful. Please phase out livestock grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Respectfully John Davis

#2015

Name: tuhtanjoseph, weedy

Correspondence: Regarding the thinning of the herd of tule elk versus limitations of commercial dairy farms' cattle - we can thin the herds by the spay and neuter as has been done in the past. Also, government lands for general enjoyment should not be specifically considered a priority for profit making concerns. True, we all need the dairy products being produced from the lands the tule elk share. Farmers cannot move elsewhere and , in fact, we will be sorry when they are gone, sorrier than losing the tule elk. However, the method of reducing the herd is what causes the outrage. We have too many deer in our rural area, no predators except the rare coyote/mountain lion, more often death by vehicl. They are scrawny, flea- and tick-infested, too many in a shrinking habitat. If we want to preserve species, we might also consider allowing their containment by private farms . Cervid agriculture.

#2016

Name: Olmstead, Lois

Correspondence: If I'm not mistaken, there was an agreement between the National Park and the ranchers when the park was created which established a limited amount of time within which the ranches could continue operations and that deadline has long since been passed. The cattle ranching is offensive in the midst of a national park! The wildlife can't compete and the waste from the cows pollutes the environment. Enough already! Stop the ranching and allow this national park to be like every other. A natural environment, not a commercial enterprise.

#2017

Name: Kochergin, Victoria

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#2018

Name: allarde, lisa

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#2019

Name: Chan, Chungsze

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#2020

Name: Olsen, Vivian

Correspondence: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not kill the Elk in Point Reyes National Park. This does not make sense! They are part of the ecosystem of the landscape. They are an important tourist attraction. Families come to see them with their children. The elk are native to this location and should be honored and not destroyed. They are a landmark species that should be given the right to thrive! PLEASE SAVE THE ELK FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY SUCH AS I HAVE. For the sake of our children and our children's children we need to save the elk!

#2021

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: All ranching should be stopped in the park.

#2022

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Tule elk: Yes! Most definitely yes. Cows: No!! We have too many cows. This is a no contest choice, but unfortunately, it is too often made by the very folks who are suppose to protect the land and the animals which live on it. Be brave!

#2023

Name: Souza, Stanley

Correspondence: A wise idea would be to move cattle ranching elsewhere or not at all. There is too much beef consumption as it is. The cost of which is contributing to warming the planet. The tule elk have this as their home and it should continue to be so. Please put a halt to cattle ranching on this land!

#2024

Name: Eszterhas, Suzi

Correspondence: Killing elk to make room for cattle just makes no sense. Our tule elk are treasures. They should be protected, not killed. People come from all over the world to see wildlife in Point Reyes. This is an outrage.

#2025

Name: McIntyre, Kimmy

Correspondence: I object to the plan to annually cull the herd of wild elk living in Point Reyes simply to benefit cattle ranchers that are using the land for the cattle to feed. Not allowing wild life to live and thrive on the only lands that we have available to them still will cause wild populations to dwindle and set a future precedent to allow for wild lands to continue to be taken away for use for domestic livestock.

#2026

Name: Zimbalist, Dawna Raven Sky

Correspondence: Please leave the Elk be, they are an integral part of the local ecosystem. The constant interference with Nature by humans, whether for greed or otherwise is doing a disservice to nature's natural balance. Please listen to the public.

#2027

Name: Hatch, Jerri

Correspondence: Leave the ELK ALONE! How ludicrous to kill these natural animals to make room for CATTLE!! Please leave the animals alone!

#2028

Name: Jaber, David

Correspondence: Greetings, NPS

I am troubled by Preferred Alternative B's deprioritization of recreation, wildlife and protecting natural resources. I have no problem with diversification of ranching. However, Tule Elk are a treasured part of the local ecosystem. They have co-evolved with our coastal ecosystems. Under no circumstances should Tule Elk be shot by ranchers or other land owners.

My preferred alternative: Convert ranching to regenerative practices, including soil carbon sequestration research and pilot projects, and diversify any farming operations, while diminishing total agricultural acreage. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

#2029

Name: St Denis, Pauline

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#2030

Name: Shipman, Mike

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the plan to remove Tule Elk from Point Reyes National Seashore. Tule Elk are endemic to California, cattle and cattle ranching are not. Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park in the US where Tule Elk can be found and offer educational and aesthetic value to visitors and to the park. The

elk are essential to the proper functioning of the ecosystem that is Point Reyes National Seashore, cattle are not. National Parks are managed in the public trust, not specifically for specific interests un-aligned with the mission of the National Park Service, such as cattle ranching, even if there is historical context. Point Reyes National Seashore is no longer a cattle ranch, a dairy, it is open space for the benefit of the public and a history museum of sorts. We cannot allow the plundering of our natural and national heritage. As a wildlife biologist and professional photographer, I oppose this aspect of the DEIS.

#2031

Name: Quintana, Donald

Correspondence: It is extremely poor judgment to kill the Tule Elk on the Point Reyes National Seashore. Tule Elk are native to California, cattle is not. The land is a National Park for the people to see and enjoy the preserve as it is a natural area of California. This is a judgment that only benefits a few cattle ranchers while the entire nation that enjoys seeing the Elk at Point Reyes will lose out on this benefit. This is about big money and cattle grazing rights, not how the land owned by the people for the people is being managed. We only come to the area to view the wildlife and that includes the California native Tule Elk, and not some ranchers cattle!

#2032

Name: Greysen, Jim

Correspondence: Given the limited population of Elk all should be done to protect them. The No Action alternative should be pursued in order to preserve this limited and unique resource. Cattle ranching should be slowly minimized and/or contained over the coming 20 years. Maintaining a healthy genetic pool of this population of elk should be factored in this plan in order to ensure it's longterm survival. There is an economic benefit to preserving this elk population in the form of tourism. Important to consider is the economic value of this natural resource and all should be done to calculate that to give a countering view of the economics of cattle ranching. More should be done to protect the elk and less should be done to maintain or expand cattle ranching.

#2033

Name: McClain, Barbara

Correspondence: I object to the planned killing of the Tule elk in the Point Reyes National Park. I think this is irresponsible and contrary to the purpose of a National Park.

#2034

Name: Hubbell, Mark

Correspondence: Now is the time to move forward and away from practices, like ranching, and toward preservation. Do not kill the elk!

#2035

Name: Moses , Kimberly

Correspondence: I do not support the killing of the Tule Elk at a Point Reyes to protect cattle in the area. Wild is wild. National Parks Recreation areas help us stay in touch with that.

#2036

Name: Richardson , Conor

Correspondence: Enough. There has come a time that removing creatures for the expansion of grazing animals or human recreation needs to cease.

#2037

Name: flynn, eileen

Correspondence: DO NOT KILL OUR ELK!!!! They have been a part of Point Reyes and they deserve to be there!! They ARE Pt. Reyes!!

#2038

Name: Merrill, Charles

Correspondence: I support allowing legacy ranchers to continue ranching and operating diaries. With the extremely high cost of private land, many if not most legacy ranching operations could not continue.

I am in favor of culling the elk as needed.

#2039

Name: Stockdale, Nancy

Correspondence: I am a frequent visitor of Point Reyes National Seashore, including multi-day backpacking trips/camping trips, and a native of the region. One of my favorite things to do in Point Reyes is the hike along Tomales Bay, alongside the majestic Tule elk. The trail is always very busy with tourists excited to see them, too. I urge you to NOT set out to kill members of these herds. They are a crucial link to the natural heritage and history of the coast and the Central Valley, both regions that have lost so much of their original habitats and species. Cows aren't endangered and neither are ranchers. Tule Elk in Point Reyes must be left unmolested. Thank you.

#2040

Name: Lytle, Denise

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2041

Name: Lightfoot, Jan

Correspondence: I waiting for the day to come when wild animals will be forever gone because humans (and their cows, or the destructive behavior of massive mining projects) believe they have the rights to eminent domain. I wouldn't be surprised if it happens in my lifetime. We are rushing into a world where the lives of our children and grand children will be "nature sterile". I hope that makes everyone happy.

#2042

Name: Siminski, Julian

Correspondence: I wanted to comment on the culling of Tule Elk to spare the farmers and their herds. I'm not at all sure that the culling of four animals will change much in the short term and will have little effect on the maintaining of the farms. The herd is pretty small as it is and I believe that the herd should be allowed to continue to flourish without interference from the authorities. Dairy Cow ranchers must have other alternatives that they can implement that allow for the Tule Elk herd to be left as it is without the killing of any of the herd.

We have a problem in this country, and now it seems in California as well, where money and profit are put before life, whether that be human or animal life. This plan to cull the animals is an ill-thought plan and needs to be reexamined.

Thanks,

Julian Siminski

#2043

Name: Smith, Kelly

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#2044

Name: Jones, Kaija

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Please abandon this short-sighted plan and preserve the park and its wildlife as is. The goal should not be to destroy every wild place in this country for profit. We share this planet with all other living creatures. It is not ours to dismantle.

#2045

Name: McCullough, Gale

Correspondence: Please do not carry out this policy. For generations in America the needs of humans have been put well ahead of wildlife or ecosystems. We are suffering the consequences now as more and more species are in danger of extinction.

When we have a conflict with wildness of any kind the first thought is "cull", exterminate rather than regulate human activity so that we can cohabit. It is bad biology and it is making this wonderful varied and rich country into more and more of a monoculture designed for human consumption.

Enough... we are robbing our grand children of wildness.

#2046

Name: Keefer, Katherine

Correspondence: I love Point Reyes National Seashore, its hiking trails, the wildflowers and its beaches. So I am disturbed by the current NPS proposal to cull tule elk, to convert wildlands to commercial row crops, and to introduce the raising of domestic farm animals. Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area are parks for wildlands and wildlife, not for monetary aggrandizement.

1. No to killing elk or other wildlife with the intent of providing grass for more cows.
2. No to converting park grasslands and wildlife habitat to commercial row crops. This violates the vision of National Parks and would have a devastating impact on the park's native species.
3. No to introducing the raising of other domestic animals such as sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, and llamas. This would upset the natural ecology of the area.

Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area are not lands for monetary aggrandizement. They are parks for wildlands and wildlife, and to help all of us reconnect with the natural world of which we all are a part.

Respectfully yours, Katherine Keefer

#2047

Name: Bloch, Linda

Correspondence: I oppose the ranching protections being advocated and expanded at Pt Reyes National Seashore, because of adverse effects on the Tulle Elk as well as the other natural resources of the land which should be protected. The private interests of the ranchers should not take priority over preservation of the parkland and the natural plant and wildlife of this Natural treasure.

#2048

Name: Amerson, Alicia

Correspondence: DO NOT KILL ANY ANIMALS TO PROTECT RANCHES.

FEDERAL AGENCY DOLLARS SHOULD NOT BE USED TO KILL ANY WILDLIFE.

FEDERAL AGENCY DOLLARS ARE TAXPAYER DOLLARS.

FEDERAL AGENCY DOLLARS SHOULD BE USED TOWARDS COEXISTENCE MANAGEMENT ONLY - AND NEVER TO KILL AN ANIMAL. PERIOD.

I WANT MY WILDLIFE ALIVE.

Alicia Amerson

#2049

Name: Rappl, Gail

Correspondence: I am writing in support of the editorial letter in the Press Democrat of Thurs, Sep 5. I am shocked the park system that claims to support wildlife, wants to keep the land for cattle grazing. It sounds like the current federal government has once again, found a way to squash the environment, killing it in the name of profit. How about culling some of those cows. We have plenty of them. Please don't hunt down the Tule Elk. They are what make the park special, and are what visitors talk about and have fond memories of when they talk about the park. I can pretty much guarantee that noone thinks of cows when they think of Pt Reyes National Park.

#2050

Name: Jensen, C

Correspondence: I am writing in to support the motion that the Parks Service should entirely reconsider the continued presence and subsidization of ranch industry in Point Reyes National Seashore. I have been made aware of this issue by the For Elk group, which has made it abundantly clear through documentation that the park's current plan to "manage" elk numbers in order to continue encouraging ranching and dairy, is absurd. The priorities are completely backwards. The Tule Elk, as well as biodiverse, restored ecosystems should be preserved and supported at all costs- not contained and maintained at a certain level so as to avoid impacting business. I am a former San Franciscan resident and I still have a lot of community and stake in the Bay Area- I want to see the region thrive and recover some of the imbalance in the parklands and wetlands to support the local ecology over the economic interests of a few particular industries.

I agree with the following requests put forth by the For Elk group: -Under no circumstance shall the park kill any Tule Elk. -The park should prioritize Tule Elk habitat. -The park should refuse to grant 20-year permits and leases to cattle and dairy ranchers. Ranchers have overstayed their original permit limits already. Long-term leases will set a terrible precedent in favor of private, commercial industry and jeopardize the future of our parks and the health of the ecosystem. - Absolutely no diversification of ranch operations. Any diversification (such as chicken coops, pigs, sheep, row crops, etc) will only serve to attract more predators like coyotes, foxes, bobcats that will be in conflict with ranch operations and have to be "managed" as well. -The park should revoke permits for all cattle and dairy operations and restore the leased land to its original, pre-industry state. The park should prioritize wildlife NOT commercial interests! Do you agree? Sign our online petition!! Go [HERE](#). -We would like the park to update their education and visuals throughout the park to reflect their mission- wildlife preservation. We would like to see the information tablets that currently highlight dairy and ranching history to be replaced with ones that showcase the park's biodiversity and their work in wildlife protection and restoration. -We would like the fence at the Pierce Point Elk Reserve to be ultimately be taken down so a migration corridor can be created for that Tule Elk herd.

Thank you for reviewing my communication. Please do the right thing.

#2051

Name: Geda, Kristopher

Correspondence: I would like to voice my support for Alternative F, the cessation of ranching expansion and an expansion to the elk herds. It seems strange to me that the expansion of ranching requires the lethal removal of existing large mammals. Who benefits from that except ranchers who already extract value from and close off access to public lands? Why should we expand private individuals' exclusive access to public lands for their own profit, especially when it means killing elk that have already been extirpated from the vast majority of their historic

range? The losses in jobs and revenue are minuscule compared the region according to the report. Alternative F seems like the most reasonable solution if we take a long-term view on the subject.

#2052

Name: Atwood, Bob

Correspondence: I would like to add the following comments:

- 1.) The County of Marin should transfer ownership of county roads within PORE to the NPS. The NPS doesn't pay any county property taxes. Marin County tax payers shouldn't be paying for the NPS roads.
- 2.) The State of California should transfer ownership of Tomales Bay State Park to the NPS.
- 3.) There are millions upon millions of acres of cattle grazing lands in California. There doesn't need to be any cattle grazing lands in PORE West of the San Andreas Fault line (where most visitors go). It is fine to continue cattle grazing on the less trafficked lands east of the San Andreas Fault.
- 4.) I would like to see the existing Dairies prosper and continue in business with good leases.
- 5.) Allowing row crops in a NPS property seems like a slippery slope to privatization of said lands across the country.
- 6.) What will farmers be allowed to do to native predators that go after their newly allowed chickens, goats, pigs and sheep? I would only allow chickens and not the others. Sheep and goats are devastating to natural flora compared to cows.
- 7.) It seems like the NPS is being pressured to abandon their traditional role of protecting and preserving wild and scenic areas for future generations from politicians and private interests.
- 8.) I'm fine with keeping the Elk population at current population levels and locations in support of the dairies (but not beef cattle grazing).
- 9.) No areas not currently being grazed should be opened up to grazing.
- 10.) The ranch leases should be non transferable except to the offspring of the current lease holder.
- 11.) If a lease holder decides to call it quits that ranch should revert to nature and not be used commercially again (for ranches west of the San Andreas Fault). It would be fine for another person to take on a lease East of the San Andreas Fault.

#2053

Name: LeRoy, Rita

Correspondence: Please honor our nation's commitment to wildlife in our national parks and prioritize the elk over agriculture.

#2054

Name: Beck, Bryan

Correspondence: In the 1870's the North Pacific Coast Railroad was built through Point Reyes Station and along

the shores of Tomales Bay en route to redwood forests farther north. The railroad's builders were hoping for business from farms along the coast. Farmers there, though, quickly found they could not compete with crops grown in other areas of California, and instead took up dairy ranching, which remains the dominant form of agriculture in west Marin County.

When Point Reyes National Seashore was established in the 1960's, ranchers were allowed to continue to operate dairy farms on land leased from the Park Service. Some of these ranches, such as the one just south of the Tomales Point Elk Reserve, appear to be overgrazing the land.

Now, the Park Service is proposing to allow grazing of other animals, and possibly row crops, on the Point Reyes ranches. If ranching continues, it must be done with consideration given to the long-term sustainability of grazing practices. Row crops, requiring plowing the land and likely extensive use of chemicals, should not be allowed in the National Seashore. The area has already proven to be marginal at best for agriculture, and is far more valuable as open space and natural habitat.

#2055

Name: Hansell, Judith

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#2056

Name: Kurland, Heather

Correspondence: I just watched a documentary about the park's plan to kill Tule elk and allow for the expansion of ranching operations. I was appalled! As a local resident and frequenter of the sea shore, I and my family are against this plan. What can we do to stop it? • Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

Thank you for taking some time to read my comments. Please reconsider. The general public (minus the ranching operations that have political and financial sway are against this misuse of lands.

Sincerely, Heather Kurland

#2057

Name: Norvig, Kristan

Correspondence: Please, please, PLEASE reconsider killing the Tule Elk. Killing elk to make way for cattle is ludicrous. Just NO. Thank you for listening.

#2058

Name: Giannosa, Beth Ann

Correspondence: It is complete and utter baloney that the idea of killing Elk, to make room for cattle, is even being entertained.

#2059

Name: Wonderly, Jak

Correspondence: I strongly oppose killing the elk. They are a treasure, a tourist attraction, and a natural species. Cattle ranches should not take priority. Thank you.

#2060

Name: Spiel, Matt

Correspondence: Please end the ranching in Point Reyes. There is more than enough scientific proof that what the world doesn't need is more commercial agricultural operations. We need more natural spaces.

#2061

Name: Iannuzzi, Maria

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk in Pt. Reyes. This is unfair advantage for ranchers. People do not deserve to dominate the world at all costs

#2062

Name: Rodriguez, David

Correspondence: Get rid of the cows and keep the elk. This is our land not the ranchers land.

#2063

Name: N/A, N/A

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#2064

Name: Cloninger , BettyJo

Correspondence: Due to the lack of knowledge of what properly managed cattle, this article is very misleading. With all the fires, one would think that you would realize that cattle managed correctly actually lesson the fire danger immensely. I bought property, where nothing had been on for 30 years, the dead growth was high, the green grass was extremely minimal. Now, 2 years later, the fields ste green and lush, while the neglected neighbor's property is brown with tall dead feed, weeds growing rampant. This naive idea that cattle are harmful is stupid!

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#2066

Name: Yee, LY

Correspondence: How can you rid of the beautiful majestic tule elk! They have a right to be there in Point Reyes, CA. Stop this from happening!

#2067

Name: Harrington, Rachael

Correspondence: Please reduce or eliminate the dairies and ranches outright, as an alternative to address the conflict between elk and livestock.

The livestock cause other environmental issues for this area, and can be moved to less distructive areas instead of killing the native and endangered species.

#2068

Name: Farris, Renee

Correspondence: Do not kill the elk. This is a beautiful area and the wildlife make it a very unique and special place to visit. Don't open up the land to ranchers. There are plenty of other places for them to go.

#2069

Name: Hopper, Sherril

Correspondence: I strongly object to the needless and senseless killing of the majestic elk at Reyes Point! These animals are part of our American heritage and should be protected not slaughtered.

#2070

Name: Gelber, Brooke

Correspondence: Do not kill off the tule elk in order to make room for more cattle!!!! We need to preserve our native species...those that are left!

#2071

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Alternative F, eliminating the ranches, is the best and most desirable choice for Point Reyes National Park.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for the "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands. Do not kill the Tule Elk. The time has come for the ranches at Point Reyes to go for the following reasons:

1. The invasive species are cattle not Tule Elk.
2. The ranches cause an explosion of raven population that is damaging to the threatened Western Snowy Plovers that nest on the beaches at Point Reyes.
3. The ranches use imported non native plants to support the cattle. The park should be eliminating non-native species in order to preserve native plants and wildlife.
4. The Point Reyes Act states that the park is for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."
5. The water quality is degraded by cattle.
6. "Historic" does not make something right. There are other places besides a National Park that ranches can exist. The Park's First Priority is to support wildlife, native plants and the environment.

#2072

Name: Sievert, James

Correspondence: Please prioritize public access and preservation of natural habitat. Of particular interest is trails for bike riding with my family. Thanks

#2073

Name: Peacocke, Louise

Correspondence: I'd like to comment on the proposed elk cull in Point Reyes. As a Bay Area native, I feel strongly that the natural beauty and wildlife is not only something that makes the Bay Area unique- it also attracts tourism and generates income from visitors around the world. By continuing to carve up and change our landscape, we are creating a cumulative negative impact on our lands. I also take umbrage with the reason for the cull; there is plenty of room elsewhere for cattle grazing and sensitive areas and ecosystems should not be compromised by larger and powerful industries. Thank you.

#2074

Name: Weikert, Ashley

Correspondence: These elk are vital to the history of the land. They are true natives and these majestic creatures deserves to be preserved. Ranchers have enough land! We need to protect our wildlife and open space!!!

#2075

Name: Dehne, Tanja

Correspondence: Please, please, please do not kill the Tule Elk!!

There is already considerable land used for ranching while this preserve with the Tule Elk is the only that I know of of it's kind!

#2076

Name: Skrzypczak, Emilia

Correspondence: Please, don't kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals. Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#2077

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#2078

Name: Duncan, Teresa

Correspondence: By their very definition, national parks and wildlife refuges are meant to protect wildlife and benefit all citizens, not ranchers. Agriculture has no business on public land and if ranchers can't co-exist, they should move elsewhere. I suggest their own land.

#2079

Name: Elkington, Scott

Correspondence: Please keep the cattle and the ranching operations going at Point Reyes.

thanks,

-Scott Elkington

#2080

Name: Ruhs, Sean

Correspondence: Grazing/ranching/farming within the NPS needs to be scaled back. Not scaled up. The danger to the natural flora and fauna not to mention the eye sore in these beautiful places is a tragedy. Ranching / grazing should be limited and only encouraged to large parks with less extended resources. It is not the NPS job to subsidize the agriculture and animal farming industry. It is also unfair and inequitable to favor these ranchers profits over the parks resources after subsidizing their business.

#2081

Name: Farr, Gina

Correspondence: No, a thousand times no for expanding the subsidization of polluting ranches in our National seashore. Our family is appalled at the state of the seashore from dairy ranching now, the stench, the destruction of water and land, and the conflicts with wildlife.

We are squarely on the side of wildlife biodiversity and health of the land as it was intended with the establishment of the seashore in 1962. The ranches have gotten dirty and huge in the 60 years I've lived in Marin. A blight. And a threat to our native elk, to which we owe a debt of care and protection in our national park!

Public lands throughout the West are under mounting pressure from drilling, logging, mining and grazing. Commercial ranching here puts other national parks in the cross hairs, further endangering the very places that offer us a chance for restoration, beauty and hope.

No expansion of privilege for ranching. No shooting of elk. No no no.

#2082

Name: Wallace, Thomas

Correspondence: This is utterly absurd! Using a National Park, protected land, for grazing? Killing our wildlife even further for the sake of making profit? How dare this even be a possibility, let alone now something regular citizens must defend wholeheartedly (which we will and you can F-ing bet on that.) This proposal is a shame on our duty as stewards of the land we live on, and I'm greatly upset by the fact that it was even remotely considered to be up for discussion. When will this lunacy end?

#2083

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We need our wild spaces and the wild creatures that live there. Commercial agriculture should not be crowding out these irreplaceable treasures.

#2084

Name: Dean, Nancy

Correspondence: Livestock currently outnumber the Tule Elk and elk on public/federal approved grazing lands may be shot. It is time for livestock to return to private property under the loving care of their owners, and wildlife

be allowed to thrive unmolested. As tourists, we and our friends travel to see wildlife. We do not need to travel to view livestock. Tourist dollars are at stake in areas that allow prioritizing livestock over wildlife on public and federal lands. And we aren't interested in walking in a natural setting only to have our dog injured or killed by traps. We want wildlife preserved for further generations enjoyment. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

#2085

Name: Gilbert, Chelsea

Correspondence: Elk need to be protected and ranches need to construct fences to protect their, shooting animals is unacceptable on federal lands leased for grazing. It disgusts me ranchers can shoot any animal they wish on land that they are borrowing from the public for personal profit. It angers me and i hope angers the people who are making the deal with the ranchers. This is hurting diversity of life... take control of the land back before letting indigenous creatures die. Thank you.

#2086

Name: Dimas, Sirena

Correspondence: I think that protected land is protected for a reason. Point Reyes is a protected national park and should not have any form of commercial farming on it. Doing so puts every other nationally protected area in the cross hairs, allowing for potential exploitation. As a native San Franciscan, I have always enjoyed going to Point Reyes to hike or hang out at the beach, even as a little girl when my parents took me. I don't think we need dairy's out there.

#2087

Name: Seymour, John

Correspondence: In the early 70's, I got my first experience with dairy operations during a school field trip to Point Reyes. Raised in Marin, Point Reyes has been and will be one of my favorite places in the world.

The current operations represent locally sustainable food sources that enhance the community, both with it's products and with, in my opinion, the exposure to a critical aspect of human civilization, (farming) so close to the center of the tech world.

The park land was provided by people who cherished the way of life that is represented by the preferred option, protecting it from mass development and providing a shining example today for the people of the Bay Area and beyond.

Please don't give into efforts to turn Point Reyes into a false example of some ignorantly idealized concept of an "original" natural state by removing the dairies. The land has been manipulated by humans for centuries and unless you intend to burn the land as the native Americans did, we may lose the grasslands that we associate with Point Reyes of today.

Please continue to support the coexistence of man and nature as it exists now. Please enact the preferred option.

Thank you,

#2088

Name: Timson, Rebecca

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to the plan for continued and expanded support for farming/ranching within Point Reyes National Seashore. This support, both as misguided policy and as misspent money, is inconsistent with protection of animal and plant species, and soil and water quality. It is inconsistent with climate

goals. It is also expensive, given the extraordinary commitment to provide farmers/ranchers with tax-free land, to maintain roads and other infrastructure for their benefit, and to tolerate the impact on natural values of the park. I realize that the park has justified this in terms of the history of farming in the area, but sometimes history belongs in a museum instead of on the land. It's time for that to become the choice in Point Reyes. One model for this might be found in the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, which was previously the site of a historic farm. For many years, public trails followed the dikes of the old farm. But eventually the decision was made to breach the dikes and restore the estuary. It is one of the greatest restoration projects ever undertaken. The history of the farm has not been lost, nor has the longer history of the indigenous people still living, farming and fishing in the area. But the estuary itself is no longer farmland. If it was, certainly- -as in Point Reyes- -modern farming methods would be inconsistent with the priorities of land and resource protection. History is not being reenacted on the Point Reyes farms. It is not being well interpreted or archived. Similar value has not been accorded to indigenous history in the area. And seriously, cattle ranching is an archaic and damaging choice in the fragile coastal environment- -and anywhere, really, in the 21st century.

#2089

Name: Wong, Richard

Correspondence: Please no! This is a national park and one of the main draws.

Ranchers are lucky they are even grandfathered in. If they think their needs should take precedence over wildlife in the National Seashore then they should move out. The ranchers are the real nuisance.

#2090

Name: Reed, Willim

Correspondence: I'm a local land owner in West Marin and for my entire 50 year life I have owned and managed commercial scale livestock, mostly beef, but others as well.

Wild animals continue to get marginalized by humans. We need to give the elk more space to roam and be part of our community. I would like to see them roam throughout Marin and allow them to integrate into our farms and natural spaces. It's their land too and our community will be richer with them living in the fabric of our landscape.

We can figure it out. It wasn't long ago that farmers could not imagine raising crops without pesticides but now Organic is commonly accepted method. We integrate our farms with deer, let's allow elk the same space.

Thank you, Bill Reed

#2091

Name: Freeman, Kyri

Correspondence: Please prioritize tule elk and other wildlife over domestic cattle in management planning for Point Reyes. I visit the area for hiking and birding.

#2092

Name: Zelasko, Sandy

Correspondence: Killing elk within Point Reyes National Seashore is a ludicrous plan. I can't understand why one of our public lands, in the National Park system, would ever allow cattle to win over wildlife! Get rid of the cattle BEFORE you even think about taking away my rights to enjoy native wildlife in this country.

I was appalled by the number of ranches and excess number of cattle I witnessed in my recent July visit to Point Reyes NS. Only to see a handful of elk on that same visit. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!

I OPPOSE any plan to cull and kill our native wildlife! DON'T cater to the greedy ranchers and instead let wildlife roam the park without persecution. Better idea, start getting rid of the cattle and start weeding out the ranches! You would have my full support on that move.

The dollars I spend to support the National Park Service should benefit wildlife, nature habitat and YOUR SALARY. I EXPECT YOU to do the RIGHT THING and PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE! DO NOT CATER TO GREEDY RANCHERS!!!!

#2093

Name: Butler, Eric

Correspondence: The park should be left to the historic wildlife located that, not to ranchers. We should preserve the seashore ecology for future generations.

#2094

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We need to stop private ranchers from using our wilderness areas as their own grazing land. Herd management practices require the rancher to provide grazing areas. These should not be supplied by the taxpayers.

#2095

Name: Weber, Jeffrey

Correspondence: Having enjoyed visits to the beautiful Point Reyes National Seashore dozens of times over the past 30 years, I have special interest in the General Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I have a particular concern about the plan related to tule elk at the seashore.

I believe the plan for Point Reyes tule elk represents a huge loss for these magnificent creatures and the thousands of park visitors who go to see them and the natural landscape they inhabit. When my friends, family members and I hike in the park, we do not choose trails with views of ranches or dairy cows. We search out areas of natural beauty, including areas of the park inhabited by the tule elk.

The federal government purchased this park land from Point Reyes ranchers in the 1960s for more than \$57 million (\$380 million in 2019 dollars). The agreement was that ranchers could remain for 25 years or for the lifetime of the rancher or spouse. This time period has long passed, yet 5,500 cattle remain - dwarfing the elk population of 660. These elk were hunted to near extinction in the 1800s. There is certainly no fear of extinction for the hundreds of thousands of dairy cattle roaming the hillsides and valleys of the North Bay Area. My understanding is the plan calls for the population of elk to be kept small by culling.

This is wrong-headed thinking.

Cattle cause erosion, stream pollution and emit large quantities of greenhouse gas. Considering the urgency of climate change and in the name of returning the seashore to the environment that existed for centuries before ranching altered its topography, I urge decision-makers to prioritize Point Reyes land management for the benefit of nature over the profit-motive of commercial ranching. The time has come for visitors to this gem of a public seashore to see more tule elk than dairy cows.

Thank you for considering my point of view on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jeff Weber

#2096

Name: archer, gay

Correspondence: No ranching at Point Reyes or Golden Gate. No killing of the elk, and stop freeloading of private interests on public lands.

Help save the planet.

Pigs and chickens on My land? Disgusting. Both these animals are poopers extraordinaire and there filth is poison.

Ranchers off!

#2097

Name: poehlmann, chris

Correspondence: Consider for inclusion in the final plan: -Elimination of cattle from the park for park health and a statement on the district's stance on global warming. -Revising forest management to maximize carbon sequestration and species diversity.

See and review for inspiration for forest management reform:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/ffgc.2019.00027/full>

#2098

Name: Abramczyk, Megan

Correspondence: Elk>Cows. Its that simple. We don't need more beef!

#2099

Name: Ture, Martha

Correspondence: I understand that the management of conflicting demands on a finite resource is a fraught undertaking. Some years ago a similar issue arose in Contra Costa County and cattle grazing on Mt. Diablo State Park. As cattle were at that time the most effective means of ongoing fire management, I submitted comment at that time in favor of continuing cattle grazing on the mountain.

In this instance, I would propose that the National Park Service maintain and increase the tule elk population. The land can handle an small increase in the elk population. The NPS has a legal duty to maintain the historic ranch lands. It does not have a legal duty to foster the increase of ranch uses of the public lands over and above the broader public interest in the tule elk. The NPS is responsible to the people of the United States, not only to the ranchers of Marin County.

Tule elk are the only elk endemic to California. Once numbering about 500,000 in the San Joaquin Valley and coastal foothills, the tule elk population was reduced to two - a male and a female - by the 1870s because of unrestricted hunting and large-scale conversion of habitat to agriculture. Today, largely because of state-sponsored captive breeding and reintroduction efforts, 4,300 tule elk live in 22 isolated herds throughout California. Plenty of habitat exists for additional tule elk, officials say. But the state has stopped expanding herds, and responds to complaints by transplanting "excess elk" from one herd to another.

Clearly, if the state and federal tule elk managers stop expanding herds, and instead kill elk, we need to comply with the state-wide comprehensive population plan for tule elk. The statewide management plan is here: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=162912&inline>.

Its objectives include • Providing for the beneficial use and enjoyment of wildlife • Perpetuating all species for their intrinsic value • Providing aesthetic, educational and non-appropriative uses • To maintain diversified recreational uses • To provide economic contributions • To alleviate economic losses

This brings us to the nut of the problem. On public lands, which benefit all the people and public law, which takes precedence, individual profit or public benefit? As a matter of law and public policy, the policy objectives take priority over expanding existing private, individual for profit objectives.

#2100

Name: Tennant, Brandon

Correspondence: As a visitor to the national Park coming from Idaho I spent thousands of dollars each time. Each time! The elk are truly a renewable resource. A natural resource that in combination with the land they live on isn't economic asset in addition to being a natural wonder. Cattle can be grown anywhere and indeed are grown everywhere, and at the expense of every living thing in the vicinity there are sustainable ways to grow cattle but the ranching industry is simply lazy and greedy and they want all the profit and none of the responsibility. It's time to end corporate welfare for ranchers. National parks belong to every person not just A few greedy corporate shells. end welfare ranching now!!!

#2101

Name: Kerschbaumer , Irma

Correspondence: I wanted to comment on the proposal to get rid of the whole herd of Elk on the Point Reyes seashore. Please consider other ways of helping ranchers. Getting rid of this native animal for the sole purpose of helping an industry that is actually harming OUR national park lands is unacceptable. These lands are to be protected for us and our children to enjoy. Please don't put the industries needs before what you have been given to protect and manage. Please keep the well being of our park lands and animals as your first priority. Thank you,

Irma Kerschbaumer

#2102

Name: Kestelyn, Kathleen

Correspondence: I am writing this comment to voice my concern for the wildlife and farm animals living on Point Reyes National Seashore Park. I am concerned about the safety of all the animals living on this park and how they are being mistreated and heard that the elks might be killed.

If there are too many cows and elks on this park shouldn't they be removed and taken to a more open space for them?

Please reconsider they proposal to kill the elks.

Thank you, Kathleen Kestelyn

#2103

Name: Waive, Linda

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2104

Name: Sheppard, Samantha

Correspondence: The elk have lived I. Point Reyes national seashore for over 10,000 years, and deserve to continue to do so. The herd that lives there should not be killed just to make life more prosperous and easier for the cattle ranchers. Even the killing of a few elk to thin the herd is unacceptable.

#2105

Name: Grady, Mary

Correspondence: Point Reyes should not be open to agricultural use. It should be allowed to return to its previous natural state. There are many species adversely impacted by agricultural activity.

#2106

Name: McCann, Ellen

Correspondence: Wild parks are for wildlife and for people to enjoy, not for cattle and more cattle. It surprises me that cattle ranchers are so powerful.

Private ranching on 28,000 acres at Point Reyes National Seashore and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is heavily subsidized by taxpayers. Impacts from the 6,000 beef and dairy cows at these parks are well documented: soil erosion, water pollution, invasive plants, declines in fish and bird populations, conflicts with wildlife, loss of public access to public land. Native Tule elk, the iconic symbol of Point Reyes Seashore, are found in no other national park. Most of the elk are confined behind an 8-foot-high fence to keep them off parkland leased for cattle grazing. Now, ranchers at the national seashore are pushing to "diversify" their operations. They want to add more livestock like sheep, goats, and chickens, and grow row crops. This calls into question the purpose of our national parks.

This is my money spent to destroy something I hold valuable: wildlife.

Future generations deserve better than public lands full of cattle and not wild at all.

#2107

Name: Whitney, Frank

Correspondence: In my opinion the ranch businesses on NPS property should be phased out in a timely manner... they do not contribute to the public welfare and in fact are inconsistent with the main purposes of the NPS and the preservation of wild and natural places for the welfare and enjoyment of all Americans.

#2108

Name: Fitzner, Zach

Correspondence: It's barbaric and unacceptable to allow more ranching on any of our public lands, especially at

the expense of native wildlife. I firmly oppose allowing ranching on Point Reyes National Seashore. I also firmly oppose removal of elk from public ranching areas. I don't support beef production with my own purchases, I shouldn't be forced to support it through my tax dollars either. National Parks especially but any federal land is not the place for ranching.

#2109

Name: Shapiro, Adam

Correspondence: My comment is a request for the decision makers to commit to the mission of a National Seashore... that which is reserved by the federal government for recreational use by the public.

Ranching for private profit is directly in conflict with this mission and should be banned outside of government or ngo run farms for historic and educational programs.

Thank you.

#2110

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Do NOT sacrifice the elk in PRNM. Use your heads, show courage, reject the current administration's assault on wildlife, and protect these magnificent animals.

#2111

Name: Jordan, Kathleen

Correspondence: It is a national disgrace that the government is choosing environment killing cattle over native ruminants that we have been struggling to maintain. As the demand for beef decreases and the call to preserve our wilderness grows louder and more determined, the current government continues to ignore the will of the people of this nation.

#2112

Name: Staats, Tammy

Correspondence: Ideally I would like to see Alternative F adopted:

Phase out all ranching, as was originally intended.

Manage the Seashore for the natural values it was created to preserve-- it's land, water and wildlife.

Prioritize wildlife over livestock.

Restore the pastoral zone for wildlife habitat, native plants, scientific research and education.

Repurpose the historic ranch buildings for research, interpretation and education.

Thank you!

#2113

Name: Carroll, Erica

Correspondence: NPS's "Preferred Alternative B" is a wholesale giveaway of our public land. It prioritizes ranching over recreation, wildlife and protecting natural resources. In sum, it commits our national seashore to commercial cattle grazing for decades to come.

Economics and climate change threaten the Seashore ranches' viability. There's a surplus of milk, prices are falling, and both beef and dairy consumption is declining. To shore up the ranchers, the NPS wants to grant 20-year leases and allow them to "diversify" by growing and processing crops and adding more livestock-pigs, chickens, goats, and sheep-to their operations. Their plan calls for shooting any Tule elk that "trespass" on the ranch lands.

Alternative B would:

Create a new zoning framework-the "Ranchland Zone"-encompassing one-third-more than 26,000 acres-of Point Reyes Seashore and 7,000 acres in the Golden Gate Recreation Area. This would permanently commit these park lands to private ranching. Manage the elk herd using lethal removal methods. The NPS proposes to kill all elk that enter "public" ranch lands. No new elk herds would be allowed to establish in the planning area. This sacrifices native wildlife living in a national park to private, for-profit ranching. Allow grazing for "approximately" 5,500 cattle-2,400 beef cattle and 3,130 dairy animals. Cattle graze at the Seashore 24-7 every day of the year. The land is never allowed to rest and recover. Cattle manure is inadequately managed, runs off into waterways and spreads disease. Public access to recreation is curtailed-when one-third of the park is devoted to ranching. Issue grazing leases of up to a 20 years to Seashore ranchers for beef and dairy operations, despite well-documented damage to grasslands, birds, native plants and wildlife; pollution affecting freshwater and and marine habitats; and methane and other greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to the climate crisis. The 2019 United Nations report on climate change points to dangerously high temperatures, drought, and extreme weather events and calls for reforming agricultural practices, specifically reducing cattle.

Ranching is unsustainable. We need a new vision for the Seashore.

The preferred alternative:

No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

#2114

Name: Schneider, Susan

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is a National Park and as such is intended to preserve and protect and manage wild lands and coastal habitats from commercial development. The dairies that were grandfathered into the park can stay, but, should not be expanded.

It is understood that while the elk have been reintroduced to the coast, they were historically present for millennia prior to the introduction of agriculture and ranching-brought by white settlers colonizing the coast. The land benefits from the presence of grazers. So ungulates need to be present. However, dairy cattle should not take precedence over historical species such as Elk or deer. Those species should be protected and managed in a way that pronounces the fact that cows are the introduced "guest" on that parkland. While elk and deer are the prime ungulate inhabitants. Manage the cows first.

Do not kill the wild herds to make room for the cows. Some culling in the absence of natural predators such as mountain lion may be used. But only very conservatively. Cattle ranching does far more harm to the land and environment in general. In an ideal world, no domesticated cattle would be permanently residing in Point Reyes National Seashore at all.

It's high time the US Forest Service, the National Park Service, And the Department of Interior recognize the fact that the Earth is facing the sixth great mass extinction. Species are going extinct in staggering rates due to the activities of humans. We need to do whatever we can to protect wild species, and limit our destruction of natural

habitats. Vast tracts of land given to overgrazing by cattle is unsustainable. And in the long run will not benefit anyone.

Limit cattle ranching and grazing on National parklands. Preserve and protect historically significant plant and animal species and keep Point Reyes wild for coming generations.

Thank you, Susan Schneider

#2115

Name: Guidubaldi, Karal

Correspondence: Point Reyes should not be used for highly subsidized Welfare Ranchers alone. This practice will destroy the ecosystem of a prized National Forest for the financial benefit of a few. I sternly oppose. Thank You

#2116

Name: Dunham, Moneca

Correspondence: Please protect our wilderness and beautiful natural resources instead of giving in to capitalistic greed, even if it is ranchers. Thank you in advance for doing the hard thing and the right thing. You have the ability to stand up against the current moral abomination that resides in the White House and his deplorable greed.

#2117

Name: Wagman, William

Correspondence: I urge the Park Service to drop any plans to cull the elk herd at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Primarily because the elk are native to the area and disrupting the natural ecology of the area can be disruptive on several levels. It is a national park and is there for the enjoyment of the public, not the ranchers. Once the ecology is disrupted it may never be returned to its' original state. As I understand it, when the area was designated a recreation area ranchers were given 20 years to find another solution. Why is this agreement now being thrown aside in favor of the ranchers? I expect the park service to be stewards of our public lands, not giving in to the financial pressures of private industry.

#2118

Name: Bertolazzi, Annalisa

Correspondence: Please don't kill any elk. There are few of them, while cattle is everywhere. We should limit space for cattle as beef demand is decreasing. Thank you.

#2119

Name: West, Jay

Correspondence: All these attacks while China and India do the most damage to the climate. Stop picking on our Economy and Culture while other countries run amok ...

#2120

Name: Suppes, Charlene

Correspondence: Public National/State Parks are not private industry, in this case ranchers. This is public land for all people to enjoy. It is not for certain ranchers to graze their livestock on and therefore make money off public land. They lease the land and complain because the wildlife kills their cows. Public land should not be leased out

so people can make money. This law should be nationwide. If the ranchers need land then let them go thru a realtor and buy some for sale. Lastly, no one wants to go to a National Park and see. Cows!! We want to photo wildlife, not far. Animals. Say no to leasing our Parks! Thank you.

#2121

Name: Niewiarowski, Chris

Correspondence: The elk are far more important in the wants and desires of ranchers and those who would use the land for grazing cattle. Species recovery and conservation should take priority here. Honestly this seems like a no brainer, I'm surprised this is even coming up for debate. As someone who visits the area and appreciates the diversity in plant and animal I hope the Park service treats the elk and land conservation as their top priority.

#2122

Name: DeLaBriandais, Donna

Correspondence: I am against thinning the herd of elk at Pt.Reyes for any reason, especially for additional dairy cow/animal use on land. These elk are an important part of our National Parks and our need to have these majestic creatures in our parks. Please respect the care of these Elk and help them by not reducing the numbers. The dairy industry should not be allowed any more land to graze cattle, especially by harming the elk that have the right to be there and live in harmony with the land. We are very fortunate to have the ability to hike and view wildlife.

#2123

Name: wiley, robert

Correspondence: While I enjoy eating beef, I do not believe the Point Reyes National Seashore should be used as ranch grazing land. I am concerned about the impact on the native Tule Elk population, and also believe that the seashore should be preserved in its most natural state possible, not a cattle farming operation. There is plenty of non NPS land that would be better suited for expanded grazing.

I am also concerned about the impacts of cattle grazing on the natural plants and animals that have called Point Reyes home for centuries.

The public interest is best served by allowing this land to return to its pristine natural state, and conducting agricultural activities on commercial land, not National Park Service land.

Thank you

#2124

Name: N/A, John

Correspondence: Please restore point Reyes to native habitat. Ranching is a business not suited for public park land. We would like to see more elk!

#2125

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2126

Name: N/A, KT

Correspondence: In 2019 the thought of going backwards with land stewardship seems unheard of - yet this is still a topic.

Ranchers don't need to take public lands to work for their private/personal gain.

Tule Elk have lived here for millenia and shouldn't be driven out for anyone's personal gain (remember the buffalo??)

Please don't allow this misuse of land to move forward.

Thank you.

#2127

Name: N/A, Sage

Correspondence: Please allow the tule elk to continue to live peacefully at Point Reyes National Seashore. Tule elk are native to this area. Cows are not. Before the mid-19th century, it was tule elk who inhabited the grasslands of the Point Reyes peninsula and the Olema Valley. They were the dominant grazers on these lands and were hunted to near extinction. Today, even with the success of the reintroduction efforts, their population has been reduced to about 1% of its original size. Reintroduction of native tule elk to the National Seashore has been an important component of the restoration of the natural ecosystems here. These are National Public lands we are discussing. For-profit private ranchers should not have the right to kill another species they object to, especially one native to the land. It is a privilege to be able to lease land in this incredible location for cows to graze. It is not a right. The tule elk and cows can and will share the land if allowed to. Shooting elk that may stray onto lands leased by ranchers for their cows is not a reasonable option. Lately it feels like there is an all out war being waged against the natural inhabitants of federal public lands in the western and coastal west states. Please protect the tule elk that have found their home here again.

#2128

Name: Kohlmann, Steve

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to PRNS, a concerned citizen, and a certified wildlife biologist with over 25 years of experience managing elk and cattle conflicts, I am commenting on the General Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement, specifically the issue of renewing leases on rangeland for the commercial production of beef and dairy productson the National Seashore.

I am opposed to the renewal of any grazing lease on the Seashore. This is primarily because the grazing management is so poor. I have observed rampant invasive weed infestations, excessive cattle trailing, bare soil, and fecal matter in drainages. The fences are maintained poorly, the ranch buildings are unsightly and poorly kept up,

and the cattle are not moved in a manner that is conducive to conservation grazing. Abusive, poorly managed grazing has no place on our public lands.

In addition, domestic cattle compete with native elk for forage. While cattle may be supplemented with feedstocks brought from outside the area, elk are blamed for vegetation impacts. I am not aware of a balanced effort by the ranchers to coexist with elk, construct livestock fences in a wildlife-friendly manner, or implement conservation grazing practices that include frequent rotation, targeted weed management and soil health considerations. Instead, cattle are left in the same pastures for too long, causing extensive trails and bare soil, which results in erosion. It will take decades to restore these lands to their natural condition.

The Park Service recently refused to relicense the Drake Oyster Company, which - by comparison- had a much less severe impact on the ecosystem of the seashore than these ranches and dairies. I urge the Park Service apply the same standards to cattle ranching on the Seashore, which has much greater ecological impacts.

Unfortunately, the Park Service didn't have the foresight to include another alternative in the EIR – one that mandates strict conservation grazing, wildlife friendly fencing, soil health and carbon sequestration, and offsetting all methane emissions from feeding grains and other non-native feedstocks. Holistic management and other, ecologically integrated grazing systems have been shown to produce ecosystem benefits including native plant restoration, strengthened hydrological and nutrient cycles, improved soil health and increased sequestration of carbon in soils. This would have been the right way: manage the land WITH cattle and WITH elk to restore these degraded, abused habitats. Alas, the Park Service relied on shoddy science and apparent lack of imagination in drafting the alternatives. I would have applauded such a forward thinking approach of restoring our public lands with regenerative grazing by well managed cattle. In absence of that option, I must disapprove of all alternatives that allow the continuation of any grazing leases on our lands.

Sincerely,

Steve Kohlmann, PhD, CWB

#2129

Name: Durham, Jack

Correspondence: What kind of nonsense are you people practicing? I realize you need to keep your pay coming and politics pushes you toward the indefensible, but this is beyond the pale. Tule Elk are the thing. Proposing to eliminate one Elk in favor of a cow is reprehensible. Protect the Elk.

#2130

Name: H , H

Correspondence: Stop trying to satisfy the ranchers growing interest in ridding The seashore lands of Tule Elk.

Native Tule elk exist in no other national park. Once believed extinct, the reintroduction of the elk is a case study in species recovery. Yet, cows outnumber elk 10 to one at the seashore, and under the preferred alternative the elk that trespass on land leased for cattle will be shot. NPS says it will kill 10-15 elk annually to prevent "conflicts" and shore up ranchers' profits.

Stop looking at the ranchers bottom lines and look towards the futures of our wildlife.

Thank you!

HH

#2131

Name: Barnes, JD

Correspondence: Leave the tule elk alone! Relocate the cattle herds if they can't live together! I am truly not a fan of your creating another endangered species. Humans have to stop encroaching on nature's well being. We have to learn to respect wildlife and give them the space they need. You don't need to expand the cattle grazing out there. Cattle can exist elsewhere! What has happened to the Dept. of the Interior? With this kind of behavior, we truly need new leadership that doesn't slaughter the innocent to pad their own pockets! I am just disgusted! JD Barnes

#2132

Name: Baker, Crystal

Correspondence: Please protect the native elk. Please end cattle ranching at Point Reyes.

I am glad that I found this form via the newspaper because I couldn't locate it easily online.

#2133

Name: Kendall, Joanne

Correspondence: I find it outrageous that man's answer to anything is to kill. These ranchers need to stop thinking the property is theirs just because they lease it from the US. They decided to give up the land for a park and it doesn't give them the right to make decisions the are not in the best interest of animals. They will kill any animal because nothing is sacred to them but their damn money. Stop thinking guns and killing are the answers. I am sure there are other alternatives like moving them to other areas in the country. I do not want these elk to be killed. You need to find other alternatives.

#2134

Name: Gregg, Kathleen

Correspondence: The National Seashore legislation, as amended, specifies that leases would be extended for a maximum of 25 years, from 1978. This period has expired. In addition, livestock operations: create enormous manure outputs that are liquified and spread on NPS lands; overgraze heavily, converting native coastal prairie to European annual weeds; string barbed-wire across NPS lands, entangling native tule elk; constrain most tule elk to a small, fenced off peninsula lacking surface water during drought; cause soil erosion that harms endangered runs of coho and chinook salmon; disturb nesting of endangered snowy plovers; foul streams with fecal coliform contamination; convert almost a thousand acres to weed crops to feed cattle, then mow down this 'silage' during spring, chewing up ground-nesting birds and native mammals in the process; and impair public access to public lands. To name *just a few* reasons not to continue with that arrangement!

#2135

Name: Conner, Laura

Correspondence: Endangering the elk in this situation is a travesty. Please take other measures. I am looking to replace consumption of beef with other choices. The behavior of cattle ranchers is become a hazard to our environment. They are unable to make wise choices so I will promote the choice of other protein options.

#2136

Name: Marathe, Shrikrishna

Correspondence: This is outrageous. Killing elk for promoting animal exploitation of dairy should not occur

#2137

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Enough! The egregious destruction of native land, the expansion of rancher contracts, the proposed expansion of rancher crops, the proposed killing of Tule Elk must stop. This land should be protected, the ranchers and farming of this land, and all cattle must leave this area immediately! The National Park Service's first objective should always be the protection of native lands and wild life first!

#2138

Name: West, Tamara

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Elk. There is enough violence in the world. Surely a More creative approach can be found. Please put in the time and effort to find a more appropriate and reasonable one.

#2139

Name: Tenzing, Terry

Correspondence: Please preserve the Elk. This is the most precious natural area I have written many many miles is it national seashore on the country roads enjoying the sightings of the elk through the amazing pastors and grazing land there has to be a way to preserve a natural balance between the ranchers efforts in keeping the land open and in preserving the elk population

#2140

Name: Dean, Nancy

Correspondence: I believe that livestock have become a problem on public lands and need to be maintained on private land. Public and Federal land is for wildlife. We are having problems with increasing amounts of wildlife threatened by extinction and the balance needs to be restored. Who wants to pay tourist dollars to see livestock when livestock can be seen at home. Thank you for your time.

#2141

Name: CONNAH, GRAHAM

Correspondence: Keep the Tule Elk in the Point Reyes Seashore. Time for the cows to go elsewhere. Cows have much of the entire western US, but the ELK have very few spots, and PR is one of them.

Thanks

#2142

Name: Bennett, Lisa

Correspondence: I am concerned about the proposed killing of Tule elk. Are they ranching on our land? Please, don't sacrifice a species for the short term advantage to a few ranchers. Thank you, Lisa Holly Bennett

#2143

Name: RICHMOND, LONNA

Correspondence: I would like to see a gradual phasing out of ranching by attrition. This would be a fair way to end ranching and not hurt the ranchers and thereby the elk populations could expand which would improve stream, grasslands and other habitats.

The rigid approach to retaining the huge ranching acreage fails to recognize that times change, people change and the climate is changing. Public demand for milk is decreasing which is causing dairy farms to struggle. The answer

is not to increase milk production, but to decrease it. A changing world demands changing business models, and going with the flow. The 2019 International Climate Change report recognizes that global warming is caused in large part to meat production and encourages a plant-based diet to make a more livable planet.....this does not mean expanding meat production.

#2144

Name: Schulz, McKinzie

Correspondence: Let us not again let crony capitalism take right over nature. Point Reyes should be restored to help preserve species and it's bioregion. Please give us some hope that the greed and unchecked power of mega farms and ranches will not give way to mother Earth.

#2145

Name: Ochs, Brett

Correspondence: Dear Senator/Congressman, My family lives in NY state and we are US public landowners. We are contacting you about concerns regarding the management of the Point Reyes National Seashore. Don't sell off OUR public land to ranching of any kind. The NPS is about preservation and the ongoing private cattle grazing is incompatible with the purposes for which the Point Reyes National Seashore was established. Ranching at the Seashore has resulted in overgrazing, water pollution, invasive weeds, and reductions of native species, including some protected under the Endangered Species Act, which I know you support. Given the founding purposes of Point Reyes National Seashore, commercial leases or activities at the Seashore should not conflict nor interfere with the protection of natural or cultural resources or public access to the park. Tax dollars subsidize ranching in the national park is a form of welfare and shall not occur. Allowing private ranches to use public parks only damage wildlife habitat, and degrade water quality. I am opposed to any ranching demand to grow commercial row crops and introduce sheep, goats, pigs, turkeys or chickens to the national park, which would create conflicts with and pressure to kill native carnivores like bobcats, coyotes, and foxes. Sincerely, Brett Ochs

#2146

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: <https://www.marini.com/2019/09/05/marin-voice-we-can-no-longer-afford-seashore-ranches-along-point-reyes/>

#2147

Name: Floyd, Michael

Correspondence: How does the proposed plans accommodate the endangered species act in regards to the tule elk? Additionally what measures are being taken to prevent Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis or "MAP" from spreading to the elk population in the future?

#2148

Name: mcfarlin, tim

Correspondence: The agreement to maintain the cattle ranches ended more than 20 years ago. Just like the oyster farm these need to go. They have seriously negatively impacted the environment and need to leave the Pt. Reyes National Seashore to people who don't want to see and smell piles of manure. "Culling" Elk is total bullshit because of the cattle is total BULLSHIT.

#2149

Name: Densmore, Kenneth

Correspondence: Historically these lands were and are put aside for people, the public, the general population,

enjoyment; NOT NATURE DESTROYING, GREENHOUSE GAS EMMITING, DIRTY, UNNECESSARY CATTLE AND A HANDFUL OF PROFITEERING RANCHERS!! DUHH ??? What bussiness are you in and for who?

#2150

Name: Carpenter, Larry

Correspondence: We visit to experience the elk. Not another example of Ranchers freeloading for pennies on the dollar for grazing rights and more cattle. Serve the public, not the beef lobby.

#2151

Name: Wilburn-Saboe, Dawn

Correspondence: No no no. Do not allow ranching to expand. These areas must be PRESERVED. Return more land to the wild.

#2152

Name: Bennett, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Dear Point Reyes Management, I am horrified to learn there is a possible plan to kill native elk at Point Reyes National Park. What a tragedy this would be! The native elk are beneficial to the environment, a natural part of the ecosystem, as you must well know. The reason for killing the native elk is that they are "a nuisance to cattle ranchers". I also understand from this article in the Sonoma State Star by Chelsea Pinkham (September 3-9, 2019) that "barren cattle trails erode into hillsides, manure runoff into nearby waterways, and destruction of native plants and introduction of invasive grasses were just a few of the many examples" of the effects of cattle ranches on Point Reyes. The idea of killing native elk is wrong. Please consider the benefits of these native elk. If anything, the cattle ranches should be hemmed in, if not removed, for the good of the ecosystem. Please, as the National Park Service should be, remain a proponent of a healthy environment. I would appreciate updates on this matter. Sincerely, Elizabeth Bennett

#2153

Name: Brescia, Lydia

Correspondence: The MORAL ALTERNATIVES ARE.....

No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Re-purpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

Allow the Park to be used for our national Pleasure and for Viewing...not KILLING the ELK Population!

#2154

Name: Mendoza, Lucille

Correspondence: We have been reading multiple negative comments regarding the ranchers within Point Reyes National Seashore. It is possible to both ranch and protect the natural environment and wildlife, but it requires cooperation on both sides. My husbands family has been ranching there since the early 1900s. The house we lived in belonged to the Hussey's (1850's), part of the Shafter Estate, from the Spanish land grants. Agriculture has played a large part in maintaining the pastoral zone; with out it, the land would be over grown by brush and under sand dunes. Farming methods are employed to maintain grazing land for the benefit of cattle, deer and the elk. Native Americans, in the past, employed annual burns to maintain open space and replenish the feed. There are no natural predators of the elk and deer within the Park, so occasional culling to maintain healthy herd sizes is

necessary to promote viable species and protect land from over grazing. Proper fencing for the elk is a deterrent to wandering into areas that could threaten the safety of both tourists and cattle. Long term leases are necessary to provide the ranchers the ability to invest in land improvements, meet newer water quality standards, and provide viable business practices. Contracts were signed with the government in the 70's to preserve this land for future generations. By working together, this can be continued.

#2155

Name: Petterson, Karen

Correspondence: Enough of the "historic" practice of grazing and raising cattle in our national parks. At point Reyes national park continuing this practice is at the expense of the native animals by destroying their native habitat. Habitat that will take years to restore. As I understand it, national parks are about preserving lands in the most pristine state for the welfare of all our futures, not about preserving or enabling an industry that is destructive, like ranching or mining for example. The cattle and dairy industry is indisputably bad for the planet and I cannot see how continuing it, enhancing it or enabling it with public resources is part of the duty and stewardship of the nsp. I understand the practice of culling herds of wild animals in national parks is sometimes in the best interest of the animals and the land, but I do not understand it's practice in the national park for the benefit of the cattle and dairy industry. It is time for this industry inside point Reyes national park to become part of its history and when we visit this park the public can learn about what once was, the damage done, and the efforts to restore it to a natural coastal habitat.

#2156

Name: Taffe, Evan

Correspondence: I am a student from the Bay Area who is currently studying the upcoming Pt. Reyes GMP amendment options. Now having seen many perspectives on the different issues plaguing Pt. Reyes National Park it is clear to me which alternative is the best for the future of the park. While none of the alternatives are perfect, change needs to be made in order to address the issues present in the park. Betty, a long-time dairy rancher we had the pleasure of speaking to, told us how the elk herd would come by and graze on her cattles grass. If the population is left uncontrolled then this problem will get worse, dealing more damage to the fencing and grass quality on all Drakes Beach farms as more tule elk attempt to graze. Environmental issues also should be addressed as soil, water, and air quality are all affected negatively by ranching in Pt. Reyes. The best alternative should explain the future of ranching, tule elk, and the environmental regulation of Pt. Reyes for years to come. Any plan that includes too extreme an action or inaction shouldnt be considered as a viable alternative. Alternative A isnt an option that responsibly handles the future of Pt. Reyes. The fact that an amendment is on the table at all should show that change is not only wanted to better the park, but that it is needed. Current problems need to be addressed and alternative A does absolutely nothing to protect the elk, ranchers, or the environment. Another alternative that isnt viable for the future of Pt. Reyes is alternative F. This alternative would discontinue all the ranching and replace it with visitor opportunities. On a recent class trip to Pt. Reyes we spoke to Dewey Livingston, a local historian and author of the Point Reyes Peninsula, who told us about the deep cultural importance of ranching to the park. Alternative F would erase this cultural artifact through erasing the ranching in the park and use the open space to overrun the park with visitors, which would increase the difficulty in preserving the land from human harms. Furthermore, the effect alternative F would have on the local economy and families of Pt. Reyes is devastating: The cessation of ranching under alternative F would contribute to the loss of approximately \$16 million in annual revenue, which constitutes 0.01% of the study areas gross regional product. In addition, 63 direct jobs at ranches in the planning area would be lost, representing less than 0.03% of regional employment (ix, EIS). On the other extreme, alternative C lethally removes all of the Drakes Beach elk herd. This is unnecessary because if the population was only restrained slightly, the herd would most likely no longer need the extra space taken up by the cattle ranches. Also, this would cruelly take away a natural part of Pt. Reyes that was just reintroduced. Alternative C is drastic and would upset the environment because the herd is expected to have a positive impact on the area they were recently reintroduced into. Alternatives B, D, and E are more reasonable solutions that should be considered for the future of Pt. Reyes. All three alternatives adopt the zoning framework that is laid out under alternative B. This framework is crucial to the continued success of the

park because dividing up the park into subzones can better manage the resources the park has to offer by using a finer tool for management. Alternative E has an impressive environmental impact by removing six active dairy ranches in the park. In terms of the soil condition, Under alternative E, noticeable beneficial impacts would occur compared to existing conditions from the conversion of the six dairy ranches to beef operations (vi, EIS), and, The removal of dairy operations under alternative E would eliminate adverse impacts on surface water quality associated with livestock congregation and concentrated manure storage. (vi, EIS). Although alternative E has a great environmental impact and still protects some ranching as a cultural resource, that impact comes with a huge cost to the families that have spent generations building their business on the land: Under alternative E, conversion from dairy to beef operations would result in the loss of \$14.4 million in annual revenue and 27 jobs at ranches in the planning area (ix, EIS). This alternative would be detrimental to the families of Pt. Reyes, and while reasonable for the long-term future and health of the park, currently it is unfair to the ranchers. Likewise, alternative D betters the environmental impact of Pt. Reyes at the expense of the ranching community. The low infrastructure ranches will be phased out over a year, but it is very unclear how this will be done. For ranchers who have spent their entire lives in Pt. Reyes it will be very difficult to transition to any other kind of life, especially if they only have one year before being removed by the park service. The environmental impacts will be relatively small compared to alternative E because the large infrastructure dairies, the main source of erosion and pollution, will remain in the park. Alternative D, because of these reasons, cannot show a promising future for Pt. Reyes. Although, with more work on specifically how the ranchers will be phased out of their homes, and more time than one year to move out, I can see alternative D being an option for the future. With the current six alternatives laid out in the first EIS draft, alternative B is the best option. This alternative addresses the elk herd in Drakes Beach, protects the ranching community and culture, and sets the framework for future changes to the park. The key to a successful GMP amendment is the new management zones and strategies encompassed in alternative B. These new management ideas will help with resource protection in the future by making future management easier. The largest topic of debate, the tule elk, is addressed well by alternative B. The elk can remain in the park as it is their natural land, but the herd will be lethally controlled to avoid tule elk from hurting the ranchers cattle business. Although this may be considered animal cruelty, the ranchers have been living on the land for over a century and it is unjust to have their livelihood damaged by a rewilding effort. It is best for the elk to remain in the park to preserve a part of Pt. Reyes that had been lost, and to keep the land healthy and aesthetically wild. Although alternative B doesn't have an answer for the environmental issues of the ranching in Pt. Reyes, the other alternatives all provided a similar lack of answer or an extreme approach to the problem. Alternative B is the best answer for the future of Pt. Reyes because of its success in finding a middle ground between elk and ranchers, and its implementation of new crucial management strategies that will ensure Pt. Reyes continues striving to protect its natural and cultural resources for the public.

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#2157

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: What and Who are Parks For?

Private ranching on 28,000 acres at Point Reyes National Seashore and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is heavily subsidized by taxpayers. Impacts from the 6,000 beef and dairy cows at these parks are well documented: soil erosion, water pollution, invasive plants, declines in fish and bird populations, conflicts with

wildlife, loss of public access to public land. Native Tule elk, the iconic symbol of Point Reyes Seashore, are found in no other national park. Most of the elk are confined behind an 8-foot-high fence to keep them off parkland leased for cattle grazing. Now, ranchers at the national seashore are pushing to "diversify" their operations. They want to add more livestock like sheep, goats, and chickens, and grow row crops. This calls into question the purpose of our national parks.

NO TO KILLING OUR WILDLIFE!

#2158

Name: Skrzypczak, Emilia

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2159

Name: DeLaBriandais, Les

Correspondence: Re Tule Elk Survival

The Cattle and Dairy Farmers sold their properties to the Point Reyes National Park Service with their eyes wide open, made a lot of money, and have continued to live there longer than their agreement. It is time for them to live up to their agreement. They had 25 years and or until death to finish up their ranching days. The Tule Elk who were near extinction from hunters have been struggling to live ever since.

We all know that for 50 years these farmers have left the land and buildings to deteriorate for more profit. They are shamefully polluting and over grazing the park. Once they even fenced the elk out from water sources to let them die. Our great National Park should end this destructive partnership and truly begin to nurture this wonderful Natural herd of Tule Elk.

Sincerely,

Les DeLaBriandais

#2160

Name: Scott, Jeanie

Correspondence: I support Alternative F.

The Tule elk and other wildlife would benefit from this plan.

Preserving a large herd rather than a few hundred would more likely enable the animals to withstand disease or other means of devastation.

Allowing a herd of Tule elk to flourish would somewhat address the elimination of these animals from their historic lands.

Allowing beef and dairy cattle to take precedence over elk is not consistent with a National Park.

A Tule elk preserve would provide an opportunity for visitors to view these animals as well as other wildlife. It would be a unique way to introduce the elk to people.

So rather than decide that human activities are more important than wildlife and that a plan is needed to reduce the herd, I would like the elk to be considered more important. Thank you, Jeanie Scott

#2161

Name: Harte, Mary

Correspondence: We live close to this National Seashore because we love its natural resources.

Ranching is unsustainable - - even ranchers in the past have admitted that ranching and parks don't mix. We need a new vision for the Seashore.

The preferred alternative:

No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

I urge you to start over with a plan that phases out ranching and fits with the national parks mandate to preserve the natural resources of the park for future generations.

#2162

Name: Harte, John

Correspondence: The magnificent elk population at Pt. Reyes National Seashore is a national treasure and should be protected, not slaughtered. Ranching at Pt. Reyes should be phased out as expeditiously as possible, subject of course to the terms of legally binding agreements already in place.

New proposed rules that extend the reach of the ranches and decimate the native populations are unwise. They are an insult to the huge number of people who fought hard to protect Pt. Reyes over the past half century and to the even larger number of people who enjoy the natural beauty of the National Seashore.

#2163

Name: Duisberg, Carl

Correspondence: The historic nature of the ranches in the Point Reyes National Seashore area is understood. However I have visited a few of those ranches in the mud and mess and though they are definitely legitimate businesses and managed by committed families and staff, they are the first to admit they could not continue without the significant and sundry subsidies they currently receive.

At the same time it is a unique and spectacular region that needs to be protected and preserved. The ranches must not be allowed to further expand and several of them should clearly be phased out. They have no incentive to

continue the maintenance necessary to sustain sanitary and environmental conditions required to provide a healthy relationship to the land and community they occupy.

Any expansion of these ranches would be a further detriment to the situation and make the eventual contraction more difficult. Much of the ranch land is really a mess, the heavy traffic from the cattle and the consequent explosion of plant varieties that they are disinclined to eat really creates a tragic impression for a "national Park". Has any proper EIA analysis been done to justify the proposals? Any reduction of the Tule Elk herd would be tragic.

Though the historic preservation of some of the ranches may still serve some purpose, the best approach going forward would be an analysis that would lead to the culling of the number and intensity of operations. Not an increase. They are marginal producers in a market that is over-supplied. I strongly believe, that the land would be better cared for by any effort to begin to allow it to return to a more natural state.

Please do not approve any funds or incentives to increase agricultural activity in the area. Any reduced regulation and oversight of the existing ranches will inevitably lead to further abuses and deleterious consequences.

#2164

Name: Jacoby, Leo

Correspondence: I support GMP Draft EIS Alternative B because it will provide the best future for the ecology of Point Reyes by protecting the region's beef and dairy ranching. Ranching has existed in Point Reyes for over 150 years. During that time the ecosystem has changed to adapt to grazing. The GMP Draft EIS states that removing grazing could "result in an increase in invasive annual and perennial species...a likely decrease in native forb species abundance and richness...shrub encroachment into areas currently characterized as coastal prairie...and an increase in vegetative fuels" (Department of the Interior). Cattle have become part of the landscape, so by removing them we would cause another ecological shift just like if any other native species was removed. When Sir Francis Drake anchored in 1579, he would not have seen a pastoral landscape, but this is the landscape we have today, so we should manage it for what it is now, rather than treating it as some idealized landscape that hasn't existed since the 19th century. Nature journalist Paul Evans writes, "[Species] reintroductions can be a way into a new countryside but not if we treat them like some reformed group of ageing celebrities finding a new lease of life" (Evans). If this conflict was between ranching and some fungi rather than Tule Elk, there would be much less opposition to ranching. However, because Tule Elk are majestic, and humans extirpated them in the 1850s, we feel as if it's our duty to protect them at all costs as a way of righting our past wrongs. We need to abandon this notion of managing yesterday's land, and instead manage today's land for tomorrow. Betty Nunes, a Point Reyes rancher, said that if Tule Elk continue to eat her cattle's grass, it will be increasingly difficult to operate her ranch, considering running a small ranch is difficult as it is (Nunes). Additionally, many Tule Elk in the Drakes Beach herd have tested positive for Johne's disease which can be spread to cows (Gunn). If the free-range Tule Elk population continues to be above their carrying capacity, we may see capitalism bring down ranching rather than the NPS, because the Tule Elk are an economic burden on the ranchers. This is why capping the adult population of the Drake's Beach Tule Elk herd at 120 will help the economic sustainability of the ranches. The GMP Draft EIS states that with Alternative B, leases as long as 20 years "would allow ranchers to invest more heavily in their operations" (Department of the Interior). Without the security of a long lease, ranchers would not be able to invest at the risk that they lose the right to use their land. This would cause the Point Reyes ranches to fall behind their competitors in terms of infrastructure and technology, and may put them out of business. Lastly, I do not think Alternative C (lethal removal of the whole herd) to be wise because, like I said before, we want to limit ecological change. The Tule Elk have been around for 40 years since being reintroduced. Removing them would alter the ecosystem similarly to how removing the cattle would. If we manage the herd with the population threshold, I believe Tule Elk and ranching can coexist in Point Reyes.

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#2165

Name: ADLER-GOLDEN, STEVEN

Correspondence: My wife and I spent part of the holiday weekend at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. We were surprised and disturbed by the presence of commercial activities (ranching) on what was otherwise a beautiful nature preservation land. It is critical that Alternative F be adopted, as it is the only plan that will preserve the area as originally promised.

#2166

Name: Cleveland, Randall

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a sacred National Seashore- -a national and worldwide treasure. It needs to be protected from ranching impacts and privatization. The so-called ranch at Pt Reyes has had its time on earth, and it is way past time for it to leave. An agreement was made; yet still we have to fight private ranchers who have no right to keep their for-profit commercial ag operations on our public land. Raising and killing livestock contributes to Climate Change and is a dying industry to boot. If ever an egregious industry needs to get off public land, especially a very special national treasure, it is any/all operations on Pt Reyes. True to form, as greed would have it, not only is grazing wrongly still "on the table," but also proposed are crops, hogs, chickens, sheep, goats, and the worst yet- -boarding horses and conducting private tours-which cheapens and undermines our national treasure into a wrongful private tourist trap. We have learned that: "The park is proposing to concentrate dairy cattle in the heart of the National Seashore and feed supplemental forage, far beyond the carrying capacity of the land and native grasslands on these sensitive coastal habitats. Perhaps even worse, the agency is proposing to kill native tule elk to enable ranching operations. The ranchers don't like the wildlife eating "their" forage, so the Park Service is proposing to shoot elk if they cross over barbed-wired fences into ranches. It's almost unfathomable that the agency would consider this in a national park unit, but we live in interesting times." We urge National Park Service to comply with its mandate to protect and preserve the natural features of Point Reyes as a National Seashore "for the use and enjoyment of the public"-not the livestock industry nor other profiteering would-be hangers on. Take the right action: Obtain a court order and "kick" all free loading squatters off Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore property with a restraining order to never return. Enough is enough!

#2167

Name: Post, Jason

Correspondence: Hi, I'm Jason, a lifelong lover of nature and animals, longtime angler, and recent hunter. I learned about the overpopulation of Tule elk at Point Reyes, and was shocked that hunting as a management tool was ruled out!

As a CA hunter, tags and opportunities for elk hunts are at a premium, and am amazed that with such an opportunity to provide hard working, hard practicing hunters would be so quickly dismissed. As a reminder, it's hunters thru tags and licenses support a huge amount of conservation efforts, and additionally love the outdoors like no other group.

I read the initial report, and balked at the reasons why not to issue hunt tags to help manage the herd. Here, I will address each issue and rebuttal.

1) "removals need to be targeted to certain elk or certain demographics. NPS staff would need to oversee all hunting activities to ensure the taking of the correct numbers, ages, and sexes of elk." - Aren't most large game tags in CA also targeted to certain demographics? Take any more than your tag, and that's poaching. Ages for males

can be derived from the forks of the antlers. And sex can be tags for bulls vs cows. Only outliers might be targeting certain age cows. So those seem like moot points.

2) "NPS would incur substantial costs and impacts on schedule to develop training for hunters and to supervise hunters to reduce risk and provide for the necessary level of public safety, which is also an issue to consider when using lethal control methods." - This wrecks of assumption that CA hunters are inherently unsafe. CA hunters already undergo Hunter Education and are required to do at least 8 hours of in-class training plus pass a written test to get a hunting license. To assume licensed CA hunters are inherently unsafe is inherently illogical.

3) "Sharpshooting offers safety features that a typical managed hunt does not." - Such as? Examples? Again, this is inherently illogical and misleading. Rifle hunts with modern calibers and scopes are exactly that - sharpshooting.

4) "Although it is not suggested that hunts cannot be done in a safe manner, the extensive planning and oversight that would be required to ensure a level of safety comparable to wildlife professionals engaged in sharpshooting activities make a managed hunt less feasible. Many developed areas and potentially occupied buildings are scattered throughout the park, and the Drakes Beach herd is in one of the most highly visited areas of Point Reyes. Having hunters access ranches and high visitor use areas may pose visitor and rancher safety issues." - Oh really? Because points 2 and 3 above exactly suggest that hunts are not safe. Even before being a hunter, every firearm shooter knows basic gun safety rules. In particular, there's a general 6-rules of safety where rule number 4 is: "Know your target, its surroundings and beyond. Check that the areas in front of and behind your target are safe before shooting. Be aware that if the bullet misses or completely passes through the target, it could strike a person or object. Identify the target and make sure it is what you intend to shoot. If you are in doubt, DON'T SHOOT! Never fire at a target that is only a movement, color, sound or unidentifiable shape. Be aware of all the people around you before you shoot."

In conclusion, the points against organized hunts to help manage the herd are null and void. However, the benefits would be great: more CA hunters could experience an elk hunt, CA would profit from more elk tag sales and/or elk tag lotteries, and the parks system plus local economies would benefit from funds derived from these hunt opportunities.

So I urge you to reconsider hunting opportunities as a way to help manage the herd.

Thank you for your consideration, - Jason Post

#2168

Name: Carbia, Vanessa

Correspondence: Please do not kill tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Instead, eliminate the dairies and ranches. Tule elk are North America's smallest elk species and are only found in California. Wildlife is essential; exploiting and killing livestock is not. Thank you.

#2169

Name: Taylor, Meredith

Correspondence: Please remove all livestock use from Point Reyes National Sea Shore. Such abuse is inappropriate in a National Park due to the impacts on native flora and fauna as well as air and water quality. Private ranchers have no right to pre-empt the resource use with their personal livestock instead of the NPS management of native elk and other wildlife species. Please correct this errant plan and manage Point Reyes as it should be ... for America's public land.

#2170

Name: Hayes, Deborah

Correspondence: This land was set aside for the PUBLIC GOOD. Killing these animals in order to further a for profit business is wrong. As public lands they should remain just that- PUBLIC. That does not include leasing, selling, renting or any other for profit enterprise.

The original mission statement of the NPS needs to be honored,. This statement reads " to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and wildlife therein, and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

In 1872, Yellowstone National Park, was established to be "dedicated and set apart as a public park or pleasuring-ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people."

Please do not do this! I vote NO in the strongest of terms!

#2171

Name: rodoff, lennie

Correspondence: killing off the elk is a horrible idea! there is more than enough room for cattle. also, cattle contribute to the methane gas problem.

#2172

Name: Tuthill, Cynthia

Correspondence: I would like to provide my support for saving all of the beautiful, majestic, WILD tule elk in Point Reyes. This is a national seashore; land that is intended to provide solace and serenity to ALL visitors ... not simply to provide a livelihood for a few select families. These incredibly elk have already decreased from around 500,000 animals to less than 4,000 ... WHY would we kill even ONE MORE? We have plenty of organic dairy farms, but can never replace the wild animals once they are shot.

#2173

Name: Conway, Cheryl

Correspondence: Please stop all farming activity, especially the raising of domestic livestock, in Point Reyes National Park. That kind of activity will forever damage the ecosystem there.

#2174

Name: Pearthree, Pippa

Correspondence: I have been to Point Reyes. I have watched, in amazement, the beauty and grace and wildness of the Tule Elk. The thought of shooting them is unimaginable to me. And why? To give their land, to give their territory to grazing cattle is confounding. This is the one place on earth where these few hundred magnificent animals are meant to be. For God's sake, leave them in peace to live the lives that nature intended. Any other outcome is wrong, cruel and unacceptable. Thank you, Pippa Pearthree

#2175

Name: Arciniegas-Padilla, Samuel

Correspondence: In this GMP Draft Environmental mission statement we can see the foreseeable impacts of different alternatives. Under the preferred alternative B, the future of the agriculture and Elk in Pt. Reyes National park seems bright. With the new sub-zoning framework implemented by NPS, NPS will be able to better "ensure resource protection by directing where the more intensive activities are conducted."(34) The sub-zoning framework is key for protecting national park resources while maintaining greater operational flexibility for ranchers. Under the 28,700 acres of land would be 4 different types of sub-zones; Resource Protection, Range, Pasture, and Ranch Core sub-zones. In the Resource protection sub-zone, approximately 2,600 acres of land is

assigned with this sub-zone. As with the name of the sub-zone, you can already know what it's purpose is. No grazing is to be allowed in order to protect sensitive resources such as "surface waters, and threatened or endangered species."(35) Moving on to the next, I would say that the most important sub-zone to keep an eye on is the Range sub-zone as it allows grazing in lands where more sensitive resources exist. As it is 65% of the land under lease/permits, it is critical to make sure only grazing is to be allowed and no other intensive activity occurs such as vegetation management or diversification activities. In my opinion, I believe that the 65% of land under the Range sub-zone should be reduced to 45% as the land contains important and sensitive resources that could possibly be damaged by cattle grazing and other ranching activities. The Pasture sub-zone is where the most ranching activities would occur. Containing nearly 34% of the proposed land, all types of activities including diversification and vegetation management would be allowed. I disagree with how only 34% of the 28,700 acres are under the Pasture sub-zone. I believe that 40-45% of the land should be under Pasture since there's no sensitive resources, therefore more grazing and other activities could be allowed. One question is why would 65% of the land be chosen as under the Range sub-zone if there are more sensitive resources rather than under the Pasture sub-zone? Moving on, perhaps the least significant of all the sub-zones would be the Ranch-Core sub-zone. Diversification activities (e.g., small-scale, on-site processing of ranch products, row crops not requiring irrigation) and building new infrastructure would be allowed under this sub-zone. If NPS is able to maintain a healthy relationship with nature and the ranchers under this alternative, then the agricultural aspect of Pt. Reyes has a good chance of staying in good shape. Of course that is if the NPS is able to work together and in collaboration with rancher. The next thing I'd like to address is the the Elk. It seems that Elk management under alternative B seems to be under control but I'm wondering how the NPS is dealing with Johnne's disease around the elk. The NPS can't translocate the elk in fear of spreading the disease in a case that the population has reached it's threshold of 120 deer. Do only male elk have Johnne's disease and how are they working through this problem? Under alternative B, "NPS would actively manage the Drakes Beach herd to keep it in its existing core area (i.e., between Barries Bay and the C Ranch and B Ranch boundary)."(41) Although I might disagree with lethal methods in order to keep the Elk in their designated spots, I don't see another alternative. I do agree however with how they use of the now dead elk. donating the meat to charity sounds like a good idea but a question I have is if the Johnne's disease spreads to humans if we eat their meat. I would say alternative B is the most viable option in order to maintain a good relationship between nature and humans and for that reason I believe that under this alternative the future of elk management and agriculture seems bright and prosperous.

#2176

Name: Stafford , Belle

Correspondence: Please don't kill the elk!!

#2177

Name: Bacon, Pamela

Correspondence: Stop the slaughter of elk to appease welfare ranchers who abuse public lands at taxpayer expense.

#2178

Name: Brister, Bob

Correspondence: Livestock grazing is a gross misuse of Point Reyes National Seashore. Please get rid of the livestock and give the native wildlife a place to live.

#2179

Name: Stompe, Brian

Correspondence: The integrity of the National Park system must be maintained by not permitting farming and ranching on National Park land, no matter how locally popular that may be.

Ranching and farming maximize use of land for profit, which is not compatible with setting aside land in its natural state to be inhabited by animals that originally lived there, to be observed by visitors.

With elimination of farming and expansion of range for elk, the size of the elk herd will still eventually need to be controlled.

Prior to Europeans being here, the herd was able to roam a wide area for forage. Predation by wolf packs and native Americans kept herds healthy. To keep the herd to a number that can thrive on Point Reyes Park, I suggest that a limited number of permits for Ranger escorted hunts by individual hunters be sold @ \$1,000 each, which would annually raise \$12,000 or more for the park and keep the herd healthy, And most certainly, the economics and labor picture of Marin County's dairy industry should have nothing to do with National Park land use policy!

#2180

Name: Khan, Zohal

Correspondence: There are only three herds of elk left on Point Reyes. Expanding ranching and extending 20-year-leases to ranchera will greatly negatively impact the herds. I implore the government to reduce the ranching plan so that NO "herd management" is required. Please preserve our national wildlife and protect them from further human expansion. As a U.S. citizen and taxpayer, I greatly oppose this plan for its disproportionate negative effect on the wild elk herds and other wildlife. Please protect the elk and their natural habitat.

#2181

Name: Maxwell, Janet

Correspondence: I have always disagreed with the Point Reyes area allowing cattle grazing and dairy cows. I would prefer to see the area have NO ranching or grazing of domestic livestock of any kind. Phase out cattle off the allotments. In this amazing area of CA there should be better use of public lands than this. Prioritize biodiversity of wildlife and native plant species. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education like they have in Yellowstone National Park.

#2182

Name: McLaughlin, Michael

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative F due to the following considerations. 1. Tule Elk (C.e. nannodes) has lost most of its natural range since 1850, when the first establishment of extensive human habitat conversion resulting to elk loss. The 1800s market hunting further eradicated this unique species, until there were fewer than 30 left on earth. While efforts by CA Dept. of fish and Wildlife has since returned tiny isolated nannodes populations in a number of California areas, Point Reyes offer the largest possible areas of complete elk protection for this lowland and coastal species. This original remnant created a genetic bottleneck, and CANNOT be repeated. NO culling to serve leasing private grazers, who are the source of the problem, can be allowed to occur. 2. Point Reyes is the ONLY National Park unit with a population, and must prioritize the species above all other concerns. While at present around 600 of these unique elk exist on Point Reyes, their herds are minuscule. In contrast, well over 5000 cattle are presently grazed there. When Drake landed here to repair his ship, his recorders wrote that they were astonished by the thousands of elk present. 3. We now have fencing and other exclusion occurring due to cattle industry. That cattle industry originally agreed to RUO and a mere 25 year lease continuance in 1962. This means that there should have been NO ranching/grazing after 1987. Subsequent agreements have a massive negative overall effect on the National Seashore on habitat quality and possibility to restore these elk, still confined to tiny, unconnected patches of habitat. 4. The elk have no other options, and NPS

is the sole arbiter of the largest herd. Unless and until habitat connectivity is reestablished across the separate populations, they remain in serious danger of loss of heterozygosity. ALL barriers, hazing and the extreme anti-environmental and anti-park provisions in all the other Alternatives will materially increase likelihood of extinction of this species, or at least extirpation on National Parks lands - the very Agency tasked with ultimate protection of native species. 5. Grazing interests must be held to original agreement to vacate after 1987. No other Alternative aligns with the original intent of Point Reyes' creation. 6. Due to the reported initial numbers by Drake, we know full well that Tule Elk can increase to the required populations to preserve grassland and shrub habitat at least as well as the grazers claim their activity does. Further, the full complement of original species must be allowed place on this last great tract of California coast. ONLY if grazing is removed, and elk are allowed to return can original historic conditions be returned and constitute a reservoir for California's coastal, riparian landscapes. Only then can anadromous species some now threatened and endangered, return to natural numbers. 7. The endless habitat conversion occurring outside the Park is NOT an issue with which NPS can contend through continuing to extend this version of wildlife and natural landscape exclusion. That is counter to the purpose of NPS, and nonfederal interests cannot be considered except as the further losses of human encroachment occurring since only 170 years ago, make NPS preservation and restoration of Point Reyes – and ALL NPS-administered land, MORE critical. Due to this increased critical threat on original habitats and ecosystems in the USA, NPS MUST choose Alternative F.

#2183

Name: Abbott, Suzanna

Correspondence: My hope is that everyone will work together to find a compromise with the ranchers and elk. Both are important.

#2184

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2185

Name: Carlson, Luke

Correspondence: The alternative that I am in favor of is the NPS preferred alternative, alternative B. This is because to me it seems to be the most balanced alternative. Some of the other alternatives, for example, alternative C (in which all of the Drake's Beach elk are removed), seem to be too extreme. In a situation like this, not everyone (ranchers, locals, environmentalists, etc.) can get all that they want, and so a balanced alternative in which everyone gets at least part of what they would like seems to be best. At first, I was a bit more partial to alternative E. There seems to be enough ranching in the area already, and I'm someone who thinks that in a place like Pt. Reyes the environment should take precedent over human operations. However, upon visiting Pt. Reyes, I realized 2 things. One is that the ranches currently do not have too heavy of an environmental impact, and for the

most part use relatively humane practices(they would have even less of an impact on the environment under more management in alternative B). We visited a ranch near Chimney Rock, and were able to see how they treated cattle and gain some more insight into how they interact with the environment(which they do respectfully). I also saw how much land is untouched by ranching, and remains and will likely continue to remain wild. At Pt. Reyes, I also realized that lethal removal of elk, which originally sounded horrible to me, is actually a fairly decent option. We met up with a park ranger, John Eleby, who told us all about it. First off, it's not guaranteed to be used against elk for every instance of removal. Second of all, compared to other options, such as contraceptives or relocation, it's much more effective and cheap, making it easier for the NPS. Finally, not many elk would actually be directly affected by it. I was also strongly affected by meeting locals and ranchers themselves. When you read about ranching in the draft GMP/EIS, it can be hard to visualize their lives and see their perspective. However, when you visit ranches and meet the people themselves, you realize how much their families depend on these operations, how much they offer through dairy/beef production to others, and they become much more friendly and humanized. Alternative B(among others) also includes subzones. According to the draft GMP-EIS, there would be multiple subzones, such as a 2,600 acre "resource protection zone" that excludes ranching. These subzones would do a lot to help keep both ranching and elk in check, keeping them separate, and allow environmentalists, ranchers, and visitors to all get what they want in different subzones of the park. One part of alternative B that I might change would be to take the dairy-beef conversion for ranches from alternative E. According to the GMP overview, alternative E "phases out dairy operations over a 5-year period; ranchers may convert to beef operations." As I've both heard from locals living in/around Pt. Reyes, and read in the draft GMP-EIS statements, beef operations are much more environmentally sustainable than dairy operations. While it would be costly and a lot of work would be required, if we wanted to keep ranches while becoming more sustainable, converting dairy ranches to beef could be a good option. Finally, going back to the elk, I think that their future should be found in alternative B. It would restrict their population(the Drake's beach population being kept at 120 adult elk), while simultaneously allowing them to thrive. They would not interfere with authorized ranching, yet they would still be around to grow, be observed, and to live their lives.

#2186

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I support a 20 year lease for the existing ranchers in Pt. Reyes National Park. Ranching is a major part of the economy in West Marin providing jobs and food. The Tule Elk appear to be a growing herd and will do so with or without ranchers in the area. The herds will eventually need thinning out since there are no natural predators. The ranchers existed prior the Pt. Reyes becoming a National Park. They are a part of the park which makes Pt. Reyes even more unique. The ranchers follow strict guidelines. Please allow them to continue their livelihood as they have been for many many years.

#2187

Name: Bicking , Ann

Correspondence: Toss the free loading ranchers aside! Everything isn't about money and it money for ranchers own profits. This is public land and these elk should be allowed to live on it and roam free! I'm sick of ranchers that think they can use public lands for their own benefits! Save these beautiful and rare elk!!&88

#2188

Name: Klapholz, Sue

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. Please protect wildlife, and do not kill elk. Animal agriculture is the greatest contributor to climate change and loss of diversity. Please do not value the ranches over the natural inhabitants of Point Reyes. As someone who loves nature and visits Point Reyes often, thank you for your consideration.

#2189

Name: Moser, Dean

Correspondence: It is my understanding that the ranchers agreed to "sell" their land to the federal government because they were allowed to stay and farm the land forever. They did this primarily so the land would not be developed with housing developments. Just like happened to the Indians who were moved west by President Andrew Jackson with the understanding that they would have "their own land" to live and hunt on, now the ranchers are threatened with having to move out by the environmentalists.

There needs to be a compromise but it needs to favor the ranchers. The current proposal that allows the ranchers to stay and use the best environmental practices in ranching and farming along with the culling of the Tuli elk with hunting licenses is the plan I favor.

It also should be considered that the 20 year leases be rolling 20 years. In other words, the ranchers hold the land under lease for 20 years past the date some legal notice is given that they must move. Consider that if a rancher has a 20 year lease and builds a barn but in 15 years he needs a new or reconfigured barn he only has 5 years left under today's model and he would not be able to borrow to build the barn or make any other improvement with just 5 years remaining on his lease.

Dean J Moser

#2190

Name: Sutton , Dixie

Correspondence: Please leave the plan as it is. No changes are needed. Please do not allow more dairy farming. Eating dairy is not healthy.

Many people stop and take photos of the Tule Elk in the open space allow the roads. We enjoy the beauty of these animals.

#2191

Name: Isadore, Megan

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Muldoon:

As a long-time hiker, boater, and lover of Point Reyes National Seashore, as well as a working ecologist in PRNS as well as in other state, local and national parks, I have enormous concerns about the Preferred Management Plan. The three elements that most concern me are diversification of agriculture, management of tule elk to benefit commercial lease holders, and purposely attempting to increase visitor use of Drake's Estero through allowing boat-in camping on the Estero's shores. I truthfully can't imagine that any of the park biologists consider these good ideas, given that your own science doesn't support the policies.

Let's take allowing camping in Drake's Estero first. As someone who has kayaked all over Tomales Bay for 7 years, I've observed first-hand the mess, crowding and overuse of the current boat-in campgrounds. To take a beautiful estero like Drake's, which has already suffered decades of abuse by oystermen, and hand it over to boat-in campers before it's even had a chance to recover is not ideal planning. It's not ideal because the same impacts that have occurred on Tomales Bay will foreseeably occur in Drakes Estero, those impacts are not adequately analyzed in the Draft EIS, and in any event, cannot feasibly be mitigated.

If it becomes a boat-in camping area, I'll stop going there as I have stopped going to Tomales Bay and so will an appreciable number of wild animals, who are currently blessed with a relatively quiet area at Drake's Estero. Let's remember we're supposed to be considering impacts here, and preserving unimpaired.

As for diversification of agriculture, absolutely not. I'm already asked constantly by visitors, "why are there so many cattle, this is supposed to be a park." I don't want to be asked why not only do we allow the cattle to remain,

despite their ecological damage to the park, but expanding ranching concerns. I will be horrified to see retail sales, ranch home stays and cheesemaking, let alone goats, sheep and chickens join the melee. Along with increased ranching activities will come increased traffic, increased pollution, increased wildlife/human conflict, and increasing pressure upon rangers to deal with policing such concerns. There are already insufficient rangers to keep the tourists and ranchers in line. I see the effects of that every day at Abbott's Lagoon, where cattle range around outside the ranch lands, my trail cameras are stolen, I see dogs with visitors, fishermen ignore the signs asking them to avoid certain areas at certain times, families allow their children to play within the off-limit areas. And yet, I have never once seen a park ranger on the trail.

Finally, the tule elk. Obviously the tule elk should not be managed for the benefit of ranchers. According to Appendix I of the Draft EIS, the Park Service's information, a potential shortfall of forage would not be due to elk, but to a combination of weather and the number of cattle. If there is insufficient space for elk and cattle, reduce the number of cattle allowed. Beef production is on its way out anyway, and I see no reason to support it with my tax dollars to the detriment of wild elk, brought here by our own park service. The element is not consistent with the Organic Act's mandate that National Park resources be preserved, unimpaired, for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

Our planet is in trouble, and anthropogenic ecological impacts, which have been undercounted, underexamined and ignored can be ignored no longer. The National Park Service is duty-bound to stand as a bulwark against short-sighted, political solutions to long-term problems. The rubber has literally already hit the road, and the Preferred Management Plan is not worthy of America's best idea. Superintendent Muldoon, our organization will also comment on specific concerns about the impacts to wildlife in PRNS. This is my heartfelt and extremely concerned plea as a private citizen, to rethink the preferred alternative.

Best regards, Megan Isadore

#2192

Name: McMillan, Tina

Correspondence: I support:

1. The park's preferred alternative proposing a lease terms of up to 20 years for all existing cattle and dairy operations.
2. A "ranchland zone" that would replace the "pastoral land" and "pastoral landscape management" and that would encompass 28,700 acres across the seashore and G.G.N.R.A.
3. Growing up to 2.5 acres of row crops, though without irrigation or tilling.
4. In the cores, conducting ranch tours or farm stays, in alignment with the park's goals for education and interpretation.
5. In the second subzone, the range, accounts for 65 percent of the total leased area. the park authorize grazing, but not other agricultural activities, due to the presence of sensitive resources: slopes greater than 20 percent, rare plants, wetlands, riparian and pond habitats, forested areas and critical habitat for threatened and endangered species.
6. In the third subzone, the pasture, accounts for 9,000 acres-nearly 34 percent of the area under lease, ranchers could diversify, producing hay, haylage and silage, and raise chickens, sheep and goats.
7. In the last subzone, resource protection, would prohibit grazing; it is designed to protect park resources, including surface waters, threatened and endangered species habitat, and cultural resources.
8. To create this 2,600-acre subzone, the park would discontinue ranching on 1,200 acres.

9. Each ranching family being required to enter into a ranch operating agreement, or R.O.A., which would identify the types of allowed ranching and diversification activities, maintenance requirements and any environmental mitigation measures. An R.O.A. would be developed with each rancher and updated or reauthorized following an annual meeting.

10. Management of the Tule Elk herds by culling and adding better fencing.

11. Designating two historic districts-the Point Reyes Peninsula Dairy Ranches and the Olema Valley Dairy Ranches-which includes much of the area discussed in the draft E.I.S. The park must following standards defined by the Secretary of the Interior's "Treatment of Historic Properties," which includes guidelines for preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction.

11. The park would interpret the preservation of buildings in those districts as allowing possible new uses, including expanding day use and overnight accommodations. "These activities would be focused in previously developed areas, such as former ranch complexes, and would take advantage of adaptive reuse of historic buildings where possible," the draft states.

12. Concessions-such as a hostel in buildings or a campground in pastures- to be considered, along with new locations for administrative and volunteer accommodations, educational camps and sites for day-use activities.

13. The park improving hiking, biking and equestrian access in the planning area through enhanced trail connections. The preferred alternative would explore additional or expanded shuttle use, seek improvements to parking at trailheads to improve visitor safety and facilitate access to trails and other park destinations.

14. Solutions to visitor-related problems including - parking, crowding and congestion, trash and waste-and commits to monitoring visitor use using a methodology for determining a visitor threshold based on guidelines from the Interagency Visitor Use Management Council, a collaborative six agency council that includes the park service.

#2193

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2194

Name: Dev, Aasha

Correspondence: I am a 17 year old High School student from Marin, and I recently had the amazing experience of spending a weekend in Point Reyes with a class I am taking at school. Before this visit, I had done some learning about and research into the different alternatives, however during the visit I had the privilege of meeting with many speakers who broadened my perspective. The wellbeing of the land (both its natural inhabitants and the culture it has grown with) is of utmost importance to me because my generation will be the most impacted by the

changes implemented today. I hope that in the future Point Reyes continues to be a place I can visit, explore, and appreciate, and this is why the alternative that is chosen matters so much to me. While I firmly believe in the true cultural history of the land belonging to the Native Americans and native animals, which is why I strongly do not support the termination of tule elk herds, through conversations with historian Dewey Livingston and rancher Betty Nunes, I have learned just how beneficial a twenty year lease could be to ranchers in Point Reyes and I have come to find cattle ranching to be a monumental influence in the more modern culture of Point Reyes. In fact, I cannot imagine it without the expansive fields punctuated by cattle, and I do not want families to lose their livelihoods. In relation to this, I have two questions relating to the methods that will be taken if ranches are forced to shut down in scenarios such as alternatives E and F: Is there anything in place to assist ranchers with this 5 year long transition? How will the culture that ranching brought be preserved / remembered? In terms of the elk population, in a meeting with Point Reyes Park Ranger John Eleby, I learned of the various methods that will be taken towards Tule elk in the event of lethal removal. I understand that many other methods such as contraceptives were considered to control the tule elk population, and I appreciated the level of thought that went into the process of lethal removal and the potential for inclusion of Native American groups into the process. For this reason, I am not entirely opposed to the alternatives that include population control as long as the entire herd is not wiped out. It does not make sense to take away the elk which were intentionally brought back and repopulated, and if it were to come down to one of these extremes I believe the elk should take precedence over ranching as they are the true native inhabitants of the land and must be protected at any cost. For all of these reasons, I support Alternative B, for it avoids extremes in relation to the elk and cattle, and I feel it is an acceptable compromise between the needs of the land, the elk, and the ranchers. Thank you.

#2195

Name: Nieuwenhuijs, Jeremy

Correspondence: I am proud to say , Point Reyes National Seashore, is my local National Park.I spend vast amounts of time hiking and running across the entire Seashore. From Alamere Falls and all the way north to Tomales Point. from Bear Valley to Limantour Spit.I have seen the with my eyes the impact cattle have had on the landscape and can't help but wonder what the hills must have been like with out the ranches and their cattle. We know now that cattle ranches contribute to global warming. The tule elk were a native species to the seashore before the ranches. The potential to lessen the impact of ranching on the seashore seems to have passed for the time being, but it shouldn't comeat the expense of the native species. There could be 1000 less heads of cattle under the current plan, leaving room for the elk to remain in place, eliminating the need to have to choose between having ranches and no elk or having elk and no ranches. We can come back into balance and continue to coexist while finding a solution to ultimately rewild the seashore to it's pre ranch state.

#2196

Name: Watchempino, L.

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore should be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Tule elk form an important part of the native ecosystem at Point Reyes. Their restoration is a key element of the Park Service's mission. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in their native habitat - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

Commercial activities such as cattle ranching at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around. Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

Nor should the Park Service allow any new inconsistent agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds, which could also be treated as problem animals, further disrupting native habitat and predation patterns.

Thank you.

#2197

Name: Rosen, Karen

Correspondence: We don't need more cattle grazing land! There are cattle everywhere! Can't we leave this to the elk?

#2198

Name: Kreis, Julie

Correspondence: Dear NPS, I wish to comment on the culling of Elk herds at Point Reyes Seashore National Park. I am a lover of Point Reyes Seashore National Park. I hike it, I have backpacked to different areas, I have stayed at the youth hostel and hiked as well. It is a magnificent and beautiful place. I read that in 1960 the park paid for the land owned by farmers, and then allowed them to lease it. That was about 60 years ago. I don't recall reading how much they pay to lease it. Nevertheless, it's usually much less than market costs. The farmers have had a generous lease period. I wish to point out that there were once 500,000 Elk in California. To provide habitat that the park owns to maintain a minimal number of Elk, which are sentient beings, and really number a scant amount compared to original numbers is a modest request. Considering the destruction of so much habitat and animals our planet faces today, I urge you to protect these unique and majestic animals! Require that the farmers move elsewhere or feed their cattle hay. Protect these animals who are integral to the beauty and wholistic quality of this park.

I urge you to Please consider saving these Elk. They deserve to be preserved.

Sincerely,

Julie Kreis

#2199

Name: Alexander, Beverly

Correspondence: Regarding enabling legislation for Point Reyes National Seashore:

Legislation authorizing the establishment of Point Reyes was enacted in 1962 to preserve "a portion of the diminishing seashore of the United States that remains undeveloped" (16 United States Code [U.S.C.] § 459c et. seq.). Congress established Golden Gate in 1972. Golden Gate's enabling legislation directs NPS "to preserve for public use and enjoyment certain areas of Marin and San Francisco Counties, California, possessing outstanding natural, historic, scenic, and recreational values . . ." and to "preserve the recreation area, as far as possible, in its natural setting, and protect it from development and uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of the area" (16 U.S.C. § 460bb et. seq.)

Subsequent legislation passed by Congress IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH the enabling legislation. Cattle ranching and the killing of native elk do NOT... "preserve the recreation area, as far as possible, in its natural setting, and protect it from development and uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of the area" (16 U.S.C. § 460bb et. seq.)

Subsequent legislation, passed to enable cattle ranching, does the opposite of what the enabling legislation authorized, and opens up a pristine seashore to disgusting pollution with e-Coli containing cattle feces. Furthermore, cattle ranching has caused the destruction of native wildlife through mowing.

In addition, the tule elk are native to Point Reyes. If there were no cattle, there would be no problem with the current number of tule elk. The elk should not be fenced in. Visitors to the park are there to see it in its original state. If they wanted to see cattle ranches, they could find them all over Marin and Sonoma counties. They are not an integral part of Point Reyes. To say that a large for-profit operation that is polluting the park and destroying native species is a historical and cultural treasure to be preserved is a stretch of the imagination.

The methane (emitted by cattle) is an extremely deleterious greenhouse gas, and is not "climate-friendly," not consistent with the Park Service's "Climate Friendly Parks Plan."

Any new agriculture would be inconsistent with keeping the park in a natural state. People come to the park to see unspoiled wilderness, which is an increasingly rare experience and one to be preserved here.

I cannot understand why taxpayer funds are being used in the park to provide infrastructure and road improvements for commercial activities which are already being subsidized by the low fees the ranchers are paying.

It may be difficult to end an activity that has been allowed to continue since the 1850s, but it should be more difficult to but it should be unacceptable to conduct harmful activities to a wild and pristine ecosystem that has existed for many thousands of years.

#2200

Name: D, Candace

Correspondence: Remove the cattle and their welfare ranchers permanently. These parks are the few protected natural spaces left for wildlife and native plants, whose value far exceeds that of cattle and ranchers, allowed to legally exploit and damage it. The elk should not be restricted or murdered for roaming lands, before even "settlers" set foot here. Cattle are everywhere, in and out of state parks. Wildlife is constantly murdered and restricted on lands they have natural right to. The source of the problem is always humans and/ or cattle, both being grossly overpopulated, which is absolutely disgusting and WRONG. Let the elk, other wildlife, and land exist undisturbed and thrive now. Be the example so desperately needed across this country, and put the environment and wildlife first!

#2201

Name: Sellon, Kim

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2202

Name: Salecki, Patricia

Correspondence: Please do not commit to the ranching advancement. I understand the concerns from the business's who want this change. The constant erosion of our lands to fulfill the corporate interests is going to eventually turn all nature lands and creatures into dead lands and no creatures. You want to fulfill the wishes of the few at the expense of the human and nature and losses that cannot be measured in dollars. When there are no trees for air, polluted water and no safe land to live on who will buy all your products for there will be no human life left after they are done. Rampant killing and elimination of wildlife is just plain stupid. Do not sacrifice life for profit. Do not sacrifice air and water for money and greed. Maintain a world for our children and their children and the children of many generations to come. America has already fallen behind in humanity and environmental progress. If we stop now we can reverse the effects and allow nature to heal. If we don't we are just signing our death certificate.

#2203

Name: Kopcho, Richard

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Park is a beautiful and magnificent natural area. Cattle and ranching activities should be removed from the area. We do not need to use every square foot of land for commercial activities. At the very least do not remove the elk to allow for more cattle and ranching.

#2204

Name: Forbes, William

Correspondence: I am california native. Our family went to Point Reyes regularly, and occasionally saw the Elk, and were awed by them in this place of everlasting beauty. THEY belong here, and its time to make accommodations for their presence!

#2205

Name: Alexander, Susan

Correspondence: I am shocked the Park Service has chosen the most damaging alternative as the preferred alternative for Point Reyes. Though considering that this administration only cares about profit and cares nothing about our nation's natural heritage or the future of public lands, I shouldn't be. Ranching has no place in Point Reyes National Seashore, especially at the industrial scale allowed and not in the face of climate change.

I strongly urge you to choose the alternative that best protects these public resources for the public in perpetuity not to line the pockets of a few subsidized by taxpayers. There is nothing acceptable about the "preferred alternative."

#2206

Name: Weingarten, Jed

Correspondence: Killing elk to make way for livestock is a deeply misguided policy. Especially Tule elk, which number the lowest of all species. Cattle ranching is already way overboard, and we need less of it. Not only are cattle destructive to the landscape, they also bring zero benefit to the public who owns Pt Reyes. The benefits of cattle there go solely to the cattle owners. Whereas the land is public- -it should be managed in the interest of the entire public, not the special interests of a small group of ranchers.

#2207

Name: Vollmer, Daniel

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

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Thank you,

Daniel Vollmer

#2208

Name: Berkson, Julie

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#2209

Name: Wehrle, Susan

Correspondence: Please preserve the natural resources of the Point Reyes National Seashore, save the Elk and the biodiversity of Pt Reyes, this National Park land is ours, the public's! Cattle ranching obviously destroys the indigenous botany, animal populations, and threatens the health of this beautiful public place, home to many populations. Killing this small herd of Elk and fencing them out, away from water sources in times of drought, is cruel and should not be tolerated. Spreading the manure of cattle on the other populations of this land (and plowing under ground-dwelling animals), is akin to clear-cutting a forest, depleting it if it's natural health, its multiple species. The only way this Earth will survive is if we practice good stewardship of the land, respect the Earth's biodiversity. We need to make sound changes that are not about making money for the wealthy. The young ranchers at Pt Reyes could ranch elsewhere, save our land for the nature it houses. Perhaps the family farmers of Pt Reyes, (and Tomales Bay), could be given compensation elsewhere. We could take apart some big factory farms in another area, allow small farmers with a healthy, land-enhancing plan to practice a more Earth-friendly form of agriculture. In the meantime, Point Reyes belongs to the public. As a California and United States citizen, I implore you to do the right thing, let the Elk live, phase out ranching in OUR public parks.

#2210

Name: Isaak , Evelyn

Correspondence: The time to appease the meat and Dairy Industries needs to be reconsidered. Ranchers around Point Reyes were paid handsomely for their property. 60 years ago they were allowed to continue to use the land. Times have changed; no leases are in perpetuity, and it is no longer appropriate for us taxpayers to be subsidizing these people who have already been paid. Grazing is a privilege, not a right. "Ranchers at Point Reyes National Seashore mix tons of dairy cow manure with water and spread the slurry over parkland. This runs off into creeks, bays and the Pacific. They are given Clean Water Act waivers so they don't need to comply. The Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California. Who pays? Endangered Coho salmon, red-legged frogs, you and me." This is private profit at PUBLIC expense. Time to get ALL livestock off OUR land. Grazing is a privilege, not a right. Stop putting ranchers ahead of public interest. Why should native animals be killed or removed to facilitate the private profit of livestock owners? These are OUR public lands. Grazing is a privilege, not a right. If ranching activities jeopardize the public's wildlife, remove the private livestock rather than OUR wildlife.

#2211

Name: Black, Finn

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I was a GGNRA ecological restoration intern from 2013-2014, working largely in San Francisco with occasional forays into Point Reyes to conduct aquatic vegetation surveys. I've since moved into public health, but I still enjoy visiting Point Reyes to camp, hike, and bike.

I am concerned that the preferred alternative for land management in Point Reyes (Alternative B) is informed by politics rather than by science. In the midst of the current climate crisis and the 6th mass extinction, we should be prioritizing the environment in management decisions and considering things like wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, and the reduction of emissions. However, it seems like NPS is leaning towards a management plan that would prioritize the interest of ranchers.

Evidence for this claim can be found throughout the environmental impact report referenced here:
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=333&projectID=74313&documentID=97154>

I have a few specific concerns about Alternative B:

Elk management: According to the environmental impact report and to this article in Bay Nature - <https://baynature.org/article/point-reyes-elk-test-positive-for-disease/> - it seems likely that diseases among tule elk are a result of exposure to cattle rather than a result of elk overpopulation. Therefore, the reduction of cattle ranching seems like a more reasonable solution than the reduction of elk. The environmental impact report gives no evidence that the elk are at or above carrying capacity - there does not appear to be a scientific reason for managing the elk population aside from the desire to appease ranchers. Even if the elk were at carrying capacity, one could make the argument that if Point Reyes cannot support a few hundred elk, it certainly cannot support 2400 AU of dairy cattle and 3130 AU of beef cattle.

Cultural resources:

The industrial ranching operations in Point Reyes are not cultural resources. They are not interpreted by NPS and the barbed wire elk fences and anti-elk signage around the ranches makes them feel hostile rather than part of the park. I don't think NPS can make a solid argument for expanding or preserving ranching operations for the benefit of park visitors.

As someone who enjoys open spaces and values biodiversity, I do not think that maintaining cattle pasture adds anything to visitor experience. The areas grazed by cattle are covered in non-native grasses and manure and the

soil is eroded and deeply rutted by cattle hooves. I do not visit Point Reyes to experience the ranches - I visit to experience the wildlife and coastal habitats.

Soil/water/air conservation:

According to the environmental impact report, Alternative B will not reduce CO2 emissions and soil erosion and nutrient runoff will continue.

Alternative F seems to be the strongest management plan for reducing emissions, limiting erosion and nutrient runoff, increasing wildlife habitat. The impact report consistently states that Alternative F would provide the most beneficial long-term impacts on soil and water conservation.

Overall, it seems like taking an evidence-based approach to land management would require NPS to adopt one of the alternatives that limits or eliminates ranching in Point Reyes.

Respectfully, Finn Black

#2212

Name: Ridge, Lisa

Correspondence: I am writing to oppose expansion of agricultural activities.

The dairy business is losing profitability, there is no economic reason to expand the leases. You would be subsidizing the ranches at public expense.

Allowing more types of animals (pigs, chickens etc.) will lead to more degradation of the environment, and create conflict with wild animals that live in the area. Livestock already pollute the grasslands and streams.

Your primary duty is to protect and restore the natural environment. Allowing twenty year leases with increased business is the exact opposite. It will not help the public, it will only help individuals working for profit.

Please let the land be wild as in the past, with native plants and animals. Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Ridge

#2214

Name: Hansell, Warwick

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#2215

Name: Rodney, Ray

Correspondence: All of the following need critical attention and are not adequately addressed in ANY of the proposed alternatives:

Diversification Impacts:

Predation on ranch animals leading to conflicts with wildlife,

Impacts on roads and park infrastructure with increases in commercial traffic,

Damage to the scenic and historic values of the Seashore as the ranch cores and historic pastures will be changed to support new uses,

And the application of adaptive reuse plans within the historic district to buildings, structures, objects, and landscapes (outside of priorities for interpretation, visitor use, or administrative use) is probably inconsistent with NPS management guidance for historic preservation.

Succession Impacts:

The Request for Proposals from the public changes the context and values of the Ranchland zone being multi-generational beef and dairy operations, and these impacts are not sufficiently addressed.

Failed to analyze outside the interest of outside commercial operations in facilitating ongoing ranching activities and/or subletting activities that could occur with the proposed diversified uses.

Increased Visitor Use in Drakes Estero:

Environmental impacts such as human waste, garbage, and potential for destruction of park and cultural resources has not been fully examined as part of the draft EIS.

In light of NPS requirements to close down boat-in camps in other areas of the Seashore due to these problems new boat in sites near sensitive Marine Wilderness should not be considered.

FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

The Draft EIS is missing a budget or financial overview that outlines how any of the alternatives and actions will be implemented and paid for. Without this information made available to the public there may be negative impacts to natural resources management, visitor services, and other vital existing park programs to protect the environment that have been overlooked.

Tule Elk:

Lethal management of wildlife to benefit commercial interests of a lessee are prioritized over adaptive management strategies.

#2216

Name: Minasian, Stan

Correspondence: 336 Bon Air Center, Suite 155 Greenbrae, CA 94904 415 775-4636 delphinus@aol.com
www.animalfund.org

August 28, 2019 Point Reyes GMP Amendment Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO A NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S PLAN TO KILL TULE ELK IN THE POINT REYES NATIONAL SHORELINE. Animal Fund was established as a non-profit public education organization in 1973 and is based in Marin County. Our organization is opposed to any aspect of the National Park Service's plan that would kill, harm or negatively impact the Point Reyes National Seashore's Tule Elk population.

What strikes us as absurd is the notion that a mere 124 Tule Elk have the ability to do so much damage to the land that a radical culling plan could even have been presented. Again, 124 Tule Elk versus a 2015 estimate of six thousand five hundred cattle in the Point Reyes National Seashore. One hundred twentyfour Tule Elk versus nearly 18,000 acres grazed by cattle in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Shooting Tule Elk isn't a solution to anything.

We would challenge anyone to state categorically that cattle ranching does no harm to the environment. Here are the facts. Cattle grazing destroys vegetation, damages wildlife habitats, disrupts natural processes, and wreaks ecological havoc on riparian areas, rivers, deserts, grasslands and forests, causing significant harm to species and the ecosystems on which they depend. Cattle, unequivocally, are a major source of global warming. So instead of promoting cattle on public land, we should be dedicating our efforts to eliminating them.

Park officials have the ultimate responsibility of putting the protection of wildlife and their habitat first and foremost. Here, for the record, is the National Park Service's own mission statement, posted on their website:

"The National Park Service is dedicated to conserving unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

The term "cultural resources" is specifically not defined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (<https://www.npi.org/what-are-culturalresources>). That only leaves "natural resources and values" as relevant to this issue. Cattle are not a natural resource; Tule Elk are!

Therefore, by the very definition of the National Park Service's own mission statement, and the U.S. government's inability to define "cultural resources", cattle should be removed altogether from the Point Reyes National Seashore in order to make way for increasing a Tule Elk population that in California once numbered over a half million and today are down to a fraction of that number. Sincerely,

Stan Minasian President

#2217

Name: Derevan, Rick

Correspondence: August 27, 2019 Cicely Muldoon Park Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Re: Point Reyes National Seashore-NPS Planning Alternatives

Dear Superintendent Muldoon:

I am writing concerning the National Park Service's Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Point Reyes National Seashore. In short, the preferred alternative, Alternative B, is a sellout of the American public in favor of a few ranching families who had agreed many years ago to end ranching within the national seashore. I urge you to oppose Alternative B and support Alternative F instead.

Alternative B, which would allow ranchland expansion, would be a disaster for Point Reyes and its wildlife and birds. When Point Reyes was established in 1962, ranchers were paid a significant sum of money (about \$300 million in today's dollars) in exchange for agreeing to end ranching operations in (I think) around 1987. And there is no mention of ranching as a continuing activity beyond this time period in the legislation establishing PRNS. Yet NPS continues to extend leases and ranching operations for the benefit of a few families to the detriment of the general public, PRNS wildlife and birds, and the land itself. That is plain wrong. These are public lands and ranching uses-historical though they may be-should be ended. In fact, it's past time to end them.

Worse, Alternative B would not only extend ranching, seemingly in perpetuity, it would expand permitted ranching and farming uses to the detriment of the environment, wildlife, and the American public. Under Alternative B, ranchers would be permitted to diversify ranch operations to include growing and processing crops (which would destroy grasslands used by native species); raise more kinds of livestock, including goats, pigs, sheep, and chickens; and roll back regulations and NPS oversight meant to protect the environment. This alternative would also authorize the "culling"-i.e., killing-of native Tule Elk.

This is a sellout of the American public and the purposes for which Point Reyes National Seashore was established. PRNS was established to benefit the American public, not remain an enclave for private holdings. The NPS should be directed to fulfill its mission to protect the land and wildlife and provide opportunities to the general public. Just think how much better PRNS would be if ranches and fences were phased out. The land would be allowed to heal and there would be a better environment for wildlife to thrive and the public to see it. Alternative F is by far the best alternative. Don't be cowed by political pressure from a few wealthy ranching families who should have left Point Reyes decades ago. Do your duty and allow more wilderness to return to Point Reyes.

Though I live several hundred miles away, I come to Point Reyes at least once a year to photograph wildlife. So I am familiar with the damage caused by ranching in Point Reyes. PRNS could be a real gem if NPS took its mission seriously rather than catering to ranching uses. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Rick Derevan

#2218

Name: Eckart, Chuck

Correspondence: July 29, 2019 GMP Amendment c/ o Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA94956

Dear Superintendent Muldoon: re National Park Service Draft EIS

I am generally in favor of the Park Service plan for ranching in our National Seashore. However there are a few areas that I have difficulty accepting fully.

I am against the idea of putting tourists up in barns or any building on ranch properties. Point Reyes Station is flooded with tourists every weekend and summer day to the point where the town does not function normally for our local inhabitants as it used to. Presently the PRS Village Association is working with county, state and federal representatives to mitigate the impacts of tourism. It all started with B&Bs, and quickly exploded into the mess we find ourselves in now. We should have had more foresight. It's out of control, so please let's not start combining tourism with ranching. I do think the use of educational tours to visit ranches could be beneficial.

I believe that ranchers who raise small animals for market are going to have problems by attracting predators. I would hold the practice to a very small scale or not allow it. I think row crops should be held to a small scale and which don't need irrigation like hay, oats and other grains that would be used for feeding the rancher's herd, and kept close to the primary core area. If crop farming were allowed on a large scale it would negatively alter the visual appearance of the natural organic landscape.

Fencing to separate elk from cattle in areas where it is necessary is a naturally acceptable idea. As the elk herd grows in number, I think culling would be acceptable especially if the culled elk are sold and shipped to a slaughter house with the finished meat being shipped back to our local and other markets in our area. Don't waste it.

I read that elk meat is naturally healthy with a delicious flavor. It's better for us than beef. It's a red meat more tender and with less fat than beef. I think if butchering elk is acceptable, I would definitely become a customer.

Sincerely, Chuck Eckart

#2219

Name: Fischer, J Rogers, M.

Correspondence: Sept 4 2019 WE SUPPORT THE RETENTION OF DAIRY RANCHING ON THE PT. REYES PENINSULA IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A VIABLE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE LARGER WEST MARIN-SONOMA AREA.

#2220

Name: Flower, Melissa

Correspondence: August 27, 2019 Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Dear Superintendent Muldoon,

I urge you and your team to stop this action against the magnificent Tule elk. People who travel to the historic Point Reyes National Seashore and surrounding areas come to experience the natural land, animals, and shore and would be horrified to learn that an elite group of ranchers want to kill these beautiful elk.

Throughout the years of the leases to the ranchers, we have seen destruction of native plants and foliage, neglect of and killing of wildlife, and the spreading of animal waste across the hillsides, all for cattle ranching families who believe they are entitled to exploit the area for their own gain.

Marin could be a spectacular natural landscape if not for the cattle ranchers. Now, they want to take guns and kill the Tule Elk, who exist as part of the eco system out there rather than in contradiction to it, as the ranches do.

Please prevent this massacre.

Sincerely,

Melissa Flower

#2221

Name: Nelson, Sarah

Correspondence: Cicely Muldoon National Park Supervisor for Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Dear Cicely Muldoon, Point Reyes National Seashore is a precious treasure. For over forty years I have travelled from the East Bay to enjoy its hiking trails, its abundant wildflowers, berries, trees and shrubs, its beaches with shore birds and marine mammals, and its grasslands with tule elk, deer, and other wildlife. These wildlands are valued by thousands of people. I am deeply disturbed by the current NPS proposal to cull tule elk, to convert wildlands to commercial row crops, and to introduce the raising of domestic farm animals. While I appreciate the

presence of the historic ranches, further domesticating the land and wildlife habit would be a tragic and devastating mistake. Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area are parks for wildlands and wildlife, not for monetary aggrandizement. If this NPS proposal is an effort to address the government's vastly reduced budget for park management, then there must be other ways to address the financial problems without bringing ruinous destruction to what we all treasure. A small percentage of funds skimmed off of the US military budget would more than provide funds to manage the national parks and make necessary repairs. This would benefit our environment, wildlife, and climate, while reducing wartime deaths worldwide. 1. No to killing elk or other wildlife with the intent of providing grass for more cows. Proposing to reduce the herd of tule elk to a mere 120, while ranchers want more grassland for their 6,000 cows, is outrageous. 2. No to converting park grasslands and wildlife habitat to commercial row crops. Proposing to convert current park grasslands and wildlife habitat to commercial row crops violates the vision of National Parks and would have a devastating impact on the park's native species, as would the environmental impact of pesticide use and fencing. 3. No to introducing the raising of other domestic animals such as sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, and llamas. Proposing to allow previously unauthorized domestic animals is sheer folly. Sheep, goats, chickens, pigs, or llamas would occupy wildlife habitat and would become potential prey. Will you kill the predators who take sheep or chickens on land once considered wild? Manure from these domestic animals would affect the water supply, and introduce pathogens formerly unknown to the park, thereby endangering all who call the park home. Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area are not lands for monetary aggrandizement. They are parks for wildlands and wildlife, and to help all of us reconnect with the natural world of which we all are a part.

Respectfully yours, Sarah Nelson

#2222

Name: Ridge, Margaret

Correspondence: Sept. 3, 2019

Pt. Reyes GMP Amendment EIS Superintendent, Pt. Reyes National Seashore Bear Valley Rd., Pt. Reyes Sta., 94956

Point Reyes should be managed with the overarching duty being the protection and restoration of natural resources.

Domestic livestock have been impairing the environment of what is now the Pt. Reyes National Seashore + GGNRA since ranching began here. Cows are spreading the highly contagious Johne's disease to park wildlife, over-grazing and too many cows have damaged soils and polluted Tomales Bay + the ocean. Why should we allow private individuals to graze livestock on our parklands. Our nation has a surplus of dairy products leading to lower prices for all ranchers (dairy + beef producers).

Absolutely, no 20 year leases; no B. + B's and no other farms of agriculture (crops, etc.) should be allowed.

Sincerely, Margaret Ridge

#2223

Name: Mandel, Tatiana

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#2224

Name: Baum, Sebastian

Correspondence: I am appalled that the point Reyes national seashore is corrupted by the agriculture industry going against the purpose and intentions of the park and the well-being of the wildlife and environmental quality. This is a high crime and should be stopped immediately. This is a public park that should serve public interests of wildlife conservation and clean healthy ecosystems and environment and should not cater to special intrests.

#2225

Name: Seear, Joan

Dear Superintendent Muldoon, I do so hope that this time, after the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm fiasco, the NPS will honor it's founding partners and enabling legislation and choose the stated preferred alternative.

The general public has little idea or correct information on the issues at Pt. Reyes because it is a different generation and NPS has done almost nothing to explain that this is a different and hybrid park/seashore. There is not one class on the story of the creation of the park or of the 100 years before the park/seashore in the whole catalog presented by the Pt. Reyes Nat. Seashore Association.

Many of us who worked so hard in the 50's & 60's to create this different park had lost the respect and feeling of being part of the NPS that we had held. Please restore that respect. Sincerely Yours, Joan L. Seear, Ranger Nat., Rocky Mt. 1954 Pilot, SCA, Olympic NP 1957 UCB Biology, 30 yrs.

P.S. Personally, I would prefer that the Drakes Beach Elk herd be eliminated.

#2226

Name: Chitcus Brown, Terrance

Correspondence: August 28, 2019

GMP Amendment % Superintendent Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore 1 Bear Valley Road Pt. Reyes Station, CA 94956 Re: Federal Register Comment Period

Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore Reserve

The Secretary of Interior through the National Park Service recently embarked on a Federal Campaign to solidify a number of proposed administrative actions with out the proper Congressional authority that would authorize any other Federal Agency the means to promulgate agency Rules and Regulations affecting the Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore Reserve.

To wit: The Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore was established by the US Congress for the general public of the United States with emphasis on Pt. Reyes Tule Elk that not only fosters National concerns but as well international interests that focuses on the Pt. Reyes Tule Elk.

Congressional Acts make provision for sunshine evaluations and critical path reviews that assure the Public Trust has been met and that the Laws enacted by the US Congress have been upheld by the US Government.

The proposed indiscriminate killing of 35 to 85 adult Pt. Reyes Tule Elk on an annual basis has {No} basis of Law or Federal standing where an Agency/National Park Service has the fiduciary role to up-hold and maintain the "Spirit and Intent" of the Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore Reserve Congressional Act.

This practice has been ongoing for years. To herd and run the Pt. Reyes Tule Elk like Cattle goes against the state of California 2018 State Elk Management Plan.

Furthermore, the 1 .m dollar Preview of what the National Park Service is telling the local residents and state populace about what it is GOING TO DO does not sit well with the general public.

This is a National Park.

This is not a community boutique Farm/Dairy/Cattle project which is now being proposed by the National Park Service.

What is strange is the National Park Service through its findings now accept the conversion of 5 year land leases to that of 20 years. There is NO Congressional Authority to affect such!

That Pt. Reyes in terms of "capacity" can now sustain 10,000 head of cattle/ 3,000 Goats/ 4,000 Sheep/ 1,900 Chickens.

Somehow! Somewhere! The National Park Service engaged in misdirection and misinforming the US Congress in what its (NPS) local intentions were.

The imperative issue is the National Park Service was charged with the legal responsibility of arresting the Johne's disease and providing a cure to the health issues that now plague the Pt. Reyes Tule Elk and the 10,000 head of Cattle now consumed through out the Pt. Reyes National Reserve.

The National Park Service was to identify, separate, hold or cull both Pt. Reyes Tule Elk as well Cattle of the Pt. Reyes National Reserve. This DID NOT HAPPEN

This was a timely issue that was supposed to be addressed in the current EIS. This did NOT HAPPEN.

The unauthorized actions of the National Park Service must cease and desist! The Killing of Adult Pt. Reyes Tule Elk violates several state and Federal Laws.

The unauthorized killing of Adult Pt. Reyes Tule Elk must stop immediately! To trim or cull a species of Elk in California where only 400 remain is beyond the scope of Law.

We are still a Nation of Laws. No proposed Rules or Federal Regulations as suggested by the NPS as an administrative course that is currently best suited for the Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore can supplant or circumvent Laws enacted by the US Congress.

As a local resident in near by Bodega Bay, California. Our community wishes to keep Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore A NATIONAL PARK.

Finally, the proposed 1 .m dollar Park Preview should be abandoned and put on hold until such time as the US Congress conducts an Oversight Congressional Hearing on the crisis at the Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore Reserve

starting with the death of 200 +Pt. Reyes Tule Elk that died because of THIRST yet the Pt. Reyes Tule Elk were surrounded by water.

Respectfully,

Terrance Chitcus Brown

Enclosure: Ltr to US Congress Committee of the Interior [****included in PDF in PEPC****]

#2227

Name: Maxwell, Scott

Correspondence: I do not agree with the attempt to have grazing for 20 years before the allotments are reviewed. That precedent was set up by Mr. Salazar when he was head of the DOI. He and his family are 4th generation Colorado ranchers no problem there ugh? The 10 year process is to long in my mind but it is more fair then 20!After living in WY and MT before moving to ID I have seen what cattle do to the land. Although CA gets more rain then these places I understand that the area is experiencing erosion and impacts to the grounds. I do not support killing off any native wildlife because of cattle. I want the area to go back into a more natural state and I want the cattle and dairy cows off the land. There must be something the state can do to use the land more for a greater number of the public. I want a NO CATTLE Alternative to be the one selected for this area. Thanks for letting me share my opinion on this.

#2228

Name: Cloud, Gina

Correspondence: Dear NPS at Point Reyes National Seashore,

In this era of climate change, from which there is no escape, we have only adaptations and mitigations as tools to slow its devastating effects. I am keenly aware of the difficulty of legislating ranchers who have been working a ranch for generations; to force them to leave the land they depend upon for their livelihoods is probably not wise, but to allow anyone to take over those leases in the event of the death or inability to continue ranching operations by said ranchers is a mistake. We must begin to exercise wisdom in the stewardship of public lands and accept that we have made terrible and harmful mistakes in the past.

I am sure you are aware of the environmental costs of sheep and cattle ranching. It is time to begin making brave and visionary decisions on behalf of our planet. The welfare of the few ranching families at Pt Reyes is important, but the welfare of the ecosystems upon which they exist is of more importance. Therefore, with regard to succession, I urge you to consider closing ranches that can no longer be responsibly operated.

Besides concerns about succession, I hope you will consider very carefully the consequences of diversification. Our impulse is most often to put ourselves and our needs and desires before everything else, but that is exactly what has brought us to the dangerous crossroads we stand at today with regard to climate change. To bring in chickens, goats, pigs and other kinds of livestock into the park is an invitation to conflicts between native predators and an intolerant community. The primary covenant of the Park Service ought to be to protect the native flora and fauna of the park. In the long run, as pristine natural environments become ever more scarce, this will be a win win situation. It will benefit and serve humanity in a way that a strictly managed fauna to benefit the ranching can never do.

Finally, I ask that you not open up Drakes Estero to boat in camping. I'll admit that I would love to camp there, but where humans go, trash also goes. Perhaps when and if we change our way of thinking about consumption and the disposal of our trash, it may be possible to allow campers in, but right now, it would be extremely irresponsible to allow an area that is just beginning to reclaim its pristine heritage, to be dealt a setback. Plastic and other trash left behind by campers would find its way into the water quite quickly, and research shows that plastic does not

decompose, but rather breaks into smaller and smaller bits which fill our oceans, lakes, rivers and bays. Those floating plastic particles become vectors for a wide variety of dangerous microalgal bacteria including Domoic acid. In other words, plastic trash is turning the warming oceans into toxic stews.

Please think of the environment first before making any decisions about what to do at Pt Reyes National Seashore. I would like to recommend the article "Building an American Serengeti" in the latest Sierra Club magazine. It talks at length about the difficult job of negotiating with ranchers and other stakeholders while trying to preserve and protect an invaluable and iconic landscape.

Respectfully, Gina Cloud

#2229

Name: Marshello, Katherine

Correspondence: Ranching is unsustainable. We need a new vision for the Seashore.

The preferred alternative:

No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

#2230

Name: Cotton, Christine

Correspondence: Please stop this from happening! We have to stop killing our wildlife that is essential to the ecosystem!

#2231

Name: Hall, Martha

Correspondence: I am very opposed to any plan for Point Reyes that gives preference to dairy farms and ranchers over Tule elk and the natural ecosystems.

During my last visit to Point Reyes I found it very upsetting to spend much of my time driving long roads through dairy farms and ranches to get out to something natural. The land portion of the area was nothing like I expected.

When I finally found Tomales Point where I was told I could see elk. I then learned that a tall fence kept this elk herd confined to this one point and that at least 200 died in a drought because they could not leave and the park service failed to care for them in their fenced area. This is criminal and I'm surprised there was not a lawsuit using humane laws over this.

I'm also surprised that instead of phasing out the dairy farms and ranchers, the plan that is adopted may allow these farms and ranchers to diversify since they are not making enough money. The original plan was to allow these uses because they were historic. Allowing them to diversify into row crops, pigs and chickens is the wrong way to go. So is giving out 20 year leases on this land which is far more valuable as open space. Granting 20 year leases removes opportunities to make better choices in the future.

I also oppose actions that have been proposed to manage the Drakes Beach elk herd, killing them, removing them, or fencing them. Most people would far rather see elk than cattle and dairy cows on the land.

Point Reyes is truly unique because of its coastline and landscapes and natural features but it is most valuable because of its size. Compared to other points that have been protected, Point Reyes is huge. Large blocks of land are so much more valuable than small pieces here and there. To continue farming and ranching makes no sense. Most of the California coast has been destroyed by agriculture.

I hope the opportunity to better protect Point Reyes will be chosen and this one means phasing our dairy farms and ranchers, not allowing them to diversity and giving them 20 year leases.

#2232

Name: Grantham, Martin

Correspondence: This is so misguided. We need to protect the coast from ranching, not protect ranchers!

#2233

Name: Sylvester, Dawn

Correspondence: How shameful to support profits over conservation in an era of climate crisis. Wrong side of history and a total failure of government.

#2234

Name: Bishop, Tarun

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2235

Name: Iriahk, Max

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#2236

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Running cattle in such an environmentally sensitive area is absolutely irresponsible! This land has been protected for the enjoyment of all and for environmental preservation, not for profiteering by commercial farming.

#2237

Name: Hascall, Debra

Correspondence: Natural beauty in a national park, we've designated an area for visitors to enjoy native habitats. There seems to be no room for grazing cattle or the opportunity to consider them competing for food sources. Grazing cattle should not be allowed in this unique park setting. Don't kill the elk!

#2238

Name: Holladay, S

Correspondence: It is NOT ACCEPTABLE to wipe out the elk in order to facilitate cattle ranching. This is 2019, not 1819 or even 1919 and by now we should know better. Protect the native habitats and get the cattle off our public lands. You're supposed to be protecting what's there, not killing it out.

#2239

Name: McClain, Barbara

Correspondence: I object to the killing of Tule elk to protect the interests of ranchers.

#2240

Name: Orf, Becky

Correspondence: Any proposal to kill Tule Elk runs counter to the purpose of our National Parks- -"To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." (Organic Act of 1916 establishing the National Park Service) Our natural areas are meant to be just that- -natural areas where wildlife is protected. Allowing cattle grazing for private profit within our national parks and seashores is a violation of the purpose of the laws creating them.

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Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.

#2241

Name: Young, Randi

Correspondence: I heartily object to the proposed use of Point Reyes for cattle grazing. Living in Colorado and spending a lot of time in the high country, I've seen what awful damage cattle do to wild places. Years ago, I traveled to California for the specific purpose of seeing the wonderful Tule Elk. They are magnificent and should not be killed or endangered for the benefit of cattle.

#2242

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: NPS Point Reyes ranches verses elk It is justified to eliminate the ranches in favor of elk because, having closed down the Oyster operation in Tamalpais Bay and not closing the Point Reyes ranches would show favoritism to the Ranches and not demonstrating equal justice. So close the ranches by not renew their leases.

#2243

Name: shehadeh, ellen

Correspondence: To the National Park Service I am completely opposed to managing the elk herd in Point Reyes National Seashore with lethal means. There are other, humane, and yes, probably more costly methods. But, we brought these animals into the Park. They thrived and now their numbers are inconvenient to us humans. There are contraceptives and relocation methods available. Evidently there are places that would welcome the elk. I am not opposed to ranching in PRNS but ranchers are not the only consideration. I believe it is possible to have both ranches and wild elk. What ever happened to the idea of fences? Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint. Ellen Shehadeh

#2244

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I really cannot believe that we have this conflict between ranchers and a tule elk population. In other areas of the nation, ranchers are causing the decimation of wild horse populations on PUBLIC LANDS, without taxpayer consent. In this far corner of the west, let some ethics and common sense prevail, in a profit-driven,destructive nation. Leave the elk alone. West Marin must remain unique.

#2245

Name: Resneck, Dusty

Correspondence: Remove the domestic livestock from the Seashore. I was on the YACC crew that helped build the Tule Elk Fence in 1978. Pt Reyes is a National Park and belongs to all not just grassland for private ranches.

#2246

Name: Hale, Candace

Correspondence: I am writing to beg you not to adopt the current Preferred Management Plan. Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be a preserve, a refuge for the wild, not a theme park or an entertainment. We all deserve a place of natural peace and beauty where we can be in undisturbed nature. Cute cheese and egg stands, farmstays can be found all over on non-public lands. But river otters, harbor seals, sea lions, meadowlarks, plovers, tule elk - - they need quiet and peace. And so do we! For the preservation of the wild and for the renewal of our own wild souls. So, to be clear: 1. Please do not allow camping in Drake's Estero. We know that will inevitably lead to litter, crowding, and the retreat of the wildlife that currently calls it home. 2. Please do not prioritize cattle over tule elk. Point Reyes is not a agricultural theme park; it should be offering shelter and refuge to a species that we almost extirpated. No "culling." 3. No diversification of agriculture. (See above). And finally, please do not allow e-bikes on the Estero Trail. I realize that under current regulations, the only way you can ban e-bikes is also to bar mountain bikes, and that is a shame. But it is necessary to preserve the peace and quiet of the Estero Trail. As I write from my lovely suburban home, a construction crew is building a house down the block, leafblowers barrage the air, and huge saws are taking down yet another big tree. The noise level is constant and

wearing. Let us have one place where we can hear the birds and the sea and the wind. Let us have one place where we honor and learn from and are restored by the wild. Please preserve Point Reyes National Seashore in beauty and peace. Thank you.

#2247

Name: Taylor, Lynne

Correspondence: I write this in opposition to the plan to turn a significant portion of Point Reyes National Seashore to private ranching. There seems to be a sentiment in this administration that exploiting resources in this way is economically more valuable than leaving natural places to nature. This is simply not true. Every study shows that areas next to federally and state protected lands do better economically than those where the land is exploited and destroyed. Exploitation is boom and bust, over and done after it has been overgrazed and decorated. A natural place is forever. The economic benefit of the natural place can be ruined by ranching. Everyone is thrilled to see wild elk; cows not so much. (At Mixed in they imported wild bison in because this is what people want!) Who wants to recreate next to stinky dairy farming? In any case, we have enough dairy in this country, not enough wild. We can't stave off competition for dairy farmers by giving them land at below market prices (if they pay for it at all, look what the Nundys hot away with). Please stop this plan.

#2248

Name: Mooney, Michael

Correspondence: I prefer option A because t is better than the other options by not extending leases from 10-20 years, by not immediately getting rid of the ranching leases and by not removing the elk from the park.

Why is climate change not mentioned in the report? Dairy farming and cattle ranching are both big contributors.

I wish that one of the options included a gradual phase out of the farm leases. By not doing this, the proposal makes it more likely that the preferred option is chosen because the other options are so drastic.

A small amount of sustainable farming would be good for the park. Currently, there are too many conflicts and damage to natural resources occurring.

#2249

Name: cesaretti, mara

Correspondence:

Ranches are NOT part of our coastal eco-system. DO YOUR JOB TO PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SEASHORE WATERS, SPECIES AND LANDS. OR GET OUT OF THE WAY.

#2250

Name: Nicolosi, Chris

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2251

Name: Sieracki, Paul

Correspondence: I am a retired consulting geospatial analyst and wildlife biologist. Please eradicate all traces of cattle and agriculture from this important National Park. Favoring abusive ranchers and cattle over Elk and other wild creatures is not an appropriate management scenario for any park. Please get rid of the cattle and nullify the allotment on the lands of the people, not the ranchers. Paul Sieracki

#2252

Name: Powell Fults, Lora

Correspondence: The idea of killing off a native species (Tule Elk) for non native cattle is beyond irresponsible to the area, to our environment, and to the public. As a Bay Area native I have enjoyed many trips to Point Reyes as have my children as members of scout organizations and various groups. I urge you to put protect the native species in Point Reyes and keep the cattle off our public lands!

#2253

Name: Girroir, Adi

Correspondence: I strongly support the plan to provide 20-year leases to the existing ranches, support sustainable agricultural practices, allow farmers to grow row crops and improve controls on the population of tule elk. If feasible, it would be better to re-locate some excess elk to Native American or private land as urged by Rep. Huffman. It is our responsibility to make sure that we continue to provide the opportunity to buy locally produced foods which also reduces our transportation carbon footprint for the sake of future generations.

#2254

Name: Jordan, Kathleen

Correspondence: As an animal lover and Vegetarian, I object to the use of any of our Nationally preserved land for the purpose of grazing livestock. These lands for generations have been secured for the benefit of our native wildlife and would be irreparably ruined for our native wildlife and the people who want to see them in their natural habitat. This land was not set aside by our founding fathers to be ruined beyond repair by cattle, sheep and goats. I believe that the people of this nation would support my belief in the on going efforts to save our land and those precious creatures who inhabit it. Grow hay and feed your cows, but not on our parks and reserves!

#2255

Name: Skellenger, Ronald

Correspondence: Having studied the history of how the Point Reyes National Seashore was brought into being and being a regular customer for our local West Marin dairy products, I strongly support the continuance of agriculture with the Park. I support the plan to provide 20-year leases to existing ranches, support sustainable agricultural practices, support allowing farmers to grow row crops and support improved controls on the tule elk population. I see in the newspaper that Rep. Huffman is urging relocation of some the elk as an alternative to culling the herd by killing some; if at all feasible this seems to me the humane solution although I would not be opposed to elk-meat going to St. Vincent's Dining Hall or St. Anthony's Dining Hall. As a regular patron of the Marin Farmers' Market I strongly urge our support for local, organic food and the accompanying benefit of reducing our transportation carbon-footprint for the food we eat.

#2256

Name: Maclean, Wakean

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F- soil, water, wildlife protections should come before ranching/economic considerations. We graze 30 horses on 400 acres of EBMUD watershed land and have the experience of not adding impact to the land as would cattle or sheep herds, and protecting watershed and enhancing public recreational use.

thanks, Wakean Maclean

#2257

Name: C, Brittany

Correspondence: The parks should protect native wildlife, not the cattle industry. The parks were intended for the public and for the sake of conservation. Tule elk are a native species that cannot be found elsewhere.

#2258

Name: smith, gabby

Correspondence: Point Reyes national seashore is not suitable for ranching. There are ranches all over California and the rest of the US. There are ranches right next door the point Reyes national seashore! No more ranching here! They are ruining our one small part of nature. The cows are truly horrible for all the native animals, plants and waterways . People come to this area to experience nature, not gross, dirty , smelly and inhumane cow farms! They want to see the beautiful native elk, seals and birds. This land was supposed to be protected from ranching. The politicians and ranchers are not following the law. Pl awe do the correct thing and stop this illegal amendment.

#2259

Name: Heringer, Tina

Correspondence:

Native Tule Elk were once on the brink of extinction. We brought them back. They're still rare. They're only in California.

Cows are not rare. We industrialize cows for meat and dairy. Millions and millions of cows everywhere. That is a serious driver of climate change to the point of serious catastrophe to all life on earth.

Since we've seen the destruction that unmitigated allowances toward the beef industry, most recently with the massive fires taking wildlife in Brazilian Rainforest, can Point Reyes not let the likes of Bolsanaro and Burger King take the lead and let the cattle industry get preference over the rest of life on earth?

It's true that Point Reyes can be a proud home to better raised grassfed livestock but part of that is the fact that they are in comparatively small batches and should not have to expand their grazing property to the point where it impinges upon the natural wildlife that is already there and key to the ecosystem.

It is a profound mistake to think that the Elk are not key to the ecosystem as all native wildlife has a distinct and important role. The largest of which are at the top of the food chain. When their numbers decline, so goes the health of everything else. And we certainly saw that when their numbers declined from half a million to almost nothing.

Point Reyes is a prime location for the health of the elk and their resistance to hunters. On the surface they bring visual wonder to tourists and residents alike. But daily, Tule Elk are a critical part of restoring the native landscape

of California that millions of people take for granted and hundreds of thousands of people have devoted their lives to preserve. Their grazing is much different than that of cattle. They don't damage the soil. They don't eat more than they need. Study after study shows that when cattle are removed the health to grasslands and the ecosystems that depend upon them, including the oaks that elk eat, come back to fuller, healthier vegetation.

We've allowed the culling of the elk and it has only led to problems. It is logical and most beneficial to all - - residents, tourists, vegetation, the elk and the ranchers themselves - - to protect native species in the area and prioritize that protection. If not, than it should be the beef industrialists that should be culled.

#2260

Name: kennedy, judy

Correspondence: Californians are seeking a balance for wildlife and commercial farming/grazing. So far, cattle ranchers and farmers have gotten a sweet deal from the government. It's time the rest of the citizens benefit from public lands. There is much to be said for feeding the spirit as well as the flesh. Thank you.

#2261

Name: Strobel, Jeanine

Correspondence: I strongly support making wildlife protection a priority for the Point Reyes National Seashore. Please, protect wildlife and habitat, not the special interests of ranchers. There are so few natural places left, Point Reyes needs to be preserved as a natural area. I support Alternative F. Thank you so much, Jeanine Strobel

#2262

Name: Mainland, Edward

Correspondence: Recent NPS decisions swung me strongly against cows on Point Reyes. Media show how these ranches are by no means "sustainable". They damage natural systems in a myriad of ways (for example, the gruesome carnage big threshing machines wreak on small wildlife and nesting birds, and pollution of ubiquitous cow poop). The demise of Point Reyes ranches has been postponed by clever propaganda, craven politicians and shallow ideology. The original legislation did not view ranches on Point Reyes as permanent, in perpetuity. There are plenty of dairies and ranches elsewhere in Marin, and in California, and in the US to meet our needs. Doesn't our global climate protection ethos tell us to eat less beef and drink less milk? It strikes me as anomalous to be "culling" elk (250) when we should actually be culling cows (6000). If the ranches were originally temporarily permitted as an expedient to save Point Reyes from mega-development San Jose-style, that purpose has long since been achieved. The issue is not development or ranches. The issue is ranches or nature. As a nature masterpiece, Point Reyes should be returned and restored to its original intended unique state. The case for me at least is compelling.

#2263

Name: Frandsen, Sophia

Correspondence: I strongly disagree with the past decision to let the point Reyes ranches stay on park land past their 20 year agreement with the park. I believe it would be most beneficial to the park, it's wildlife and the residents of the surrounding area if the ranches were relocated off of park land. Studies of the ranches and their impact on the land have shown many negative aspects brought on by the cattle and the ranchers. Please, help restore the park by removing the ranchers. There is plenty of land for them to farm, all we ask is for this corner of the world to stay untouched, or as untouched as possible. Thank you for your consideration

#2264

Name: Dorin, Barbara

Correspondence: The elk were brought there- -they can stay. Otherwise, find an even more rural location and

take one of the herds there. I mean, they were actually, physically brought to that area, so they can be lifted the same way.

And the Johne's Disease, the park rangers don't see any symptoms and have not witnessed a death. Guess there's no problem.

I am guessing that the big ranches there want to expand or get rid of the elk, or both.

Remember, these are living things, treat them with respect, just as you would wish someone to treat you.

And, yes, I would like my response to be confidential. Thank you.

#2265

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Remove the CATTLE from the land, not the elk. This is the elk's land. Welfare ranchers need to respect wildlife.

#2266

Name: Agnew, DJ

Correspondence: I strongly oppose trading off either public park-lands or property for private commercial gains. Let the elk stay!

I am particularly concerned that our public park property (in this case, elk) not be gotten rid of to facilitate private entrepreneurs' desires for wider ranging lands (which are also owned by the public). Trading off existing wildlife is offensive and objectionable. Furthermore, I believe publicly owned land should not subsidize the operations and income of private parties.

Further thought: it is my understanding that wide spread grazing is not an ecologically sound practice for the grasslands themselves. Beef can and should be moved from one defined pasture plot to another rather than being turned loose for wide-spread grazing at will.

In sum, I oppose disposing of any public property for private gain. In particular, I oppose removal of any of the elk to favor the private business' request for more range land.

#2267

Name: Doherty, Connie

Correspondence: The ranchers should not be allowed to profit off of public land it is meant for wildlife we have encroached on the land where animals were meant to run free way to much already. If ranchers and dairy people want to raise cattle they need to purchase their own property like the rest of us. All the land should be left for wildlife.

#2268

Name: Orr, David

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to destroying the elk at Point Reyes. They are part of the natural ecosystem; cattle are not. The National Park Service is required by law to adhere to the non-degradation standard in resource management and protection. The presence of domestic livestock has been causing degradation every day since establishment of the national seashore. It is (way past) time to get the cattle out of the park! We need more natural, functioning ecosystems, and the presence of livestock directly interferes with this goal. It is time to stand up to the ranchers and dairy farmers: kick them out!

#2269

Name: Blandin, Anne

Correspondence: I prefer Alternative F. We don't need ranching with the unpleasant smells, dilapidated buildings, and degraded grasslands. A national park should be about beautiful scenery, wild animals, hiking and camping.

#2270

Name: Halbe, Denise

Correspondence: I feel very passionately that the Tule Elk of West Marin must not be made casualties in human's domination of their habitat. I advocate for finding an accord between farmers and the needs of the elk or reducing the farmland to accommodate the elk. These iconic animals once flourished in the hundreds of thousands and were nearly wiped out, and now are reduced to a few pockets. It is an outrage that 28,000 acres of parkland should be dominated by private cattle farmers in favor of the elk. According to wikipedia, these elk have been shown to be of great benefit to the natural ecology "A 2007 study at the Tomales Point Elk Reserve showed that tule elk appear to play a critical role in preventing succession of open grasslands to less diverse, shrub-dominated ecosystems. Elk grazing had a positive impact on native grassland species abundance and diversity, and seemed to increase the richness and abundance of some exotic taxa while reducing *Holcus lanatus* - a highly invasive exotic grass which is a major problem in mesic perennial grasslands." From my perception, the solution is perhaps simpler than perhaps it seems, it just doesn't work for some special interests. A species needs genetic diversity, do not reduce the numbers of these animals. Especially when they are known to have incidences of Johne's Disease. Genetic diversity is the very thing that is most likely to be the saving grace. Please do not kill or remove the Tule Elk from their habitat.

#2271

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.
- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#2272

Name: Levin, Julie

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2273

Name: Jensen, Bruce

Correspondence: When I visit Point Reyes National Seashore, I want to see native wildlife and natural landscapes, not rangeland populated by abused cattle. The latter is inappropriate for a National Park, "historical" or not.

In short - keep the elk, ditch the dairies.

#2274

Name: Moraiti, Vicky

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#2275

Name: Ben-Zekry, Jacquelyn

Correspondence: Having read your documents I am not sure I understand why there needs to be a change, and thus why option A is not the preferred plan going forward. It sounds like, with the exception of developing more areas for the public (which is not explained nor outlined in any meaningful way) the value to the average tax payer on option B is very small, and will result in massive changes to current undeveloped/underdeveloped public lands that we currently have access to. Not to mention the killing of animals that we intentionally reintroduced. I have a lot of respect for the need to have ranchlands but the purpose of public land is not purely to subsidize ranchers.

Part of the existence of public lands is to provide habitats for animals that otherwise would be squeezed out by human development, not to mention space for humans to experience nature. Making more land available to ranchers changes the ecosystem and stops these unique opportunists for human guests while potentially destroying habitats for thousands of animals not just the Elk herd your group intends to kill.

#2276

Name: connery, eileen

Correspondence: I am wholeheartedly in support of the new proposed plan to keep existing ranches open and allow them to grow silage and hay, allow other farm animals on site, expand their income sources to include overnight stays and most encouraging, to make these ranches educational to area schools as well as to be an example to the Nation, that we can integrate agricultural land uses on public lands. Please support this new, integrated, sustainable and heritage honoring plan. Thank you, E Connery

#2277

Name: Zucker, Marguery Lee

Correspondence: My family and I, frequent visitors to California's Point Reyes National Seashore, are way beyond upset at the Trump administration National Park Service plan to kill native Tule Elk in the only national park where these rare animals live.

We consider Tule Elk to be a national treasure as well as having every species' right to live in suitable habitat as part of an integrated ecosystem.

It's outrageous that the Park Service would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. DON'T enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use! Rather, rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

This plan would also allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops, and allow livestock operators to bring in sheep, goats, chickens and pigs: Inevitable conflict with native wildlife!

This destructive plan should die instead of the Tule Elk.

#2278

Name: Kenna, Aaron

Correspondence: The park service is destroying our public lands by over usage of cattle ranching. The abusive cattle ranching and over dependence of public lands is causing a welfare for cattle ranching costing public tax payers millions of dollars. No killing wildlife for cattle ranchers welfare. Move cattle back their own private lands. Stop the \$\$\$\$\$\$ welfare for cattle ranchers.

#2279

Name: Lacey-Hall, Crystal

Correspondence: STOP CATTLE RANCHERS from using PUBLIC lands!! They dont exist for meat industry and government! Those lands and the WILD animals on then exist for generations to enjoy. They do NOT belong to ranchers, nor to a made-up "governing" body. Stop harming our land, stop harming our water, stop harming our animals, stop harming our PEOPLE!

Money is NOT important!

#2280

Name: BERNARD, MARSOL

Correspondence: FRANCE: le bétail qui massacre l'environnement, ne devrait jamais franchir les frontières des parcs nationaux, les fermiers qui étaient implantés depuis le début sur les territoires des parcs auraient du être progressivement écartés. and the bribes on the part of the breeders pour installer leurs bétails sur les territoires du parc.....????????????????????????????????

#2281

Name: Murch, Annette

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#2282

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: -Congressional statement introduced by Huffman stating that ranching was consistent with PRNS's intent tied the NPS's hands into having to recommend an alt that continues ranching and dairy. -Why should we continue to subsidize the ranches and farmers (dairy) -more info needed on manure management plan -how are the alternatives addressing climate change -how are ranching and dairies ecologically important to Point Reyes -more info on illegal fences that are not wildlife friendly -true cultural heritage is not 150 years of ranching but is Native Americans and tule elk who have been there for 1000s of years and were better stewards than we are today -cultural heritage does not trump the enviro or wildlife!!!! -how is it justified that H2O needs to be trucked in to support dairy cattle -open house format did not provide everyone with the same opportunity to hear the same info from presenters -would like more public discourse instead of the open house format or in addition to. It helps to hear what other people have to say. -Alternative F is the environmentalist's choice. Forelk.org, Western Watersheds, restoreptreyesseashore.org, The Shame of Point Reyes, Center for Biological Diversity, Forest Forever, and more! -Natural resource conservation is not mutually exclusive from well managed ag -PRNS has an opportunity to design and support an agricultural model of ecological and community connections -how will the spread of johns disease from cattle to wildlife be controlled -keep the ranches, we wouldn't have a park if ranchers hadn't agreed -some of herds that have not tested positive for johns could get it from wildlife -dairy cattle don't have hoof and mouth disease -hoof and mouth disease is caused by bacteria. Cows deposit more feces and are more are more responsible for the proliferation and spread. -cows are non-native and their hooves cause more ground disturbance than elk. -cows cause more pollution than elk. -option B. why does it expand/diversify livestock and game -with alternative "F," who would pay for the cleanup. -The N.P exists for the public benefit, not "for-profit" industry -please protect the unique ecosystems, not the ranches that destroy them -for option F, 5 years doesn't seem to be enough time to transition from ranches to "post ranches" to make a viable option, it needs more detail

#2283

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: -Follow original plan and protect the elk. - -Look at legislative intent - -Extend elk herd for grazing - -Lifetime Estates should be one generation vs forever

-increases in domestic animals leading to decrease in native species. -biodiversity is biggest issue in park -how are impacts of 25 year leases evaluated?

-Fires in Amazon-clearing caused for cattle - -look to future - -manage for resource not for cattle

-consideration of training to minimize public transport of weed seed. - -signage

-who is going to pay for whatever alternative is selected -if coming out of existing PORE budget which division is on the line? -use existing farm buildings for hostels for visitors -use birth control for the female elk by darting annually -evaluation of alternatives. Does it consider population dynamics of tricolored blackbird?

-The National Park Service should use its resources toward supporting native California ecology and biodiversity, as opposed to funding or otherwise financially cushioning private efforts.

#2284

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I have been visiting the Point Reyes National Seashore for most of my life. My dad took me out there for the first time when I was 6 and I'm in my fifties now. Before my dad became too ill to drive he made a weekly pilgrimage out to see the elk with me or on his own . When we did go out together we would often stop and watch the ranchers but our main goal was always to find the nature and enjoy it. We would often discuss how the ranchers had a very privileged experience in a veritable paradise! He was dismayed by the first round of elk killing discussions. Now they are back. I have continued the tradition of visiting the park with my family and we like the farms but we love the elk! So I have some questions: How many Elk can roam free in the state of California today? I guess less than 20,000? Are the elk good or bad for the environment of the National seashore? I guess that they are good. How many cows in this state? Hundreds of thousands? Millions? Are the cows native to and good for the environment of the park? Probably not. Why is this conversation even happening again? The farmers need to realize what a charmed existence they enjoy. The elk are important in the National park. Cows aren't. Please protect the elk.

#2285

Name: Sabbag, Dede

Correspondence: I appreciate that you are seeking public comments.

I am concerned that Plan B will have negative impacts from allowing diversification on the ranches. There will likely be conflicts with wildlife. It will change the historic values and impacts. And in particular it may increase the traffic on the roads which are already in bad shape.

I believe that a budget should be included in the plan so that the public can be assured that our Park will be managed as well as it calls for in the plan.

I believe that using lethal methods to manage the tule elk is not right or justified in order to protect commercial interests.

#2286

Name: Duncan, Janet

Correspondence: I do not support culling Elk so that cattle can have more space. I also believe you should consider moving some of them although they may carry that disease. I think they may have picked it up from the cattle, not the other way around. I do support and have fought for the traditional family ranches. I would NOT support ANY corporation owned ranches. I lean towards plan B but with relocation not killing of elk. Also, why would you eliminate dairy over meat production? It seems to me that supporting organic milk products which support many jobs and reduces carbon footprint by selling locally over and over when meat cows are a one time meal. Thank you for the opportunity and for listening to our communities.

There is still a lot of long timer resentment over Johnson's Oyster farm closure. Surely, it could have been cleaned up and aligned with better environmental concerns, but oysters filter our water! If you truly wanted to protect the land in its 'original' state, you would ban dogs and motor vehicles. The result is now a oyster monopoly in the area that caters to tourists with prices four times higher than from Johnson's, out of range now for middle income families.

Again, thank you for even opening to hear the community comments.

#2287

Name: Roche, Kathleen

Correspondence: Elk and other wildlife should be the prime focus of your planning effort. Second should be visitation. Phase out the cattle grazing as fast as possible.

#2288

Name: Seltzer, Shaiyel

Correspondence: Dear National Parks Service,

I am for Tule Elk to live since the dawning of their existence. As you know, but is worth a review, according to California Department of Fish and Wildlife, there are only approximately 5,700 Tule Elk today, while back in 1800, there were approximately 500,000 living in California, still - their only home. By 1870, only a few pair of Tule Elks were alive, but most believed that they were completely hunted to extinction. The protected status of Tule Elks still have not achieved their collective true herd status. According to The Sacramento Bee, at the end of 2018, Drakes Beach herd is comprised of only 124 Tule Elks, and in total 21 herds totaling 3,800 (so I don't know which is correct). Tule Elks are not only to be saved from death, but should be given the land their home as in year 1800. The Tule Elk (*Cervus canadensis nannodes*), the Flagship species for the California Floristic Province, one of the world's 25 biodiversity hotspots and most endangered Eco regions in North America need to continue to have their own space - their own home in order to connect with other Tule Elks for "managing" them is leading to inbreeding, which can have dis It is not about "deserve," but the right to - live. Cattle are considered invasive species, no matter what kind. So, especially when Tule Elk are listed as a protective species, I am alarmed and shocked that there is any question to not only end the killings of Tule Elk, but to find new places for the cattle to be, that actually may be better for the cattle in the first place. Please end the killings of Tule Elk, and focus on relocating the cattle, who again, are invasive species to there part of California, and were never meant to live together in the first place.

Sincerely,

Shaiyel Seltzer

#2289

Name: Eidson, June

Correspondence: I am writing to beg you not to adopt the current Preferred Management Plan. Point Reyes

National Seashore is a preserve for the wild. It is not designed for support campgrounds, theme parks, or entertainments.

We as Americans all require a place of natural peace and beauty where we can be undisturbed. And the animals that make up part of our environment - the river otters, harbor seals, sea lions, meadowlarks, plovers, Tule elk - - they need quiet and peace. The preservation of the wild, and the renewal of our own wild souls, requires a preserve, not a recreation area.

To be specific:

1. Please do not allow camping in Drake's Estero. That will lead to the litter that already covers Drakes Bay, as well as crowding, and the retreat of the wildlife that currently calls it home.
2. Please do not prioritize cattle over Tule elk. If you review your history, cattlemen Miller & Lux removed Tule elk in much of California, in the 1890's-1900's where the animals interfered with their cattle, and other cattlemen simply shot the animals. Tule elk were nearly wiped out by that effort. Coastal Tule elk were reintroduced by transplants from Miller's private herd. Please don't repeat the same mistake - the animals no longer have the institutional memory to survive, and the herds are much smaller.
3. No diversification of agriculture. (See above).

And finally, please do not allow e-bikes on the Estero Trail. It's unfortunate that under current regulations, the only way you can ban e-bikes is to also ban mountain bikes - but this is necessary to preserve the peace and quiet of the Estero Trail.

I'm a North Carolina resident now, but I grew up in California. My great grandfather regrettably was the foreman of that Tule Elk removal - and a cattle inspector of Tuolumne County during the 1930 hoof&mouth disease eradication. I spent my college years collecting garbage from Drake's Bay with my boyfriend, looking for otters, and feeling the clean sea wind on my face.

Our parks and our land are a legacy that we leave to our children. We need to leave them this place where we can hear the birds unimpeded, hear the ocean without the sounds of motors, and feel the wind. If we do not keep it wild, the efforts made to restore the Tule Elk, restore nature and all her animals, will be lost.

Please preserve Point Reyes National Seashore in beauty and peace. Thank you.

#2290

Name: N/A, N/A

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#2291

Name: Guy, Nathan

Correspondence: I'd like to advocate against the Preferred Alternative B and against any future claiming of Point Reyes to private industries or interests.

As a nearby resident of San Francisco, I've been blessed to spend a great deal of time in or near Point Reyes. Point Reyes and the general area are incredibly beautiful areas that have rich biodiversity of plants and animals and I would strongly advocate against any further privatization of the lands which effectively prioritizes private ranchers over the natural environment and the public ability to enjoy those lands.

#2292

Name: Kan, Justin

Correspondence: It is absolutely unacceptable to prioritize grazing over wildlife on public lands. The commercial ranching operations should be removed in favor of native species.

#2293

Name: Gonzalez, Jessica

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#2294

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Ranching is unsustainable. The preferred alternative:

- No ranching. - Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. - Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. - Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. - Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

#2295

Name: Forbes, Carol

Correspondence: I do not want the elk to be removed from Point Reyes! I do want all the cattle and sheep to be removed! Cancel all grazing permits and remove all cattle and sheep! Thank you for your cooperation!

#2296

Name: Parker, Steve

Correspondence: The first and foremost goal of the Park Service should be to protect the indigenous wildlife and plants of the Point Reyes National Seashore. Cattle ranching is detrimental to the local ecosystem which means it is detrimental to wildlife and plants of the seashore area. Cattle ranching in Point Reyes should be halted.

There is no need to preserve this "historical" activity if it is damaging the flora and fauna of the National Park. We can easily remember the historical and cultural aspects of cattle ranching in Point Reyes without allowing it to continue to destroy this precious seashore and its creatures, including the Tule Elk. Shall we continue to allow slavery in the South in order to preserve its historical and cultural importance?

I am frankly appalled that the National Park Service would even consider extending leases for the cattle ranchers. The ranching is such an obvious detriment to the local environment.

-Steve Parker

#2297

Name: Fay, John

Correspondence: Stop welfare freeloading ranchers from using public lands!

#2298

Name: Poorvu, David

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Point Reyes National Seashore (Point Reyes) belongs to the citizens, should not be used to enrich the few, who's rights are limited by the terms of existing/expiring lease contracts. When the leaseholders, voluntarily, signed long term leases, they did so with full understanding of their rights and limitations of the contracts. No expanded rights or privileges should be a part of subsequent extensions or modifications, if they are not in the public interest. This proposal is not in the public interest.

- Tule Elk are endemic to Point Reyes National Seashore, which is public land, and their numbers should not be reduced to benefit a special interest group. This was not provided for in the original lease agreements.
- Expansion of permitted species of livestock or any increase in the numbers of permitted livestock is not a right under the leases and is likely to have a detrimental effect on the ecosystem belonging to the public.
- Changing the use of the land to include row crops, which is restricted by the leases, is not a right and of no benefit to the public.
- The diversification of livestock and introduction will only increase heavy truck traffic which will accelerate deterioration of the already older road surfaces and increase maintenance costs of Point Reyes.
- The potential of increased greenhouse emissions of either additional livestock or energy intensive agriculture should be reduced not increased.
- What the United States does not need, is a loss of valuable open space, easily accessible to the public, in close proximity to a city, to benefit the few. There is no shortage of agricultural land in northern California.

I strongly urge that any proposed use changes to Point Reyes National Seashore be denied based upon the existing lease contracts, the detrimental effects on the environment and limitations of the public's rights.

Yours truly,

David J. Poorvu

#2299

Name: Roe, Vel

Correspondence: This is just senseless killing with no real purpose.

#2300

Name: Lipsky, Ph.D., Robert

Correspondence: Tule elk help maintain the ecosystem and the balance of nature. Do not destroy these elk to promote even more cattle grazing. Also, expanding areas for ranchers will promote even more conflicts between ranchers and other wildlife. Expanding areas for ranchers would require the NPS to shoot and kill tule elk to control the only population of tule elk on national park land, made up of only TWO herds. Also, shooting these elk will not fix the environmental damage caused by cattle. Please do not allow the ranchers to expand in the Point Reyes National Seashore Park.

#2301

Name: Hunter, Tana

Correspondence: Cattle ranching and dairy farming should not be allowed on point Reyes at all. Natural areas should be available for wildlife and wildlife watchers to access without harm. Cattle are not native species, and contribute to destruction of wild lands. Ranching is an occupation that should be contained and reduced as it is archaic and unnecessary. I do not eat beef and encourage everyone to find another source of protein to help save our wild lands.

#2302

Name: Pierce, Jack

Correspondence: 1. The EIS does not sufficiently address how and when public access improvements will be implemented. How many miles of new trails will be provided, where will they be placed, and what portion of funding will be dedicated to accomplish this? 2. What other facilities (campgrounds, staging areas, overlooks, benches, picnicking, etc) will be provided? 3. Will the NPS implement the Cross Marin Trail through NPS lands? When? 4. How will ranch lessees accommodate public access? Will the gates, locks and fences be removed? Who will pay for this? 5. Why are there "No Trespassing" signs on these public lands? 6. Will the ranchers be required to repair watershed damage documented in MMWD reports for the Lagunitas Creek Watershed? What is the timeline for these repairs? 7. What is the annual dollar amount the ranchers pay for using public lands? 8. Have any of the ranch lessees contributed to Lagunitas Creek Restoration, caused by ranch activities? 9. Please provide easement information and use details of the PGE substation on Taylor Park Road. How was the public compensated for this exclusive use? What scenic guidelines were utilized? 10. Please provide a map showing where new public access facilities will be provided. The vague two page description is not meaningful, and does not meet the litigated mandate to provide improved and expanded public access facilities.

#2303

Name: Fehlhaber, Ted

Correspondence: I support Improved trails and trail-based recreation. Access to public lands on multi use roads and trails, especially bike access. Creation of loop road and trail systems. Recreational use of existing dirt roads would have little or no environmental impacts

#2304

Name: N/A, Ann

Correspondence: With regard to the Pt Reyes Seashore, parks are public lands, and do not and should not be open for profit. The preferred alternative to the proposed change should include:

No ranching. Phase out cattle. Disallow domestic livestock in the park. Prioritize biodiversity. Do not kill wildlife to accommodate commercial interests. Restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wildlife habitat, native plant communities, scientific research and education. Repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation and public education.

Thank you. P.S. I'm just one person, and I've never been there. There are lots of parks I've never been to, but I like knowing they're there, and I would willingly use all my tax money for parks instead of wars or to make some rich person even richer. Please don't succumb to greed.

#2305

Name: Rock, Vicki

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

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#2306

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Tule Elk in favor of human encroachment. Taking the life of a sentient creature shouldn't be done for the profit of others. I've been a supporter of some agriculture on our local public lands but hearing that it may cause the death of these noble animals, makes me reconsider that support. This proposal is unethical.

#2307

Name: Binzen, William

Correspondence: I write to strongly support restoration of the parkland to something close to its natural state. These days, the US Park Service often seems like a wholly-owned subsidiary of big money interests from both political parties. I think that if there was such a thing as "enlightened capitalism", if such could exist, we would seek for balance in all things based on respect and love for the environment upon which all life depends. But predatory capitalism sees no benefits in wildness that don't directly feed the engines of the economic system. The fact that the Park Service might want to "cull" = kill or relocate these magnificent animals, some of whom were previously left to die for not maintaining adequate drinking water out on the point, demonstrates that the NPS is not truly serving the park or the ecosystem. It's likely a truism that the vast majority of all park visitors immensely enjoy the experience of seeing wild elk - majestic, rare, historic and frankly magical - rather than cows that are

ubiquitous. And yes, cow methane is a significant contributor to global warming and climate change. Wasn't the original charter designed to phase out cows and ranching on Point Reyes after 25 years? So why is this even an issue?

#2308

Name: Vela, Deanna

Correspondence: FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN RANCHES AND ELK. IT CAN BE DONE!

#2309

Name: Vela, RON

Correspondence: FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN RANCHERS AND ELK. JUST DO IT.

#2310

Name: Ferry, Denise

Correspondence: I am 77 years old, was born in San Francisco and have lived the last 30 years in Fairfax.

I go out to Pt Reyes all the time. It's become visually obvious, on the way to places like Chimney Rock, what a blight these farms are - even just driving by them. Having just seen "The Shame of Pt Reyes" it add incredible detail to the extent of these toxic blights. They are literally poisoning the natural ecosystem that surrounds them.

These farms, in this context, bear some similarity to the hog farms whose pig effluent contaminates the neighboring countryside. How can this be allowed in our precious Pt Reyes National Park. That the native wild animals should be restrained and sometimes starved or even killed by the farms activities or by hunters in order to sustain these farms is a disgrace.

It is long over due that these farms should end and the lands they have occupied join the park.

Thank you, Denise Ferry

#2311

Name: Asher, Skyler

Correspondence: I fully support improved trails and trail-based recreation.

#2312

Name: Janson-Smith, Toby

Correspondence: Our family supports Plan B with its good Public Use provisions, which could open up new trail access to the growing number of recreational (including biking) users, who could benefit greatly from the responsible enjoyment of this beautiful land.

Thank you, Toby

#2313

Name: Tays, Kimberly

Correspondence: Dear NPS Officials:

I used to be a supporter of cattle ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) until my husband and I were visiting the area for a week last March (2019). We were astounded at the damage the cattle were doing to the

landscape, especially around the ponds that are adjacent to the hiking trail that goes out to Drakes Bay. About 7 years prior to our March 2019 visit, we went for a hike on the same trail (out to Drakes Bay) and saw otters playing and swimming along the edge of one of the ponds. It was a thrill to watch them. However, when we visited PRNS last March, we noticed right away that all of the vegetation around the pond had been completely trampled by the cattle and enclosed by unattractive fencing that degraded the natural aesthetics of the park. We could not believe how much damage had been done to the soil and vegetation around the pond and how much erosion the cattle were causing to the hiking trails and ground around the trails. Then, on another hike, we noticed that one of the estuaries with beautiful native plants and sedges had been terribly trampled by the cattle, too, and that piles of manure was contaminating the water. Everywhere we walked, we had to be careful not to step in huge piles of cow manure. In fact, when we got to the top of one of the trails where there is a bit of shade under the Eucalyptus trees, there was no place to sit and enjoy a picnic lunch and admire the views of Drakes Bay because piles of smelly manure were everywhere.

In addition, we noticed how terribly unkept the ranches appeared. The properties were junky with vehicles and equipment; the buildings looked run-down and unpainted. We were shocked and disturbed at the state of the cattle ranches. It was as if the ranchers did not care how their operations impacted the aesthetics of the park. We also noticed that there was a lot of newer development (some of it looking like modular structures) that did not fit in with the historic nature of the cattle ranches. In all honesty, we felt that the ranching operations were being kept in a manner that was not fitting for a National Park and was, instead, an embarrassment to the image of stewardship that one would expect from PRNS.

After reading the various plans for the park, I would prefer that no ranching be allowed in the park or that it be condensed into a much smaller area. Ultimately, I would like to see cattle ranching and other domestic livestock phased out at PRNS. I would like to see the park prioritize biodiversity over ranching. Currently, there are too many invasive plant species harming the park resources. I would like to see more emphasis placed on restoring native plant communities. I also highly OBJECT to the idea of killing elk to accommodate cattle grazing. The elk are part of the park's natural environment and deserve to be protected. I also would like to see the Park Service restore the historic ranching structures and use them for scientific research, public education, interpretation and hostels for park visitors.

Again, after seeing the damage that the cattle are doing to PRNS and the dilapidated state of the ranching facilities, I feel that these operations are no longer appropriate in our National Parks and that PRNS should be returned to its naturally, biodiverse state.

Sincerely, Kimberly Tays A Concerned PRNS Visitor

#2314

Name: Guild, Jeffrey

Correspondence: I support increased public access to dirt/ranch roads and trails for biking, hiking, running and other non-motorized uses. Increased access for uses such will increase utilization of these treasured public resources and also provide relief for such uses that may be concentrated in other areas within the region (including existing legal/non-legal access within the National Park/Recreation Areas).

#2315

Name: Brown, E

Correspondence: I support Improved trails and trail-based recreation. Access to public lands on multi use roads and trails, especially bike access. Creation of loop road and trail systems. Recreational use of existing dirt roads would have little or no environmental impacts.

#2316

Name: durham, jack

Correspondence: We need the native wildlife population to survive unmolested, and eliminate commercial livestock operations, so wildlife can thrive

#2317

Name: Layne, Lisa

Correspondence: I would like the Park Service to adopt Alternative F. We want to keep Pt. Reyes pure for future generations, and the plan should be honored, not changed to benefit commercial enterprise.

#2318

Name: Lexa, Rebecca

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I support a plan which permanently removes all cattle and other domestic animals from Point Reyes National Seashore and prioritizes the elk and other native wildlife in perpetuity, based on sound ecological science.

Thankyou,

Rebecca Lexa

#2319

Name: Berman, Marcy

Correspondence: Please protect the Tule Elk and on behalf of manage the land wisely , fairly and with grace. Not greed. The majority of Californians, like me, believe that wildlife is crucial to the eco system. And that the intruders and predators to the land are the ranchers. The ranchers are not entitled to this land for personal gain. It is taxpayer money to benefit a few at the expense of the many. The native people, e.g. were driven off the land and disappeared because of rancher interference. It's not environmentally friendly to cull native Tule Elk for ranchers to claim for non-native cattle and livestock which takes away the natural resources of water and space for everyone else. How can this still be a fight to stop killing native wildlife in order to replacie it with "grass-fed" beef and other heritage animals for affluent foodies? Why are you even considering such a dated, greed -centered to kill California wildlife? Shame on you and the ranchers for ruining California's natural beauty for the majority of Californias and tourists alike?

#2320

Name: Keachie, Pamela

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore should not allow ranch grazing. Elk should not be culled. This is a rare wild habitat that should stay as it is. It is educational and therapeutic for human visitors. It is unique in that it is such a complete piece of wilderness, but it is so close to major urban areas. This allows city people rare access to nature. We do not need more cattle.

#2321

Name: Nelson, Maggie

Correspondence: I am in support of opening up more trails for recreation and multiple uses, such as biking. As a rider, I would love to be able to bike through the beautiful environment Point Reyes has to offer. Recreational use of existing dirt roads would have little to no environmental impact. Public access to dirt and gravel roads, especially bike access, would open up new interests for a whole new group of people.

#2322

Name: Stevens, Carol

Correspondence: As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2323

Name: Schwarz, Merina

Correspondence: I support Alternative F, and urge the National Park Service to allow the native elk population to continue living unmolested.

#2324

Name: Guzzo, Anne

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

As a native of Wyoming, but someone who went to school in California, I believe that it is important to do as much restoration of the natural habitat as possible in California.

I support Alternative F, which allows this native wildlife population to thrive. Ranching is better supported elsewhere.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Anne Guzzo

#2325

Name: Fischer, Elaine

Correspondence: Tule Elk and other native wildlife BELONG in Point Reyes, cattle do NOT!

- Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.
- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.
- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.
- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.
- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.
- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be

allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases. • Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#2326

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to not to kill the Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in order to protect the profits of the beef and dairy industry. Tule elk, which are native to Point Reyes, were exterminated and then reintroduced by the National Park Service. Now the beef and dairy ranchers, who no longer own the land they occupy, want to extend their land leases and cull the Drakes Bay Tule elk herd. We ask the Park Service to protect wildlife over industry profits and select Alternative F, for no ranching and for protection of the Tule elk herd and other wildlife. Point Reyes National Seashore is a biologically diverse park that attracts visitors from all over the world who want to see the Tule elk. Our National Parks are for nature, not agribusiness. Alternative F is the only viable solution to preserve and restore the natural values of this park.

#2327

Name: Bryant, Richard

Correspondence: As a former natural resource manager at PORE, I have observed the impacts of cattle and dairy operations. The direct impacts of dairy operations include concentrated manure and the constant degradation of the soil surface. The manure is sprayed on fields. Results of these operations is runoff of polluted water into streams. The dairies also result in the introduction of non-native plant species, mainly due to constant soil disturbance.

The grazing of both cattle (cow-calf operations) and dairy operations result in impacts to native vegetation. This results in the reduction of native perennial bunch grasses and favors non-native annual grasses. This allows for increased runoff and sedimentation of park streams. Willows are eaten by cows and in many cases result in soil slumps.

To allow the addition of new species (pig, chickens, etc), is outlandish! This will result in the demand for predator control at the direct expense of native species. Clearly the enabling legislation did not call for any operations such as this!!

The park's enabling did not call for the perpetual existence of cows in the Seashore. The ranchers received a fair price for their land and a reasonable lease to operate. But that was decades ago. It is time to end the major impacts of cows in a National Park area. Please make the right decision to eliminate cows from the Seashore.

#2328

Name: Lenoir, Judy

Correspondence: Our wildlife and wilderness areas, esp. Within refuges and parks, must be protected over domestic livestock. If we lose our wilderness and wildlife we will no longer be the United States and unique in the world of nations.

#2329

Name: Gonzalez, Jennifer

Correspondence: I visited Point Reyes National Seashore this past April with my daughter for spring break. We were amazed at its beauty. We had hoped to see some wildlife while we were out exploring. My daughter was thrilled when we spotted elk. How cool!!! We saw many and were able to get some beautiful photos. Sure, we also saw a coyote on the way out of the park, but, the elk were magnificent. Now you want to kill them? This is ridiculous. Natural wildlife needs to be preserved. It is clear to everyone that we do not need more cows. They are

one of the leading causes of climate change. Sure, preserve the farms that are already there but there should be NO killing of elk. The original wildlife should be more important than cows. I am shocked and dismayed at the national park system for even suggesting this.

#2330

Name: Tuorto, Vicky

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2331

Name: LeRoy, David

Correspondence: The public lands were created to protect the flora and fauna that rely on those habitats to stay alive and procreate!!!! There NEVER was a provision in their formation that these lands could be sold and/or leased to ranchers for their livestock, all of which do irreparable damage to the land, the water and the wildlife that live on them!!! Selling out their original purposes to special interests who are able to bribe or blackmail the agencies overseeing these land to allow those special interests to compel the killing of all wildlife on these lands so that those interests can make a profit off their destructive uses is unforgivable and should be stopped immediately!!!! Millions of us across the country want to use our public lands for hiking and enjoying the native flora and fauna! Your current strategy seems to be intended to destroy all that is good about our public lands and wilderness areas, just to make greedy and selfish men and corporations wealthier!!!! Please follow your original mission statements and act on behalf of all Americans!!!!!!

#2332

Name: SKYVARA, ZDENEK

Correspondence: I support: Improved trails and trail-based recreation. Access to public lands on multi use roads and trails, especially bike access. Creation of loop road and trail systems. Recreational use of existing dirt roads would have little or no environmental impacts

I also support Plan B, the one that includes the "Public Use" provision. Thank you, Zee Skyvara

#2333

Name: McKitterick, Nathaniel

Correspondence: The management of Point Reyes must look to the future, which is not ranching but rather recreational uses that will enhance public perception of value, ensuring future preservation and financial support.

I support Alternative F for two reasons: first, Point Reyes presents a unique opportunity for coastal recreational uses, including loop trail systems and the use of current ranch roads. It creates an ideal opportunity for recreation

such as cycling due to the vast distances involved, and the ability to get folks out of their cars to see all that Point Reyes has to offer. Second, the adverse environmental impact of ranching, particularly in that habitat, calls into serious question whether it continues to be an appropriate use of public lands, particularly ecologically significant lands.

Alternative B is reasonable but will involve continued exclusionary ranchland and fencing access, as well as continue the adverse environmental impact of ranching. While it is a historic use of the area, this does not mean that we should perpetuate it further.

#2334

Name: Hatcher, Sylvia

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

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Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#2335

Name: Paulsen, Carrie

Correspondence: I object to the National Park Services recommendation of Alternative B on the ground that it imposes an arbitrary and unreasonably low limit on the number of Tule elk allowed in this area. The proposed plan allows 5,530 cattle in this area, which appears to be the upper limit of the number of cattle that can be sustained in this area. However, I have found nothing in the EIS explaining why it is necessary to maintain this number of cattle. Nor have I found anything in the EIS that supports a conclusion that the presence of 124 Tule elk in a 28,000 acre area constitute an existential threat to the current cattle ranching operations or the 5,530 permitted cattle. As evidenced by your own data, an elk consumes only 10-20% of what a cow does on a range (See Appendix to Environmental Impact Statement at I-12). While it would seem obvious that there would be no need to kill any Tule elk if the number of permitted cattle was slightly reduced, that was not even considered as an option by the Park Service.

There are only around 400 Tule elk in the entire Point Reyes area. As acknowledged in the EIS, chronic wasting disease, while it has not yet reached California, is a very real and serious threat to elk herds, and it could easily wipe out the Tule elk in this area. While the EIS emphasizes the historical value of the cattle ranches in this area, Tule elk were in this area long before the cattle ranches and they are a part of this areas history that should be preserved and protected as well. Moreover, the proposed plan fails to give adequate consideration to the immense aesthetic value provided by Tule elk. Anyone who has ever encountered them along the coast will attest that it is an unforgettable experience. We have completely wiped them out of this area once before and we have an obligation to ensure that does not happen again. The proposed plan unreasonably favors the interests of cattle ranchers over those of the indigenous species and sets an unreasonably low limit on the number of elk allowed in this area that endangers their continued existence here.

#2336

Name: Gallagher, Jean

Correspondence: I am a lover of wild places and have been hiking the Pt Reyes Seashore for decades. In Pt. Reyes, I love the presence of the historic ranches. I believe that environmentally friendly ranching practices can greatly mitigate the concerns about the impact on the land. The private/public balance is rooted in the history of that land, and the ranching families should continue to be acknowledged for their role in protecting it from massive development. Please select the 20 year lease option and management of the tule elk herd.

#2337

Name: DRESCHER, ANUSHKA

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I first fell in love with Point Reyes almost 30 years ago, when I came to the Bay Area for grad school at UC Berkeley. I couldn't believe such a beautiful and wild place still existed so close to a metropolitan area. I remember the first time I hiked the Tomales Point trail and saw the wild elk - it was a feeling of incredible awe and humility and gratitude, to be in the presence of such large, beautiful, and, above all, FREE creatures who manage to survive in what can be such a harsh environment. It is what always draws me back to Point Reyes - I know that THERE I can experience the earth - nature - close to what it once was - abundant with wildlife; diverse, wild, proud and beautiful.

I have enjoyed other parts of Point Reyes too. I love hiking from Limantour beach up Limantour Spit, all the way to the end, where the seals come out to look at me as the curiosity, and where the view all around looks primordial. It's hard to emphasize just how special it feels to me to have places and views like that. With most of the accessible land in the US clearly marked by human interference, whether it is city buildings, freeways, agriculture or forestry dedicated mostly to producing resources for us (all-powerful and selfish) human beings, places that still lack a human touch are precious beyond expression.

That is why I am writing to you today. I was absolutely shocked when I recently visited a part of Point Reyes I had not previously explored to find masses and masses of cattle. My husband and I had decided to drive down Sir Francis Drake Boulevard to visit the Elephant Seal overlook. I was horrified to see vast expanses of land that should have been blooming with wildflowers and filled with wild birds, elk and many other creatures, trampled by cattle and filled with cow patties. On top of that, we drove by areas that looked like parking lots for enlarged dog kennels. I was heart-broken to see very young calves of milking cows standing one in each "kennel", alone and hardly able to move more than a few steps because of their confinement. It was like a jail for babies! Horrific! Is this what a National Park is supposed to look like?! I say ABSOLUTELY NOT! This was a commercial dairy operation: inhumane, polluting and absolutely NOT a part of the natural ecosystem of this area. On TOP of that, once we had hiked to the Elephant Seal Overlook, we were hit by this horrible stench of cow manure/urine. With the incline from the "pasture" down the cliffs, there must be runoff from the "cow fields" polluting the little rivulets and ultimately the beach below.

How is this possible?! I went to the NPS website today and read this: "Our Mission The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

Is one of the values of the National Park Service to encourage pollution of natural ecosystems with untreated animal sewage? Is one of the values to displace a plethora of diverse natural species in favor of domesticated animal slaves raised ONLY for their PRODUCTS for human consumption? Is one of the values to incarcerate baby animals who should be with their mothers, drinking their mothers milk and roaming around to develop their wobbly legs, and keep them confined so that all they can do is stand around all day and night? Is this inspiration?! Is this education?! Is this enjoyment!?! Well yes, perhaps it is enjoyment for those few who inhabit those areas of Point Reyes at public expense to make their personal profit.

I must stand up to this travesty. Point Reyes was established to uphold these values: respecting natural systems, allowing them to flourish without interference from commerce, and allowing only the type of enjoyment which comes from witnessing diverse beauty, wildness and freedom unencumbered by commerce.

I also believe that the National Park Service should represent the value of trustworthiness. A promise was made a long time ago, that Point Reyes would be returned to the wild plants and animals of this area, and that people would be allowed only to witness the beauty of the wildness, and not abuse it for fiduciary means.

To the people who say that the dairies/flesh farms represent a "cultural resource" I say this. The "cultural" resource that is in harmony with Point Reyes more than any other would be the culture of the indigenous people that flourished here for millenia. Let's honor THAT cultural resource and promote knowledge about it! There are thousands, if not tens or hundreds of thousands of dairy and meat operations in the US. This is not a "culture" that needs preservation! What needs to be preserved are practices of native people that showed respect for wilderness and whose culture promoted a view of humans belonging "in" nature rather than cruelly dominating and abusing other creatures like modern farmers do.

Dairy farming is a cruel practice. No cow would choose to start her life standing alone in a "crate" prison. No cow would choose to have grossly oversized udders as the cows at Point Reyes do. No cow would choose to be milked by machines and handled by humans. No cow would choose to have her baby taken away from her at just one or two days old, year after year. No cow would choose to stand in pits of mud (as I saw the cows at Point Reyes stand). No animal (cow, bull, pig, chicken or goat) would choose to be loaded into trucks and hauled to a place of mass slaughter to face a horrific death. I don't think unabated cruelty on a massive scale is one of the values of the National Park System - or is it? Any option other than "Alternative F" of the GMPA says it is.

I don't agree with the National Park System being a system that promotes animal cruelty and the systematic pollution of the environment. I want a National Park System that is 100% committed to preserving the tiny remnants of American wilderness and natural beauty that still exist. We owe it to future generations to preserve the things that are most rare and precious. Please do the right thing by voting for Alternative F. Point Reyes will be one of the most precious places on Earth long into the future if you commit now, wholly and completely, to its wildness. And please let me know how I can help with implementing Alternative F.

Thank you for reading. Sincerely yours Anushka Drescher, Ph.D.

#2338

Name: Mindell, David

Correspondence: I strongly support implementation of Alternative F, with ranching operation discontinued, and visitor opportunities expanded. I don't know if it's an option, but I'd like to see phasing out of dairy farming too. Ranching and dairy farming are incompatible with long term sustainability of Pt. Reyes Seashore as a natural area with wild native species of animals and plants. There are so few natural areas remaining and we must conserve what we can for future generations. Ranching and dairy farming provide some jobs, but they are relatively few, and they remain subsidized by taxpayers, and environmentally destructive. It's past time for ranching and dairy to be removed from Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore.

#2339

Name: Paulson, Lynne

Correspondence: The alternatives proposed in this Draft EIS are inadequate because no alternative considers both the elimination of ranching and dairy ranches at this location. There is not a fair representation of the options for this National Park Service land nor a fair consideration of them.

Elimination of ranches and cattle grazing would represent an option closer to the National Park Services' mission: "The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

While I do not live next to this land, I appreciate being able to visit it to enjoy the natural resources and particularly the wildlife. National Park Service land should be available for the use of locals, California residents as well as national visitors for low impact recreation including hiking and wildlife and natural resource appreciation. These activities would be too restricted if the draft EIS' preferred alternative is selected.

In addition the proposed alternative in the draft EIS subsidizes a small group of commercial operators with negative impacts to the environment instead of using national resources for the benefit of the general public and the preservation of this important coastal land.

#2340

Name: buckley, peter

Correspondence: Dear NPS, I am a resident of Marin county and a frequent visitor to Pt. Reyes. I am also a farmer and rancher. I am also a conservationist and have helped create several national Parks (Corcovado National Park, Chile and Yendegaia national Park, Chile) through land purchase and donation to the Chilean government. I prefer Alternative F...no ranching. The reason for my preference is that I understand from direct experience the cost to land and nature even from the most well intentioned and conscious farming and ranching. Even minimal cow/cattle stocking rates have a deleterious effect. There is no need for ranching or farming in the vanishingly rare ecosystem that is Pt. Reyes. I have great sympathy for the historic ranchers and farmers of Pt. Reyes but their interests do not weigh very heavily against letting the land revert to its wild nature, at least not when considered over decades. Slide Ranch is an example of how the NPS might leave a remnant of ranching for the public to learn about the historic past...the same public will also be inspired to see land returned to nature. In Chile, we turned over historic estancias to a National Park (Patagonia National Park) and found the re-wilding to be tremendously inspiring. The same is true of Iberra National Park in Argentina. Once the cattle ranches were removed, species rarely seen returned to their rightful place and in great number....that natural beauty is now accessible to current and future generations. The conflicts between ranching and 'the wild' are inherent and cannot be 'managed' away. The cost of managing continued ranching would both difficult and expensive, not to mention an ongoing source of conflict for the decades that follow. No to ranching and farming in Pt. Reyes. Respectfully, Peter Buckley

#2341

Name: Bernstein, Barbara

Correspondence: I am opposed to this plan. The environmental impact statement says that land, water, and wildlife of the park are being harmed by the cattle. Cattle ranching is a contributor to global warming; it should be phased out, not made permanent.

The "succession" provision in this draft management plan reverses the original plan to gradually phase out ranching, but instead turns the Point Reyes National Seashore area into a commercial ranch in perpetuity. It proposes adding additional farm animals- -impact unknown.

Please reject the plan. We have plenty of cows; we have very few Tule elk. The elk and the unspoiled land are what make Point Reyes a special place.

#2342

Name: Nadel, Nancy

Correspondence: I support alternative F.

#2343

Name: Tomlinson , Fauna

Correspondence: The devastation to our public park must stop. How can we allow a few families to profit from grazing their cattle for a small fee on our land? While killing native wildlife? It's absurd. Elk bring in millions of dollars in wildlife viewing along with providing an essential balance to the land. While cattle destroy & pollute the land bringing a handful profit. Time to think bigger- think about the 99.9 percent that want to enjoy the land free of cattle. Tule elk before one mans profit cow. Please do the right think and protect our land, let ek have precedence over cattle. Thank you! Keep it wild

#2344

Name: Benson, Sarah

Correspondence: As a native Californian (who returns as often as I can), I strongly object to any proposal in The Point Reyes Seashore Draft Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement other than Alternative F, which would end ranching within the park.

Resources should be allocated towards supporting and restoring wildlife populations and returning the land to a more natural state. Wildlife should absolutely not be killed for the benefit of commercial ranching operations. This is antithetical to the purpose of our National Parks.

While it makes sense to preserve and interpret historic buildings associated with ranching, I strongly object to actual continued ranching operations in the park.

Thank you,

Sarah Benson

#2345

Name: Zerwick, Susan

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the adoption of Point Reyes National Seashore Alternative B, as put forward in the General Management Plan Amendment, Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This plan is a huge loss for Tule elk and the many members of the public who come to see them and the natural landscape that they inhabit. Choose Alternative F, the option that truly protects the natural assets of the park.

I strongly question the contention of the Draft EIS that Under all alternatives, visitation levels are not expected to change compared to existing conditions. What kind of analysis was done to reach this conclusion? The report needs to address visitation differences resulting from increasing the Tule elk herd vs continuing ranching activities at Point Reyes. When I hike in the park with friends we do not choose trails that allow us to gaze on dairy cows or ranch barns. We search out areas of natural beauty and are thrilled when that includes sightings of Tule elk. We plan many of our hikes to Point Reyes for fall when we can hear the elk bugle. Bison at Yellowstone, moose at Grand Teton, bighorn sheep at Rocky Mountain, these are huge draws to the national parks. The Draft EIS fails to address this.

Alternative B increases the longevity of the ranch contracts by a breathtaking 4 times - 20 years now, instead of 5. In addition, Alternative B states that In the event an existing rancher decides to discontinue ranching, NPS would implement succession planning that is consistent with maintaining multi-generational ranching in the planning area. In other words, ranching will go on in perpetuity. This land is owned by the Federal Government (us), purchased from the ranchers in the 1960s for over \$57 million (more than \$380 million in 2019 dollars). Ranchers were permitted to stay a definite term of not more than twenty-five years, or, in lieu thereof, for a term ending at the death of the owner or the death of his or her spouse, whichever is later. Alternative B defies the original intent of the purchase of Pt Reyes lands. And this is on land where the ranchers pay half the grazing fees of ranchers

outside the park, and they pay no property taxes because it is land owned by the public, not the ranchers. The Draft EIS brushes aside the environmental costs of continued cattle ranching. Soil, water, vegetation - Although Alternative B would reduce impacts compared to existing conditions, Alternative F would eliminate all impacts on soils associated with ranching activities and impacts on water quality would be noticeable, long term, and beneficial. Cattle cause environmental damage. Anyone driving through the park can see for themselves acres of weed infested pasture, trampled dirt, cattle trails causing headward erosion up slopes, waterways eroded and polluted with manure. What we can't see, but know, is that cattle emit the vast majority of the park's greenhouse gases. The environmental consequences of cattle ranching are largely ignored in the Environmental Consequences section of the Draft EIS. Why expand allowable activities beyond what was actually done historically to include raising chickens, sheep, goats and pigs, boarding horses, and growing row crops? That is not historic preservation. If preserving the ranching history really is the goal, the Park Service could save one or two historic ranches and open them to the public with interpretive talks and signs. That is a win-win, preserving the history while avoiding the negative environmental consequences of ongoing operations. After all, the first oil well in Montana was drilled in 1904 in what is now Glacier National Park. It is hard to imagine oil drilling there for the sake of 'historic preservation'!

These ranchlands used to be coastal prairie - an ecosystem of native plants and wildlife that extended from Los Angeles to Oregon. After 200 years of development and ranching 90% of this coastal habitat is gone. We have a chance to restore this coastal habitat for future generations, with all of its native flora and fauna. Remember why the National Park Service was created in the first place "....to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please choose Alternative F.

#2346

Name: Redfield, Kari

Correspondence: Why do we continue to provide welfare to ranchers on our public lands? Reduce the cattle on our national park; stop killing elk.

#2347

Name: N/A, Rachel

Correspondence: Please cease all ranching in this area. Alternative F is the best one for the environment and visitors to the Park. The cattle ranching and dairy farms have caused immense damage to the land. The cattle grazing has altered and diminished the natural ecosystems of the park. Keep the buildings if they are historic, but cows themselves are not historic. The elk belong there, the cows do not.

#2348

Name: White, Louise

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

I've seen these beautiful deer and expect the National Park Service to preserve public lands, protecting wildlife and manage the beauty of the National Park not a domestic farm.

#2349

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Preserving wildlife and the land must be the number one priority here. Farming and ranching this land will negatively impact endangered species and mess up the land for future generations. Please adopt Alternative F, to discontinue farming/ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities for all.

Thank you.

#2350

Name: McMahon, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Please don't murder the elk!

#2351

Name: Affolter, Angie

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2352

Name: Richards, Scott

Correspondence: Are you kidding me?!? When will you stop allowing the slaughter? When there are no more elk left? Stop it already!

#2353

Name: Venitucci, Guido

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2354

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2355

Name: brower, kim

Correspondence: Please don't gun down innocent elk. They have feelings just like humans!

#2356

Name: Ruiz, Alejandra

Correspondence: I encourage you to adopt Alternative F regarding the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, as it's best to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species. Thank you for your time and consideration!

#2357

Name: Bradshaw , Barbara

Correspondence: Please save our elk, they are precious and need to survive.

#2358

Name: french, robert

Correspondence: Please create some grasslands for the Tule Elk.

#2359

Name: Petzko, Allison

Correspondence: Please save the elk!! They deserve our protection.

#2360

Name: Tarver, Evangeline

Correspondence: Apparently the private use of public lands makes it okay to eradicate species for private profit. Remember the parks belong to all citizens of the United States and those leasing the lands have no right to kill the elk because it lessens their profit margin.

#2361

Name: Rosinski, Katrin

Correspondence: Don't shoot down the Elk.

#2362

Name: Pendarvis, Richard

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2363

Name: Sarnacki, Al

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please rethink your position on this matter.

#2364

Name: Allen, Bruce
Correspondence: Stand up for elk.

#2365

Name: Kane, Kim
Correspondence: Stupid humans. The Elk were there first.

#2366

Name: N/A, N/A
Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk in the park. They need a place to live, too. Surely the ranchers and their cattle can share this place with the elk. Please do not kill the elk.

#2367

Name: Kamenitz, Laura
Correspondence: I oppose killing the elks

#2368

Name: Kretzer, Michelle
Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2369

Name: Anderson, Tracy
Correspondence: Please help elk and all animals! Thank you

#2370

Name: Gmeiner, Patti
Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2371

Name: tehranchi, Susan
Correspondence: Please consider adopting Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#2372

Name: LaPorte, Michele
Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. I STRONGLY oppose any plan that would permit elk to be

killed. They are where they are meant to be and have the right to live there. It would be severely wrong in every regard to murder them. I pray humanity takes precedent over profit.

#2373

Name: Sussman, Craig

Correspondence: Please do not allow ranching and farming needs ahead of the needs of beautiful wild Elk.

#2374

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2375

Name: Bailey, Dori

Correspondence: I totally disapprove of murdering elk. Why do you people feel that you need to do this? It's wrong by trying to lessen the number of a group of animals it's not your duty and it's not your choice. The universe takes care of the population of animals by having weak and sickly animals being killed by their predators there's no need for man to come in and shoot and kill. Stop it

#2376

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence:

There's room for every one. And, you inherit the suffering that your actions cause.

You're not immune to your karma.

#2377

Name: Lowrance, Herb

Correspondence: Jesus... leave these gentle creatures alone and let them live their way

#2378

Name: Barile, Virginia

Correspondence: Please don't allow the slaughter of these magnificent creatures....just because they might eat some of the grass that the greedy ranchers want for their cattle. I'm sure there's enough grass for everyone and no cattle will go hungry. Use a little common sense about this issue. There's no need to kill the elk and you all know it.

#2379

Name: Cochran, Deirdre

Correspondence: Elk are valuable and need somewhere to exist. Leave them where they are and don't kill them in favor of human ambition

#2380

Name: Gutierrez, Selina

Correspondence: Cattle is a huge burden on our planet with the largest carbon water and deforestation footprint. Help save our wildlife by giving the proper rights to the elk and push back on cattle grazing on government owned and protected lands. Well, lands that are supposed to be protected!

#2381

Name: abrashkin, diana

Correspondence: If the elk are there "naturally" - - i.e., NOT introduced; they should be protected!!!!!!

#2382

Name: Van Vorous, Heather

Correspondence: We need to be preserving our wildlife, not destroying it.

#2383

Name: Gershten MD, Mitchell

Correspondence: It's time we stop kowtowing to the cattle industry. Wildlife have a hard enough time as it is surviving and willfully extirpating wild elk to serve the ephemeral of an industry that can fatten its cows in other ways seems ridiculous and short-sighted. Find another way.

#2384

Name: Borno, P

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk. They can live in harmony with humankind. Please spare their lives.

#2385

Name: DAngelo, Jeffrey

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2386

Name: Knight, Bobbie

Correspondence: It is sad we need to write contesting government going against the majority of the public and even more that our agencies are carrying out destructive orders from an administration whose only mission is to further injure this planet and to make money for their donors. We can only hope for the elk living at all.

#2387

Name: Goetschius, Lascinda

Correspondence: Farmers need to learn that the Elks where there first and that the Farmers are invading their land with their cattle

#2388

Name: RENUCCI, dominique

Correspondence: Please leave elks alone. We don't need meat, let the elks graze in the national park. Let's stop the

killing of all native animals, such as wild horses. Men are not regulators of nature. They are destroyers of Nature. Again, we don't need meat. thanks Best

#2389

Name: Martin, Drew

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I don't support farming and grazing activities in our parks. Since the 25 year period is over these activities should be ended. I don't support killing the Elk in the park.

#2390

Name: Cox, Veronica

Correspondence: Could you please save the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California? Please.

#2391

Name: Malven, Tania

Correspondence: I AM SICK AND TIRED OF THE WAY RANCHERS SEEM TO THINK THEY OWN THEIR GRAZING ALLOTMENTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THOSE ALLOTMENTS ARE PUBLIC LAND THEY ARE PAYING A RIDICULOUSLY LOW GRAZING FEE FOR!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE TULE ELK COME WAY AHEAD OF DESTRUCTIVE CATTLE IN IMPORTANCE TO ME AND MOST WILDLIFE LOVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#2392

Name: Garvey , Marge

Correspondence: This property is to be for the benefit of the deer not the ranchers for their private use. They had it for 25 years now they need to give it back.

#2393

Name: Westler, Lin

Correspondence: Please do not carry out Alternative B:

- The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

- Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2394

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please support Option F in regards to Point Reyes. No only will this benefit wildlife, but also us humans in taking a turn to enjoy this beautiful area. Thank you.

#2395

Name: Maurino, Richard

Correspondence: this must be stopped! It would be a crime against nature!!!!!!!!!!!!

#2396

Name: Sowell, Kathie

Correspondence: Stop the slaughter of innocent animals, and evict freeloading ranchers.

#2397

Name: Egen, Rachel

Correspondence: I am writing to discourage the NPS from going through on the plan it is considering, to shoot a number of elk at Point Reyes, in service of ranchers and farmers who are using this as grazing land.

This land is a national park, and as such, it belongs to all citizens of America, not just the ranchers and farmers who have leased the land. The mission of the National Parks as conceived was to protect the country's natural resources - that is, environment and wildlife - not to be used for farming.

The most appropriate action would be to discontinue grazing altogether. However, if this is not immediately feasible, at the very least, ranchers must figure out a way for their herds to coexist with the elk.

The idea of shooting the elk, rather than getting rid of the cows, is obscene.

Please reconsider.

#2398

Name: Mollohan, Kent

Correspondence: If the weather predictors can revolt against the idiot putin-potus, you folks can too. Shoot the damned cattle and sheep and whatever else you've allowed to eat the grass instead of supporting our wildlife. Really, you sell yourselves out for a goddamned dollar instead of supporting our elk: what grunts you are. Maybe we should begin taking away the government's guns first instead of the murderous citizens we all talk about stopping, but don't. Get some guts to resist this administration of corruption and plutocratic officials.

#2399

Name: Arscott, Stacey

Correspondence: Leave the elk to live their lives

#2400

Name: Gunz, Betty

Correspondence: It is almost unbelievable that you would plan to kill the elk whose home the public lands are so you can let people graze cattle on them. This is abhorrent. Please choose Alternative F which would stop grazing on these lands and protect them for wildlife and people. That's the purpose for which they are owned by the people. Thank you.

#2401

Name: Lousch, Mitchell

Correspondence: That you would confer eliminating these elk shows you have no real concern for an as t is wild

and great. These elk were here first, they deserve our protection and respect. More so than the current government administration that clearly has no concern for wildlife or its habitat.

#2402

Name: Burgelin, Valerie

Correspondence: Please please please..... be responsible and protect wildlife and resources.... not the personal gain of ranchers and farmers. This is my fsmily's Heritage and you have no right to sell it off to someone..... and I vote and support organizations that do the right thing. Valerie Burgelin

#2403

Name: Gardner, Jacqueline

Correspondence: What is wrong with the Elk's eating, why can not they share with other animals ? If there was a profit in it for you then there would not a problem. Try not to be so selfish & nasty, they been there a lot longer then you so you are really on their land. Instead of thinking in dollor's why not listen to your heart and give them a break it will not kill you will it. They deserve to live just like you.

#2404

Name: Baier, Palmeta

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. I am completely against the killing of Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Please put an end to these misguided plans.

#2405

Name: N/A, Pat

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. The land belongs to the native species, not cattle grazing for greedy ranchers.

#2406

Name: Kenny, Bonnie

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Gazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2407

Name: gillono, mark

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

"The human appetite for animal flesh is a driving force behind virtually every major category of environmental damage now threatening the human future - deforestation, erosion, fresh water scarcity, air and water pollution, climate change, biodiversity loss, social injustice, the destabilization of communities and the spread of disease." - The World Watch Institute

#2408

Name: Fister, Lee

Correspondence: Stop this now let the animals live in the name of Jesus!!

#2409

Name: Ljung, Anne Elizabeth

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2410

Name: caballero, jackie

Correspondence: Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

#2411

Name: Powell, Justina

Correspondence: I urge NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2412

Name: Boyne, Jonathan

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Please do not kill the Point Reyes Tule Elk, and adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Our taxes pay for national parks for park use by visitors, and not to subsidize already wealthy ranchers.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Boyne

#2413

Name: Gordon, Laretta

Correspondence: Leave these beautiful animals alone!

#2414

Name: Willey, Hermine

Correspondence: Slaughtering Elk for the purpose of feed cattle must never be allowed. I am sick and tired of those in charge listening to people who have no respect or regard for our beautiful country or the wildlife who reside there for over hundreds of years.

#2415

Name: Huffman, Valerie

Correspondence: Please reconsider...there is no reason greed should outweigh what's right.

#2416

Name: atkinson, lisa

Correspondence: Dear Farmers and Ranchers - I am HORRIFIED that you may intend to kill off most of the elk Population in this area - a mere 150 that survive.

For 'God's' Sake - don't you have enough LAND!!!

These Animals were here long before you were - and after being "ANNIHILATED" by Hunters, were 're-introduced' as a native species - as they once were.

With so few animals left; do you really need to expand for more cattle or whatever else you MUUUSSTTTT farm.

Nothing but Greed and the joy of wiping out a beautiful, native animal -

BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF!! This is what is wrong with 'MAN-KIND' - and I do not apply that term to you!!

What a SICK thing to do in the name of GREEEEDDD!!

#2417

Name: Sobanski, Sandy

Correspondence: Save the elk!!!! The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2418

Name: Montapert, Anthony

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2419

Name: Enaco, Lynda

Correspondence: Please allow these beautiful creatures to remain in their natural habitat.

#2420

Name: Kruse, M.A.

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The Drakes Beach elk herd's population which includes a mere 124 animals as of 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, The Alternative B, allowing for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops, should be eliminated. Point Reyes National Seashore was established for the explicit consideration as a national park & wildlife that inhabit the park. The 25 year grazing agreement should be entirely terminated.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2421

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F for Point Reyes National Seashore. Do not kill the elk that belong there and are native. This is a park not a grazing area, meant for people to enjoy and the wild animals that belong there should stay.

#2422

Name: Sadowski, Diane

Correspondence: Please don't shoot the elk. The ranchers who lease the lands get a bargain as it is. They should share the area with the animals.

#2423

Name: heavyrunner, mia

Correspondence: The preservation of wild species should take precedence over farming!

#2424

Name: Brown, James

Correspondence: Prohibit the slaughter of the elk!

#2425

Name: Jahnig, Christine

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park at Point Reyes while expanding visitor opportunities. Many of us enjoy visiting the park and seeing the elk. They should be able to exist alongside other species and are important to the ecosystem.

#2426

Name: Hils, Sarah

Correspondence: Please do not harm these beautiful majestic animals.

#2427

Name: horton, karen

Correspondence: PROTECT TULE ELK NATIVE TO CALIFORNIA -

#2428

Name: Badillo, Eric

Correspondence: No a la matanza de alces

#2429

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am asking you not to okay the slaughtering of the elk. At a time when it is evident that cattle ranching is detrimental to the environment in numerous ways and the consumption of beef is killing Americans, please do not give up any more land for the cattle industry to decimate. (P.S. I grew up on a cattle ranch)

#2430

Name: Koch, Danielle

Correspondence: Please do not allow the elk to be killed. Preserve the native wild species.

#2431

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2432

Name: Manning, Mackenzie

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species!!

#2433

Name: Bedzyk, Catherine

Correspondence: Do NOT kill the elk! I am so tired of ranchers getting to graze, for free or tiny fees, on OUR lands! The elk belong there, not cows!

#2434

Name: Patton, Carol

Correspondence: As the National Park Service, I have always believed it was your job, your service to protect park

lands and the creatures who inhabit the land - - not to get rid of them because some ranchers and farmers and dairymen want even more space. Point Reyes is a beautiful place and part of that beauty is the Tule elk. They have every right to be there. How could any human summarily decide to kill them or cause them to be killed because of other people's greed. As a citizen of this country and California, I ask you to do the right thing and keep the Tule elk safe in that area. Please.

#2435

Name: Dollard, Nancy

Correspondence: Please ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F as the only HUMANE alternative! You must DIS-continue ALL CRUEL farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. With more and more individuals going vegetarian and vegan, ranching and animal farming is a DYING industry! I STRONGLY URGE the NPS that the PRESERVATION of NATIVE WILD species must take precedence over CRUEL/WASTEFUL farming and ranching activities. Animal OVER-grazing from farms and ranches NEGATIVELY affects ecosystems, causing: water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING and ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F and PROTECT OUR NATURAL LANDS AND ALL WILDLIFE IN IT!

#2436

Name: N/A, Ron

Correspondence: Please reconsider your plan that would permit the killing of tule elk while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

Surely there must be a way to accommodate both. Thank you.

#2437

Name: Enderle, Norm

Correspondence: Please protect these beautiful elk!

#2438

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Hello I am writing to ask that you please not allow people to go out and shoot elks! This is very cruel. Thank you.

#2439

Name: Martin, Melody

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone! They belong there! Cattle destroy the land and ecology of the area!

#2440

Name: Johnson, Robert

Correspondence: Preserving the wild elk wild like needs to take precedent over farming and domestic animals. Please do not kill these wild elk.

#2441

Name: Peper, Karen

Correspondence: This comment is in support of Alternative F- -the elimination of ranching and farming on park lands. Thank you.

#2442

Name: N, J

Correspondence: Looks like there's plenty of land for all the animals leave the Elk alone they're only trying to survive.

#2443

Name: Cottrell , David

Correspondence: Please reconsider any decision to gun down elk in our park reserves! Thank You!

#2444

Name: Watson, Karen

Correspondence: Please use Alternative F, discontinuing farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2445

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Don't kill animals. Save the elk. Don't kill animals. save the Elk.

#2446

Name: Felitsky, Carolyn

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F.

#2447

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Your ruining it so people have no reason to come to see the elk. You are loosing tourist dollars.

#2448

Name: Delastrada, Bob

Correspondence: It is with deep concern that I strongly urge rhat Alternative F is used to preserveand protect the elk that live in this area. If we keep killing off these beautiful creatures our world in general and specifically this area will be diminished. Their care is our responsibility and needs to be honored!

Thank you, Bob D.

#2449

Name: Fayant, John

Correspondence: This is ridiculous. The elk should have priority over a bunch of cows and crops. We citizens have paid to have a place for these animals Those farmers are probably paying two cents on the dollar to use this federal land. If they don't like the elk they can take their cows somewhere else. Every time a rancher whines they get their way. I hope you will say no to killing off these animals. In Missouri farmers and ranchers own their own lane and don't suck off the governments teat.

Thank you, John Fayant

#2450

Name: Ratliff, Cynthia

Correspondence: This disastrous plan of killing must be stopped we should be protecting not killing these magnificent animals. I beg you to have some compassion and treat these animals with the dignity and care they deserve .

#2451

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F and protect elk.

#2452

Name: Bramfeld, Anna

Correspondence: The elk belong in the park. Don't kill them. The

#2453

Name: Hepler, Deborah

Correspondence: God created this earth for all beings, not just human. It's a mortal sin to kill, their lives are just important to us as our lives are to us. These beautiful animals inhabited this earth before humans did, it belongs to them.

#2454

Name: Cavin, Ron

Correspondence: Keep the damn domestic cattle out of ALL national parks! The few dollars earned from grazing fees(if any fees are in fact imposed) are not worth the destruction of irreplaceable natural environment and native animals. God damn this American big he-man mind set! It's in my way, so kill it, right?

#2455

Name: Chapman, Pat

Correspondence: Please find a way to let all of them reside in the park. I am sure these animals can live together with no problem, it is humans causing all the trouble as usual!

#2456

Name: Rogers, Diane

Correspondence: The NPS was designed to protect the wild animals, not the ranchers. Please protect our heritage for our descendants.

#2457

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to fulfill your statutory duty as the National Park Service to protect tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, which is contrary to the Congressional charter and designation of these lands in the public trust.

The National Park Service should properly reject any plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities. These lands are designated for conservation including the species that inhabit this ecosystem.

Thank you in advance for abiding by the law and protecting the elk.

#2458

Name: Wright, Emily

Correspondence: We are all connected. Do not kill animals. All life is sacred.

#2459

Name: Musleve, Benita

Correspondence: these animals should be allowed to live freely and not killed.

#2460

Name: Volovnik, Leonid

Correspondence: I urge NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#2460

Name: Borghese, Susan

Correspondence: Elk were here first.

#2461

Name: Kulkarni MD, Nikhil

Correspondence: Please adopt alternate plan F to save the elk herd. Thank you.

#2462

Name: Eckert, Wendy

Correspondence: National Parks are for the public's edification. I urge you to adopt Alternative F, and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities for the benefit of all and not just the few private entities that profit from farming and ranching. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for your serious consideration of my comments.

#2463

Name: tippens, R

Correspondence: I cannot believe that you are caving to the agri. interests. Damn! You are wanting to KILL elk living at the Point Reyes National Seashore in California to make way for big farmers' cattle. I understand that the cattle barons do not even want to consider sharing those grasslands. Abhorrent. You are not doing your job to protect our public lands and those beings that inhabit them. For shame!

#2464

Name: Fowlkes, Lisa

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk. They have more right to be here than we do!

#2465

Name: Ghiglione, Thomas

Correspondence: Hello,

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you !

Thomas Ghiglione

#2466

Name: Fillmore, Jamie

Correspondence: Re:Point Reyes National Seashore:

As a concerned human being and citizen, I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I would like to remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#2467

Name: Pantelis, Veronica

Correspondence: This is the dumbest thing possible - can you please rethink your plan? There are other ways to fix what you seem to think is a problem.

#2468

Name: Andersen, Lea

Correspondence: Please don't kill any elk

#2469

Name: Droze, Shawn

Correspondence: Please save the Tale Elk. They deserve to be able to go about the land too. they were there first before the cattle and ranchers were.

#2470

Name: Bernhardt, Kalen

Correspondence: Please protect the Elk of point Reyes!!!

#2471

Name: Arnold, Denise
Correspondence: Why?

#2472

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: While residing in SF, I visited this park to enjoy it's wildlife and natural beauty,(it is beautiful) NOT to see it sold out to the highest bidder, overrun with cattle and the ecosystem and endangered species damaged and destroyed. How can you even think of considering harming the Seashore like this??? What are you all thinking???? Selling out the environment has got to stop, before it's too late. Seriously, just stop it.

#2473

Name: Wheeler, Norma

Correspondence: Is this just insane? National parks belong to the people at all its inhabitants including animals. Why can't they graze there? What gives you the right to do this? Please reconsider this brutality. Enough people already kill animals for no reason, don't let it the National Park agency contribute To the decimation of our wildlife. Thank you.

#2474

Name: Tyree, Ann

Correspondence: The United States government does not need to kill any elk. Plan F.

#2475

Name: Shaver, Glenda

Correspondence: It is far more important to preserve our elk than to provide more grassland for cattle grazing. We are engaged in a struggle preserve our earth as we know it. This means valuing our wild animals and cutting back on the cow industry/beef eating. So take the long view here, please!!

#2476

Name: Verbeuren, Dirk

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. In this era where our planet is more fragile than ever due to human activities, it's our duty to be sensitive and help restore it before it's too late.

#2477

Name: Phillips, Terry

Correspondence: What is wrong with you people ? What happened to moral turpitude ? Your responsibly is to manage not destroy . Try thinking out of the political box ...

#2478

Name: Boas, Katherine

Correspondence: The NPS must prioritize the elk living and grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore over the ranchers and farmers there. They were already killed off in this area before and we cannot put them at risk again.

#2479

Name: Vosti, Jessie

Correspondence: Tule elk were in Point Reyes long before cattle arrived.

National Park Service, you are considering killing an elk herd like no other. This herd is endemic to Point Reyes. You need to cut back on the number of cattle you allow to graze there, not the elk. Cattle ranchers seem to want not only the land they personally own PLUS out nation's public lands to which a rancher must apply for limited grazing rights. The elk come first!!! not the privately owned cattle.

#2480

Name: Rhoades, John

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Please do not kill them because the farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk.

#2481

Name: Lopena, Alfred

Correspondence: Leave those goddamned elk alone!!!

#2482

Name: Turner, Kelly

Correspondence: The Tule elk are an integral part of the California coast. Since when does the park service cave in to outside entities that pressure them to do things that are bad for the environment? Oh, I remember, since the most corrupt and treasonous administration this country ever was inflicted with took over. There are only a few herds of Tule elk left along the coast, mainly protected by the California State Parks. Are you going to prove yourselves to be less than the state park system. Your own studies show how eco-systems are negatively affected when humans start messing around with them. You should be ashamed of yourselves. I am also wondering what the various Tribes think of what you are doing.

#2483

Name: Ellis, Deborah

Correspondence: The agreement with the ranchers has expired long ago. The herd of elk is do small. Let them know the elk were wiped out once and shouldn't be killed off again. More people have cut way back on eating beef. The elk serve a purpose.

#2484

Name: Howes-Smyth, Linda

Correspondence: Perhaps the real cull should be people.

#2485

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the senseless, profit motivated destruction of Point Reyes Elk.

#2486

Name: Summer, Denise

Correspondence: Please choose alternative F in your future plans regarding the elk. I do not want the elk killed.

Instead farming should be discontinued in this area and visitor opportunities should be expanded. Please, do not harm the elk! Thank you

#2487

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: u.s. taxpayer dollars purchased the point reyes national seashore park as a native wild species preserve not to serve as a boondoggle to ranchers and farmers - adopt Alternative F as the management plan for this national park

#2488

Name: Porter, Linda

Correspondence: Please do not allow ranching or farming on these lands

#2489

Name: Feltnagle, Deborah

Correspondence: Please save these magnificent creatures. Protect them from the greed of others.

#2490

Name: Anderson, Andrea

Correspondence: There is NO reason to kill Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. We need to remember that they were here first and that we're intruding upon their home. There are plans that are far better in handling the population of elk than unnecessarily killing them. Our children deserve to see these animals in their natural environment.

#2491

Name: Lampson, John

Correspondence: This is a shockingly anti-wildlife plan, and killing these elk will do nothing to fix or reduce the environmental damage caused by cattle ranching...What is the Park Service thinking? Allowing expansion of commercial agricultural activities would inevitably lead to further conflicts with other native wildlife. After the elk shooting starts, get ready for ranchers to call for the slaughter of the park's bobcats, foxes and birds.

The above is a quote from Jeff Miller which reflects my feedback perfectly. I would strongly advocate the NPS to phase out all ranching activity on NPS lands with Alternative F.

Thanks.

#2492

Name: Quittner, Claudia

Correspondence: Please don't allow the Elk to be killed.

#2493

Name: Fleetwood, Patricia

Correspondence: Please protect the elk.

#2494

Name: Carol, Gloria

Correspondence: Please let the elk live. It is cruel to shoot them.

#2495

Name: Intilli, Sharon

Correspondence: It is time to stop the advancement of industrial agriculture and your plan to reduce the elk to expand agricultural activities is not only increasing the problem of environmental degradation in this country, it has become a moral issue.

KILLING AND LIMITING WILD LIFE IN THE NAME OF PROFITS MUST STOP. There must be a sea change in thought. There must be a change in behavior and it begins with YOU.

#2496

Name: Shurtleff, Tina

Correspondence: Most Americans want native species to be protected. Americans are tired of ranchers and special interests using our public lands and displacing wildlife. We do not need more cattle. We need native species protected.

#2497

Name: Salama, Karen

Correspondence: I grew up in the Bay Area and am familiar with Point Reyes and its natural beauty. Animals play a significant role in this beauty and no matter what species, has the right to live in peace on land that was always theirs. It is not in our right to control where the elk live nor IF they should live. We had no right killing them before or displacing them. Now more than ever, as we have the knowledge and know better, should we even consider anything other than letting these beautiful creatures roam freely and in peace. We must stop destroying what is natural to our region. Live and let live. Believe it or not, things find a way of surviving or not without the greedy intervention of the human kind.

#2498

Name: Talbott, Serena

Correspondence: PLEASE don't shoot the elk. Whatever your reason, it's a horrible idea!

#2499

Name: Goodyear, Maxine

Correspondence: This idea has NO merit. Why expand grazing on government land? Do not destroy these elk for no other reason than to enable ranchers to overgraze the existing (government as in public) land.

#2500

Name: scott, dawn

Correspondence: Do not kill the Elk please

#2501

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I was raised in Ruidoso, New Mexico, where my family still lives. Wildlife is cherished there and the the people of the community value and respect the native animals that reside there. As my mom would say

after deer would devour the flowers she would plant in our front yard, "Well, they were here first." Herds of elk also roam the mountains in and around my hometown.

I was shocked to read that tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore in California are going to be killed so that for profit cattle ranching can take place. This is unjust and I beg you to reconsider your plans. The Amazon forests are currently burning and cattle ranching is a large part of the reason why. The human species has thrown nature out of balance and must learn to decrease its unrealistic demands for beef. I value the safety and welfare of cattle, as well, but this problem in California was created by man and man is the one who should fix it. It is no fault of the elk.

Thank you,

Jill Bailey

#2502

Name: Mendelsohn, Michele

Correspondence: These beautiful creatures should be allowed to live and thrive in their own territory So many animals are becoming extinct due to man Why kill mor?

#2503

Name: Larson, Stacey

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. T

The preservation of native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2504

Name: R, Laura

Correspondence: This proposed action is appalling to me to kill one type of animal grazing to allow another animal to graze. Does ANYONE else see the ignorance in this proposal? Do not allow this to happen. Get along or find another area.

#2505

Name: Spater, Janeine

Correspondence: Do not kill the native elk!!!

#2506

Name: Parsons Jr, Charles

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please keep the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in mind and avoid any determinations that would have some or all of them killed.

#2507

Name: Massaro, Robert

Correspondence: Do not kill the Tule Elk to solve your problems. Since when is killing a success story an appropriate solution. Do the right thing- you know it is wrong to kill the elk. If you have grandchildren and they ask you- Granpa, Granma- are you killing the babies out there? Yes, little Jimmy or Mary- we have no choice. Wow, I bet that really would go over well. My goodness, when is America going to wake up and do what we know is correct. Has this country literally stepped back into 1870? I am amazed that I even have to write this e-letter. I didn't serve 25 years in the U.S. Navy for my fellow Americans to be cowards and desecrate what my fellow shipmates died to protect!

#2508

Name: Haguewood, James

Correspondence: The government should not allow a private for profit enterprise to replace wild animals. The farmers and ranchers can take their cattle and use their own land to raise and graze them. I'm sure they ranchers pay almost nothing to use the national park land. The money from tourism and those enjoying the wildlife is most likely much, much, more than they money from ranchers.

#2509

Name: Brenner, Jared

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2510

Name: Cashier, Gina

Correspondence: There are no do overs for gone FOREVER

#2511

Name: Columbus white, Laura

Correspondence: How about we protect the Elk and the earth and stop eating meat. How about we have respect for other living beings. I am totally disgusted at this administration's total lack of empathy for anything but your disgusting selves.

#2512

Name: Fighera, Linda

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you!

#2513

Name: Gussoni, Dee

Correspondence: Killing these elks is outrageous and totally unacceptable. I would expect a lot more protection of wildlife from the National Park Service than this cruel plan. Our wildlife is under assault in every direction. Please don't pile on to this destruction. These elk deserve protection.

#2514

Name: Karr, April

Correspondence: I think this is a horrible and extremely inhumane idea. natural wildlife and endangered species are much more important than farming and if these plans take place it will destroy the environment even further. we need the environment to live, it will end up harming the ecosystem which will kill wild animals, and not even just those animals, but everything will be out of balance when certain key species are destroyed. The only solution is for people to include more plant-based options in their lifestyle! This idea is no good. Please do not shoot these beautiful elk! They belong here, farms don't.

#2515

Name: Shattil, Patti

Correspondence: Stop killing our wild life animals. You dont need to play god we already have one.

#2516

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Excuse me! These are my elk! My parks! **BACK OFF THIEVES. AGRICULTURE MY ASS!** Corporate Ag! Totalitarian corporations.

#2517

Name: Skill, Jacqui

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.. the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Do the right thing

#2518

Name: Erlandson, Karen

Correspondence: Please **DO NOT SHOOT THE ELK**. This is their land. This is public land and ranchers need to remove their herds to private lands. It's ridiculous to think these wild animals should be killed so that ranchers can graze their livestock.

Please, please, please do not harm the elk!

#2519

Name: wentworth, katherine

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2520

Name: farley, barry

Correspondence: please leave these deer alone, because they have a right to roam freely just like we do. this country doesn't belong to the national park service, it belongs to the American people and the wildlife.. they were here before the national park service.

#2521

Name: Silcox, Chris

Correspondence: I would like to suggest that the NPS adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native species should absolutely take precedence over farming and ranching activities especially since it is well documented that grazing is detrimental to the environment.

#2522

Name: Shoor, Richard

Correspondence: The killing of any Tule Elk simply to appease farmers who lease public land for their cattle must not happen. These are not nuisance animals like rodents or the like.

#2523

Name: Love, Marsha

Correspondence: Killing animals for any reason other than self defense is disgusting.

#2524

Name: Vossen, Shelley

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F.

#2525

Name: Wichar, Den Mark

Correspondence: Protect the Tule Elk. Ranchers do NOT have absolute rights to public land.

#2526

Name: Meyers, Sue

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. And grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please don't kill these animals! We need to respect nature animals and to consider our environment! Thank you!

#2527

Name: Haromon, Lee

Correspondence: Killing elk to make more agricultural land is outrageous. We dont need more cattle. More Americans should adopt a plant based diet to reduce climate change.

#2528

Name: Jones, Cheryl

Correspondence: It is simply sad to kill these beautiful animals because you have to kill something. Point the gun at yourself and see how it feels. You are NOT a good human being for destroying life and probably you would kill a live human baby as well. May KARMA come back to your Family for bring so cruel.

#2529

Name: Dorfman, Penny

Correspondence: This is sickening!!! What is wrong with people!? Are they not happy until they kill off all the animals!!!!?? So wrong and so sad. Pkease do the right thing and stop killing innocent animals...please!!!

#2530

Name: King, Cassandra

Correspondence: Native Tule elk are the true historic occupants of the Point Reyes peninsula. The mission of national parks is to protect native plants and animals. Tule elk should be protected, not targeted. The real issue we should be addressing is the harms of animal agriculture. The Environmental Impact Statement says that the land, water, and wildlife of the national seashore are being harmed by the cattle. Cattle are the leading source of greenhouse gases at the Seashore. Methane, produced by cattle, is a greenhouse gas 25x-100x worse than carbon dioxide. There is no discussion of mitigation for cattle's impacts to the climate in any of the NPS's ranching alternatives.

#2531

Name: Johnson, Ginny

Correspondence: Please don't kill the elk !!!!

#2532

Name: Cameron, Jean

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone.

#2533

Name: Jones, Monica

Correspondence: This land does not belong to the ranchers. Tule Elk have been wiped out before. How can you justify killing them off? As a former resident of Marin County, I know that part of the beauty of Pt. Reyes is the wildlife - NOT cattle & sheep. Please be reasonable and DON'T kill the elk.

#2534

Name: Klein, Laura

Correspondence: Please do not allow these Tule Elk to be killed. The ranchers and farmers should not be able to activate a death sentence for these wild creatures, based on their desire to make more money. These elk belong on the cliffs and other areas of the Point Reyes National Seashore. It is a thrilling thing to see wild creatures surviving and thriving in public lands. Please do not take that away from the American people. It is something we should be proud of, not something we destroy. Consider carefully. You are responsible for the fate of our National Heritage. Thank you for your careful consideration of a precious part of our national identity. It is not all about money and what the ranchers and farmers want. It is about our planet and it's health and natural resources. Most sincerely,
Laura Klein

#2535

Name: Feldberg, Sharon

Correspondence: I'm not sorry that global warming has become irreversible. This planet of death and suffering driven by human greed and hate should expire. We will never evolve enough to understand or appreciate other species. Were the universe more just, these cattle ranchers and many others would suffer for the misery they inflict upon nature. Years of veganism out of compassion have been their own reward. It feels wonderful not to contribute to animal cruelty and it is difficult as so many things we use in life contain animal products

#2536

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2537

Name: K, M

Correspondence: Trump is bent on rolling all environmental protections including for wildlife. We can't afford to let this happen

#2538

Name: Taber, Aili

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2539

Name: Rupp, Nancy

Correspondence: Please do not expand rancher's territory at the expense of the lives of the elk. I'd prefer to have my tax dollars used to fund protection of wild, native species instead of cattle.

#2540

Name: Manabe, Terri

Correspondence: I'm am truly angered at the fact we are at the cross roads when it comes to what these Elk have called home all these years are being targeted to be killed. This over ranching for cattle grazing. These elk have as much right to graze on this National Park as does the cattle. But, to target the elk for killing because they graze in this same area is not an answer to the problem. These elk were killed off once before and slowly returned, and now people want to kill the elk for ongoing grazing rights. I believe this should be worked out instead of using the KILL to solve the problem. Personally I don't see what the problem really is. Why can't both graze on the mass of land? Why does it come down to killing elk, that have lived and called this place home for cattle to graze? Why does it have to be either or, why can't it be sharing. I'm sure if the elk had or knew of choices they don't want to be in an area where cattle are, but who was there first? The animals who are in the area and it's their home shouldn't be chased away or killed. There are not that many elk in both tribes as it is so killing them would put them at risk of extinction. AS it is with our climate crisis and all the devastation occurring on our planet, we should be looking for positive ways to deal with situations like this. Why are we always so quick to take the easy way out by killing everything that stands in the way of profit and greed? I hope a better decision can be made in this case. It's bothersome that these elk don't have a choice but to be killed.

#2541

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not cull the elk for ranchers/cattle's sake!! Leave these majestic beauties as they are, in their natural habitat. We will soon see a day where there are no native species left because of these very actions.

Grazing causes many negative affects to the ecosystem, such as water pollution, soil erosion & negatively impacts endangered species & introduces invasive harmful species & disease.

I urge you to adopt Alternative F and cease all farming & ranching opportunities and turn this into a refuge and safe-haven for wildlife.

Thank you.

#2542

Name: Sommers, Heather

Correspondence: Please do not kill these beautiful animals!

#2543

Name: Harrison, Jeane

Correspondence: I understand that because of a conflict with local cattle and two herds of tule elk grazing in the park, the National Park Service is considering solutions, including its preferred option to kill some of the elk and offer another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. Under the proposed leases, there would be a 26,000 acre allotment for grazing of 5,5000 cows. The Drakes Beach elk herd's population consist of only 124 animals, and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! This option also allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees might bring in other livestock, such as pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

The preservation of native wild species takes precedence over farming and ranching activities, and over grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2544

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. Making sure that native wild species endure is far more important than farming and ranching activities. The grazing taking place on these farms/ranches negatively impacts ecosystems -like water pollution, soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#2545

Name: Baker, Nelson

Correspondence: Get the farmers and ranchers off our public land and do not harm our elk.

#2546

Name: brewer, Pesky

Correspondence: An elk is a beautiul creature. No wonder America's leaders want to kill it

#2547

Name: Palmer, Barbara

Correspondence: No shooting the Elk!

#2548

Name: Kent, Diane

Correspondence: This land does not belong to the farmers and the ranches. Our government needs to stop prioritizing profits of individuals over wildlife. As an American citizen I want our Wild life to have priority on public lands.

#2549

Name: Hensel, The Rev Charles

Correspondence: Save the elk,they were there first

#2550

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I support Alternate F in the Pt Reyes Deer management. It boggles my mind how every National Refuge or parks for animals are, under the con-man Trump's administration, being usurped for businesses: oil/gas drilling, rancher/farmers take it without paying anything for the privilege. The Trump decisions are always against animals, common sense and anyone whose skin isn't white. It is sickening how fast otherwise normal people turn into Hitler's Nazis when given the opportunity. You MUST understand that with the roll-backs of regulations protecting air, water and environmental concerns it WILL BE YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS who will be gasping for air and a drink of clean water when there are none. How much money you have will not matter when we all suffocate due to Trump's environmental policies. So enjoy sucking up to this traitor, your compliance will come back to kill you.

#2551

Name: Thompson , Patricia

Correspondence: These precious animals should be protected. The hunters have too much control.

#2552

Name: McMahon, Diane

Correspondence: Indigenous species, such as the Tule Elk, should NOT be killed at taxpayer expense in deference to grazing cattle. Absolutely not.

#2553

Name: Nelson, Cathy

Correspondence: They were there first so the cattle needs to share the land.STOP killing other animals because the ranchers don't like them.

#2554

Name: Cook, Ruth

Correspondence: This is an urgent plea to save the endangered elk at Point Reyes National Seashore by adopting Alternative F and discontinue farming and ranching in this location. Our nation needs to embrace our native creatures and not attempt to rid our native lands of their existence. These lands belong to ALL of us and must be accessible to us all and not just a select few. Please respect the wishes of the the American people and return this land to us.

#2555

Name: Trimble, Bill

Correspondence: please, support the effort to save the elk from evil killers and do not let any one take them away!!!!

#2556

Name: Dunn, Gary

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F for management of the Point Reyes National Seashore. Alternatives that include agricultural diversification and grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. As a National Seashore the preservation of native wild species and visitor opportunities must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. The 25 year leases afforded in 1964 have long expired and should not be continually renewed for the benefit of a small number of farmers and ranchers as opposed to preserving this national resource. And speaking of small numbers 2 native elk herds numbering less than 300 members should not be managed in consideration of ranch operations. If they infringe on the thousands of cattle that are proposed over 26,000 acres something is seriously wrong with that proposal.

#2557

Name: Sarna, John

Correspondence: Please reverse this decision, as we owe it to our future generations.

#2558

Name: Marckesano , Ann

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service:

My family has visited the wonderfully preserved eco system of Point Reyes National Seashore several times. I was so upset to hear that the National Park Service is considering opening up this pristine gem to destructive farming and ranching practices, and most upsetting, limiting the tule elk population due to a grazing conflict! Leasing this land outside of the decision to ultimately preserve this eco system for the benefit of many visitors versus the monetary benefit of a few families is wrong. This land is the American citizens' right to enjoy, not to be used as a business venture by our government.

Thank you, Ann C. Marckesano

#2559

Name: Dutton, Monica

Correspondence: To Whom This May Concern:

I was just made aware of the issues that had arisen with Point Reyes National Seashore in California. I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. With the increased destruction of lands worldwide this year alone, we must do all we can to protect the natural resources we still have.

I thank you in advance for doing what is right and not what may be easy.

Sincerely,

Monica Dutton

#2560

Name: Livsey, Sandy

Correspondence: Please discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2561

Name: Vauter, Karl

Correspondence: Stop this wildlife sanctuary destruction

#2562

Name: Ackley, Sally

Correspondence: Please save these beautiful creatures

#2563

Name: Bush, Jackie

Correspondence: Save the elk!

#2564

Name: Krantz, Barbara

Correspondence: If the cattle ranchers get their way, all wild animals who eat grass near to their cattle will be killed because of interference with their profits. This is wrong on so many levels. Live and let live. The elk have just as much of a right to live on the land as do other animals. Will we destroy biodiversity just because of money to be made? This is exactly the same issue that is happening in Brazil. Nature and biodiversity are being destroyed for the sake of hamburgers. The elk should be protected.

#2565

Name: Schwer, Deborah

Correspondence: Please protect these elk

#2566

Name: Wilson, Kathy

Correspondence: Elk should be supported in their natural habitat.

#2567

Name: Ishii-Kiefer, Takako

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species

#2568

Name: Hirshberger, John

Correspondence: I utterly oppose Option B, involving the killing of elk on Point Reyes National Seashore, and urge you to choose Option F. Thank you!

#2569

Name: Swanson, Jeanette

Correspondence: Please stop killing everything! My god that's all you people want to do is just kill! Just leave the animals alone and let them be. If you're that bored, go to a shooting range and shoot at a target. Everything has a purpose on this earth, and the only ones that continue to destroy everything or humans. Just let things be. Let animals live their lives just like you get to live yours. You're encroaching on their territory not the other way around. Shame on you. Leave them alone! Do not hurt these animals! Enough is enough! Wake the hell up and stop killing!

#2570

Name: Waldron, Carla

Correspondence: I am urging you to adopt Alternative F to protect the elk at Point Reyes. Our parks should prioritize wildlife and the natural environment, not ranching, farming and other activities.

#2571

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not kill Elk, they deserve to live and experience this world just like you. Don't forget they suffer too. Inflicting pain on them is inflicting pain in this world. Do the right thing.

#2572

Name: Council, Nina

Correspondence: Point Reyes has been part of life as a child visiting the area, and later visiting my relatives who lived there for many years. I know Drakes Bay, and Tamalais Bay, and my feelings are that the land belongs to the wildlife specifically the ELK. They were there much earlier than any farmer, and it is the farmers who must accept their existence as our precious wildlife.

The Amazon forests were deliberately set on fire so that private companies could raise cows (which cause greenhouse gasses), plus soy and corn. Climate change must be considered, the more cows that are raised the more greenhouse gasses are being created. At this time we humans must move forward in saving all of wildlife, that is the wildlife that is left which has not been destroyed by humans. We humans are destroying nature's balances, and this destruction must stop. No, absolutely no killing of the elk can be allowed, it is their home, and their lives are very important to maintain nature's balances.

#2573

Name: Pierucki, Gatha

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F.

#2574

Name: Wettersten, Jill

Correspondence: Please keep our parks safe for wildlife as well as for humans. Our parks are their home as well as yours! Thanks.

#2575

Name: Doolittle, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone

#2576

Name: Cammisa-Parks, Helen

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California!! They are part of what makes Point Reyes special and unique.

#2577

Name: Dalton, Lori

Correspondence: Please save the Elk!

#2578

Name: Rose, Pat

Correspondence: Elk should be protected

#2579

Name: Watkins, Kathryn

Correspondence: The conflict between the two herds of tule elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore in California has come to my attention. The National Park Service should not use Alternative B which is to kill off some of the elk and offer another 20 yr lease to ranch & farm families. These ranch & farm families would be allotted over 26,000 acres and could have 5,500 cows. The 2 herds of elk would get a mere 120 elk for 1 herd & the other would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," - in other words, there is no limit to the number of elk that could be killed. In addition, the farms/ranches could also bring in sheep, pigs & plant more crops. This is unacceptable! Once again, the laws would favor the farmers & ranchers making the existing wildlife suffer. Please do the right thing & stand up in favor of the elk and let them exist in the wild as they should without human intervention.

#2580

Name: Wilhelm, Lisa

Correspondence: I am asking you to choose Alternative F rather than Alternative B as a solution to the Point Reyes National Seashore "conflict" between the tule elk that live on this land and people who want to use the land to continue cattle grazing. With so few elks still remaining in the herds that inhabit this area, it's unconscionable to kill ANY of them. Plus, grazing has multiple adverse effects on the environment.

#2581

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Has the National Park Service forgotten it's prime directive? It is my understanding that the National Park Service's mission is to "conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and wildlife therein, and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Allowing elk, or any other wildlife, at Point Reyes National Seashore in California to be killed in order to facilitate the expansion of private agricultural activities (at the behest of farmers and ranchers) is a violation of the NSP's declared mission.

The National Park Service should redirect their attention to conservation of our country's dwindling natural public lands and the wildlife contained therein.

#2582

Name: Field, Jade

Correspondence: Please stop killing animals

#2583

Name: Sawyer, Caryl

Correspondence: We are really tired of financing the cattle industry! It's time for some integrity in our federal agencies, stop kissing the backsides of rich ranchers.

Granted, you're probably benefiting from your actions. Try to have some integrity.

#2584

Name: LeBaron, Patricia

Correspondence: These are beautiful and special and take they tried people. Would have no chance against hunters and no idea the rules have changed. Wouldn't, the long before they would all be shot of ran away and a special but of nature lost.

#2585

Name: Wade, Carolyn

Correspondence: Killing the elk who have lived for many years would be wrong. Please don't kill them! We all should be vegan as it would save wildlife and the land.

#2586

Name: Blackwell, Thomas

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do the right thing for my children and grandchildren.

#2587

Name: Stanek, Marsha

Correspondence: Please discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2588

Name: Turner, Joan

Correspondence: Please leave in peace to prosper naturally without forced aggression and killing.

#2589

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Tule elk do not to be murdered to benefit ranchers.

#2590

Name: Marckesano , Ann

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I submitted an earlier comment today, but forgot to tell you that I want you to adopt Alternative F in respect to Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you, Ann C. Marckesano

#2591

Name: Zuckerman, Arlene

Correspondence: Please help save all wildlife & stop the killing. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Save these elks (also all deers, wolves & birds). Also save all endangered species from the brink of extinction. Thank you.

#2592

Name: DOW, ROXANE

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please adopt Alternative F, and do not start killing off the elk!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Roxane Dow

#2593

Name: Bowen, Diana

Correspondence: Hello,

I am asking the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities; remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you, Diana Bowen ****

#2594

Name: Przybycien, Ron

Correspondence: I am writing in response to the consideration of Alternative B, which involves killing some of the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Please consider adopting Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2595

Name: Lee, Stephanie

Correspondence: Aloha,

As a concerned citizen, I would like to encourage you to adopt Alternative F, to discontinue ranching and farming opportunities in the park - and to expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching. The grazing pattern incurred by farming and ranching activities negatively contribute to the erosion of land and of ecosystems.

Thank you for your consideration

#2596

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: HANDS OFF THE ELK; SCREW THE CATTLE FARMERS

#2597

Name: MacDonnell, Jo Ann

Correspondence: Leave our beautiful wildlife alone to live in peace. Stop the destruction and slaughter of innocents.

#2598

Name: Ward, Eleanor

Correspondence: I agree that this small, endangered species must be protected together with their habitat. We know how so many wild animals and their habitat are being threatened. we need both to preserve our environment. Furthermore, it always amazes me that people that call themselves Christian always seem to ignore Christian teachings when it's convenient for them. This is one reason why I don't go to church. Christianity teaches 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you'. I don't remember anything that says it's ok to harm animals or the environment. So...put on your adult pants and do the right thing.

#2599

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: To the National Parks Management Officials,

I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F which will discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. It has been found in other such circumstances that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

In addition to environmental degradation, the American people also lose a pristine part of the national heritage. The opportunity to expand tourism has been proven to bring far more financial benefits than the leasing out (and related damage) of public lands for ranching and farming. Please reconsider and place the benefit to the environment and its worth to the vast majority of American citizens over the use by the few. If ranchers and farmers are not making the profits and sales that they need, then that should be addressed in ways that do not place our public lands at risk.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

#2600

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: YOU ARE NOT THE CREATOR OF ALL THAT IS!!! Where do you get off acting like you are?!?!?! This is beyond ridiculous!!! Every animal on this planet has the same right to be here as you and me!!! And humans do NOT have any right whatsoever to use, abuse, in any way exploit, torture, or destroy any other species, regardless of how we have been programmed!!! Are you going to murder every other species that gets in the way of your grazing cattle??? Why can't you learn to peacefully coexist with the rest of nature??? That's why the BLM has their extermination plan for the wild horses. There are hardly any wild horses left, thanks to that plan. What there is an overabundance of is cattle, tearing up the environment they live in, polluting the water. No other species I know of does that.

According to at least one so-called "holy" book, humans were given DOMINION over other species, NOT DOMINATION!!! They are two entirely different things. Dominion means caring for the welfare of others, nurturing them, loving them. Domination is what humans are currently doing to every other species on the planet. We are failing miserably at the job we were given. We each have our own Karma to be accountable for. What Karma are you accumulating? You WILL be held responsible for your actions while you are here. It's time to change our species' programming to that of mercy and compassion for ALL other life forms on the planet. The Life force in them is the same as the Life Force in you and me. We are all connected. What we do to them, we do to ourselves!!! Will we learn this before it's too late?? Leave the wildlife alone to live their lives in peace!!! Put yourselves in their place.

#2601

Name: Doyle, Kevin

Correspondence: Please protect the resources of the park. Allowing ranching and farming to control park policy is against the mission of the National Park Service. There are other alternatives to the solution being proposed. Please consider all options to allowing continued access to cattle while controlling native species. Thank you for considering my comments.

#2602

Name: Luck, Diane

Correspondence: Please do not gun down the elk in this park. It is so cruel and unnecessary. What a shame to California to do such a horrible thing.

#2603

Name: Colling, Candace

Correspondence: It is supposed to be a property to support wildlife.

This is no different than what is going on in the amazon.

There is a few elk and you want to kill them so you can farm more cattle.

Thousands of cattle and you want to cull the few hundred elk who currently reside there.

As usual only money matters. I think it is absolutely horrible. You should be ashamed for even considering proposal B.

Proposal B is disgusting and backward thinking.

Shame on you if you chose Proposal B.

Also why repopulate the elk and then slaughter them. Seriously what was the point.

It also makes you look dishonest, as if you are receiving money from the farmers and are being paid off.

People are watching, you are supposed to be protecting the elk.

Please do the right thing.

It's so sad in this day and age that we are still behaving in this greedy thoughtless manner.

Please don't kill these helpless animals for profit.

The world is watching.

#2604

Name: Gonsorek, Timothy

Correspondence: Please save the Elk. We need them.

#2605

Name: Ayres, Christine

Correspondence: We don't need these fucking ranchers or their corporate operations. They're nothing more than whiny cunts in cowboy hats playing dress-up. The elk are better in every way.

#2606

Name: Kleinschmidt, Katie

Correspondence: I am writing you today to urge you to consider an alternative to allowing further ranching and farming in Point Reyes National Seashore Park. This land would be much better fit for native species to live and use as its habitat. Please adopt Alternative F in order to provide protection for the elk and other animals in the park. There is so much devastation, ecologically, from over farming and grazing practices and this land would benefit much greater if it was not stripped of its natural purpose for over-farming another portion of land. Please, consider healthier and more compassionate options for the native animals that call this land home. I appreciate your time in this matter.

Thank you, Katie Kleinschmidt

#2607

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am hereby voicing my concerns for the elk herd at Point Reyes National Shore. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species is important; they should be protected, not discarded for farming and ranching activities.

Prioritize the protection of wildlife and their habitat!

Thank you.

#2608

Name: Gwynn, Maureen

Correspondence: Public lands. These same ranchers are the likely the same people that complain about government "hand outs" and entitlements. Maybe they should be treated like children who don't know how to share and loose all their privileges.

#2609

Name: David, Betty

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do not kill the elk or offer 20 year leases for ranching or farming!

#2610

Name: Vidal, Anna

Correspondence: Please keep them safe

#2611

Name: baron, sharon

Correspondence: this is land that can be shared....

#2612

Name: Kotowski , Elisabeth

Correspondence: These elk are not expendable, they have a right to exist. They've had that right as indigenous wildlife long before cattle ranchers moved in. They belong to all Americans! Why should ranchers have more to say as they try to grab land that belongs to all our people. This is cruel and inhumane. You hold these lives in your hand, they are valuable to our nation.

#2613

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It is cruel to kill/cull animals just to clear the land for agriculture and cattle ranching.

#2614

Name: Harbison, Cherri

Correspondence: help save elk

#2615

Name: Flanner, Kevin

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Don't sell your souls.

#2616

Name: Stark, John

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Killing off the wildlife to promote private business in a National Park is unacceptable . Cattle belong on a feedlot NOT on public land . The money received from these leases does not begin to cover the environmental damage done to the area. Help protect the few remaining wild animals in these areas.

#2617

Name: Hoffman, Kim

Correspondence: Because I care

#2618

Name: lopez, maria

Correspondence: save elks

#2619

Name: Jarocki, Gail

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service

I have lived in the Bay Area for 50 years and one of the greatest joys, the greatest upliftment, is our National Parks, National Sea Shore - we live surrounded by nature and it gives us a different perspective on life.

PLEASE do not consider crowding out Tule Elk and putting them under gunsights - this is a horrible departure from the California I know and love.

The Tule Elk already have a relatively small habitat - how could you consider giving it over to farmers and cattle breeders.

Please consider what you are doing to the future - you will change this iconic habitat forever. I travel through Pt. Reyes often and depending on the time of year have enjoyed seeing the Elk Bulls fighting for their ladies or seen the ladies with their fawns.

Sincerely

Gail Jarocki

#2620

Name: Shaw, Sue

Correspondence: How is killing the elk so that farmers can expand their cattle any different from Brazil burning down the Amazon forest so that they can industrialize that land? This is an outrageous proposition. Please Please Please DO NOT KILL these elk. The land has more than enough cattle already. Beef consumption and sales are down. Animal skin sales are down! (I am so thankful for this!) The Elk have more right to that land than farmers. LET THEM LIVE!

#2621

Name: engle-lewis, kayla

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes National Park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2622

Name: Carton , N/A

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Elk!

#2623

Name: Lindberg, Robert

Correspondence: Please remember that the obligation here is to the preservation of the national wildlife and not to catering to special interests. I frankly am sick and tired of the preferential treatment being extended to ranchers who have so little regard for the lives of the elk and other wildlife. Please don't cave to them.

#2624

Name: Rockwell, Stacy

Correspondence: The murdering of these animals is so unnecessary. There is a lot of land, enough to share where they don't have to be killed. Please don't do it, it is cruel and inhumane. Thank you

#2625

Name: Miske, Lisa

Correspondence: PLS PROTECT THE ELK!

#2626

Name: Doyle, Lisa

Correspondence: Please don't give in to corporate ranchers' money and kill the elk. Why do we always resort to killing?

#2627

Name: Reyes, Nimia

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. In addition, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2628

Name: NayfachGutierrez, Karen

Correspondence: These lands should remain for the Tule Elk. If farmers and ranchers wish to use the land, then they share it with the native residents. Nature should rule, not man.

#2629

Name: Engle, Cindy

Correspondence: Please do not wipe out our wild life animals in national parks. Thank you

#2630

Name: Michael, Diane

Correspondence: There has to be a better solution then to have the elk killed. This is NOT a good solution!! Please rethink it!

#2631

Name: Simo, Hanny

Correspondence: Please live in harmony with the elk, they were there first!

#2632

Name: Banditelli, Debbie

Correspondence: Please protect the beautiful elks and don't shoot them. They are on this earth for the same reasons we are..they have their lives and we have ours. Animals don't want to be shot or used for food. They are not our food, we are to eat what grows on the land and take care of the animals. Please take care of those precious elks. Don't hurt or shoot them.

#2633

Name: Kane, Jolyne

Correspondence: Ditch Mitch & Dump Trump and save our democracy and the planet. We need to END ALL CORRUPTION and get our country back on it's International feet. Please consider our natural wildlife and stop the polluting meat ranchers from damaging the environment.

#2634

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

#2635

Name: Felix, Cathy

Correspondence: I urge you to protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

#2636

Name: Conrad, Paul

Correspondence: There is enough land for all of the animals involved to live together and share resources.

#2637

Name: Young, Sherry

Correspondence: OF ALL THE ANIMALS "MAN" IS THE ONLY ONE THAT IS "CRUEL" - HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT INFLECTS PAIN FOR THE PLEASURE OF DOING IT!!!!... A ONCE BEAUTIFUL CALIFORNIA HAS BECOME SUCH A SAD - UGLY STATE ... HELP YOUR HOMELESS PEOPLE AND LEAVE THE INNOCENT TULE ELK ALONE!!!!

#2638

Name: Shutay, Jeanette

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I strongly encourage you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Respectfully,

Jeanette Shutay

#2639

Name: Johnson, Alicia

Correspondence: Please reconsider removing Elk from the area and imposing limitations on herd size for the sake of cattle grazing land. Cattle ranching is consistently proven to be environmentally costly and is not a fair trade for resources. Cattle operations are also frequent in their abuses to animals in treatment and living conditions.

#2640

Name: Giardina, Maryrose

Correspondence: What makes cows - who disturb the land and the forage - pigs who disturb the land and- raised in the way of big Agriculture pollute the soil and the water - more important than native species. This seems to be another example of the government colluding with land owners to give big money to the farmers/ranchers and allowing them to use unsafe and polluting methods through leasing back land - probably at very low rents. See Delmarva peninsula, see hog farms in the Carolinas, See logging on Federal Land. Americans do not realise what goes on with these leaseback arrangements. American taxpayers are being hosed .

#2641

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching

activities. Grazing of cattle negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2642

Name: Klamar, Pat

Correspondence: I believe the ranching operations have been allowed for WAY TO LONG as it is. Planting row crops and allowing pigs and any other farmed animals is ludicrous. Why do the wishes of ranchers take precedence over what is good for the land and the indigenous species that live there? If it was up to the ranchers the remaining elk would meet with an "unfortunate accident" in a short amount of time. Private enterprise has no place on public lands. Nor should the fate of the species protected there to be controlled by those individuals. The very idea is absolutely ludicrous.

#2643

Name: Baker-Lauderdale, Mary

Correspondence: I think it's about time the Park Service and anyone else that favors farmers and ranchers over wildlife better wake up. The killing of wild animals must stop. The ranchers etc. have gone over board grazing their animals anywhere they want. They kill off the wild horses and now the Tule Elk. The American people are sick of ranchers pocket books coming before our wild animals!The ranchers do not need the lease renewed. Cattle , sheep and pigs are bad for the environment; cows give off a lot of methane gas causing loss of our ozone layer. Pigs and sheep like cattle graze all the way to the ground not giving the grass a chance to grow back quickly. I go to a park I don't want to see cows etc. I want to see wildlife. To prove how greedy they are just think about that they do not want to share the land with the Elk. Please do not renew any lease to farmers or ranchers. Let's keep something for the Wild animals. Thank You

#2644

Name: N/A, Debbie

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing can negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harm endangered species.

#2645

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: RE Point Reyes National Seashore in California: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#2646

Name: Strickling, Christine

Correspondence: The parks were not meant for farmers and ranchers to profit from. Please let the park remain as a habitat for the wild animals. Please don't allow the elks to be hunted at this park. Thank you.

#2647

Name: Baloyra, Enrique

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2648

Name: Bourassa, Veronica

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

In addition, that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

There must be solutions that do not harm the elk and other native animals.

#2649

Name: Carpenter, Gary

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Please allow them to stay on the grassland. Thank you for your consideration.

#2650

Name: Reprince, Beth

Correspondence: this is a life and all life deserves a place to live in their natural surrounding undisturbed by human life.

#2651

Name: Reyes, Joan

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Let me remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

#2652

Name: bennett, rita

Correspondence: please protect these animals

#2653

Name: Workman, Ray

Correspondence: NPS, you need to decide - - - will you operate a park for the good of the public and the wildlife that live there or will you become shills for the ranching and farming businesses that are largely motivated by greedy self interest. Which side will you come down on?

#2654

Name: Evans, J.L.

Correspondence: As to the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, the preservation of native wild species must

take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. These elk were re-introduced for a reason-because they had been killed off-now you want to kill them off again? We are having a climate crisis in the world right now and you want to contribute to it so you can satisfy ranchers? REALLY?

#2655

Name: M, Frances

Correspondence: Elk should be protected. All animals should be.

#2656

Name: Meador, Patricia

Correspondence: Our government paid millions of dollars to give a place for these elk. I plead with you to NOT allow the killing of these animals. There is plenty of room for their herds to graze without kill off the elk. THat is cruel. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. It seems cruel and unusual punishment to these Elk and it would do damage to the ecosystems as well.

#2657

Name: Forsht, Lynn

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore Are in Danger. I urge you to adopt the Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Farming would only benefit a few people, more visitors would be good for California. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2658

Name: Carpenter, Carol

Correspondence: The elk are more important financially then the greedy farmers and ranchers who want to expand their use of the land by slaughtering these magnificent animals.

People will pay to see elk. They will not pay to see cows.

Since greed is the only thing that seems to motivate you, think about the money you can make from living elk not their poor dead bloody bodies.

#2659

Name: Josephy, Jennifer

Correspondence: The Parks Service should be protecting the wildlife for which they are responsible and not the commercial interests of cattle ranchers. I implore you not to shoot the elk at Point Reyes. This administration betrays their duty to safeguard national parks, animals, plants, water, and the air daily. What will be left for future generations?

#2660

Name: M, Amy

Correspondence: Elk should be protected. They are God's creatures.

#2661

Name: Heath, Elizabeth

Correspondence: As a citizen and taxpayer of the United States, public lands are for my benefit also. I prefer that the elk herds remain at the Point Reyes Park and the ranchers can adjust. The interest of the farmers and ranchers should not be more important than my interest.

#2662

Name: renard, Jeanine

Correspondence: Please don't allow the killing of elks

#2663

Name: Stockman, Erin

Correspondence: Please, do not kill the elk of Point Reyes. Let them live.

#2664

Name: Walkowe, Renee

Correspondence: Please protect the elk!

#2665

Name: Chinigo, Brittany

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Razing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

#2666

Name: Boye, Deborah

Correspondence: There are so few elk that are under question here. We must start making choices to preserve the natural wild diversity of Earth, and this should weigh in heavily in considering supplanting that with ranching and agriculture. Grazing 5500 cows is large environmental impact, which negatively affects ecosystems. Besides, people are healthier and live more quality and longer lives with much less or no meat and dairy.

#2667

Name: Clark, Su

Correspondence: You must allow the wild elk to live in peace.

Having had a strong experience with elk, I understand what beautiful and important creatures these are - certainly more essential than cattle.

As an environmental health scientist, I beg you to let the wildlife be. Wild animals are the backbone, the foundation of Life on Earth.

Thank you.

#2668

Name: Thornburg, Theresa

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing by farm animals negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2669

Name: Lemonik, B. R.

Correspondence: Protect the tule elk, do not destroy them. You are the national park service, not the farmers and ranchers service. Our lands are for the animals and the people, not for businesses and or people whomfeeo they deserve tomuse our federal lands for their owmn profit. Protect these previoys lives. Theybdo notbtry tomkill you!

#2670

Name: Setterberg, Mark

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. They are valuable to the guests of the park.

#2671

Name: Vanderford , Debra

Correspondence: Please don't kill the Elk. They have a right to be there. God told us to be care takers of his creation, not to eliminate them. Please reconsider. Debra Vanderford

#2672

Name: Elias, Marlen

Correspondence: Please there are ways to handle this! You are supposed to protect not destroy!

#2673

Name: Syvoravong , Sunny

Correspondence: Please preserve our nature. Do not kill the elk. They are so beautiful and peaceful if left alone

#2674

Name: Kennedy, Nancy

Correspondence: This is concerning the Tule elk herd that is at Point Reyes National Park. There are very few places with such a special area for the Tule elk. Please preserve their habitat and decide to keep the herds intact.

Thank you,

Nancy

#2675

Name: Fasihi, Jean

Correspondence: enough land already goes to cattle.. we dont want the wildlife destroyed so cattle can graze, this is a huge shame, stop it already.. the world is going vegan, we dont need the beef and dairy anymore, give up.. and let the world heal.. stop this murder

#2676

Name: Berchert, James

Correspondence: Please do not cull this herd.

#2677

Name: Cowen, Anna

Correspondence: People who don't want to share are selfish bastards. Please don't be a bastard. Thank you.

#2678

Name: Ceaser, Rosemarie

Correspondence: I urge you to reconsider killing off any elk. We need fewer cattle, not fewer wildlife. Since the current administration is ruining all recreational public land, open it up for more tourism. Our wildlife is in danger of extinction, as it is. And coping with the climate changes will put them in a more precarious position.

#2679

Name: Bramlette, Jenny

Correspondence: Wild horses, wolves, now elk. Quit killing wildlife at the behest of farmers and ranchers! Please do not go forward with this ill-thought-out plan.

#2680

Name: Headrick, Jacklyn

Correspondence: PLEASE PRESERVE our PRECIOUS WILDLIFE!!!

#2681

Name: A, M

Correspondence: Hi,

Please do not kill any elk. Please reduce livestock breeding and restrict the acreage accessed by ranchers to accommodate the elk. Please use humane fertility control methods with elk if herds grow past 200 per herd. The park should primarily be a park, not farmland or ranch land. As a nation we need to have our priorities in order. Preserving wildlife in its untouched natural habitat is the first priority here. This park is a great tourist attraction as well, although, again, that should not be first priority, the preservation of species and habitat should be. Thank you!

#2682

Name: Schneider, Danielle

Correspondence: These same farmers and ranchers are having the resident wolves killed, too. The very predators that keep the elk population in check! Having elk available to wolves lessens the, actually small, possibility of cattle taken when no other prey is available. Evidently, they would like all wildlife wiped out for their benefit. No wolves, no elk. What's next? And all so that cattle can have more range to chew and trample into oblivion. I have nothing against cattle- just the people who exploit them. The stupidity, greed, and nerve of these people is stunning. They are already using government, (our) lands at minimal cost; and now that want more. Enough is enough. Do not permit a small number of profiteers to destroy the wildlife that belongs to all of us. Just let nature create its own balance.

#2683

Name: Kotch, Brant

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which will discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2684

Name: Alexander, Jo

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you not to kill tule elk at Point Reyes in order to support cattle grazing. This is a national park. The elk are a more valuable part of the park than cattle.

#2685

Name: Archer, Thomas

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is a national park. It therefore makes sense that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

I do not agree with any suggestions that involve killing the elk to allow farming or ranching in the park to continue. I would like to see all farming and ranching operations in the Park discontinued because grazing negatively affects ecosystems by causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F. That is, discontinue farming and ranching activities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2686

Name: Borchardt , Peggy

Correspondence: The proposal of killing the tule elk population is disturbing. This is public owned land, a reserve of grassland that has not been decimated by manmade pollutants, ranchers are provided leases to allow their cattle graze at up to 5000 head per lease. There's less than 400 elk on all this land. It doesn't make sense that this should be a problem. Also, the idea of turning any of this land into tillable acreage is deplorable. You allow farmers to come in and till up the land then the machines come, the disruption to wildlife comes, then the chemicals come and poison the land and the crops grown. Currently we do not even have enough migrant workers to support the crops we do have nation wide. Crops are being destroyed because there's no one to harvest them. Please be considerate of what little natural lands we still have and be the guardian not the destroyer.

#2687

Name: Sandoval , Esmeralda

Correspondence: Please protect and care for all the animal

#2688

Name: Davis, Heidi

Correspondence: Please cancel the killing of the Tule Elk . The national parks are supposed to be for the citizens of the USA , to enjoy the animals and land . They are also supposed to be safe havens for our wildlife

#2689

Name: Price, Joanna

Correspondence: Dear Sirs:

I am writing about elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. This park was purchased by the US government. The farmers and ranchers have been compensated, and we do not owe them anything more.

I urge you to allow the elk to live and prosper in the land which is their natural habitat. The elk were dangerously close to extinction, and allowing the hunting of these elk would bring them close to extinction again.

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

The park belongs to the citizens of the US, not to the ranchers and farmers. Please allow more visitor opportunities and allow Americans to enjoy the park.

Thank you.

#2690

Name: doman, Deborah

Correspondence: Please don't allow the massacre of our elk in the park. They have more right to Grady than the cattle. They were here first!

#2691

Name: Bauer, Becky

Correspondence: The Point Reyes Elk and the land upon which they live belong to the citizens of the United States, and the majority of those citizens DO NOT want the elk killed or removed to make way for the special interests of ranchers and farmers. It is long past time for those special interests to learn to live with wildlife instead of killing it off. It can be done and has been done successfully. We do not need to destroy our wildlife and our wild lands in order to line the pockets of a few who preach only they deserve to use public lands and any wildlife on those lands should be slaughtered. Farmers and ranchers must learn better conservation and land use methods and skills rather than taking over public lands. Again, it can be done but will not be done until we all stand up to them and force changes in their practices.

DO NOT kill the Point Reyes Elk and DO NOT let special interests expand their businesses onto public lands. And remember for whom you work, i.e. the majority of the citizenry of the United States, not ranchers and farmers. In fact, all government employees must re-learn for whom they work and to whom they owe allegiance... We, The People!

#2692

Name: Hollman, Cindy

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is an area reserved for nature. It is supposed to be an area of natural beauty, a place to view Tule Elk and other wildlife. The area is not being used for what it was set aside for. Ranchers have used and destroyed the area for their benefit and profit. This belongs to the public and needs to be restored and used as it was intended. Government negligence has allowed this to continue. These areas are set aside with public funding, yet the public cannot use this area or view wildlife. The abuse of public land needs to stop. These areas are to be preserved and protected. Return our public land and remove livestock. It is the governments duty to protect our natural habitat for us and future generations. Please stop for profit businesses from exploiting public land and killing wildlife.

#2693

Name: Abarbanell, Carol

Correspondence: As a taxpayer, I resent farmers and ranchers killing elk to line their pockets. Leave partisan politics out of this. Elk don't deserve to die so fat "cats" can simply KILL their way to profits.

LEAVE THE ELK ALONE!

#2694

Name: Manfreda, Lori

Correspondence: This is very simple. The government paid these farmers and ranchers \$50 million dollars for this land. In other words, we the taxpayers, purchased this land. It is ours and we are leasing it to these farmers and ranchers. As partial owner of these beautiful lands with all its wildlife, including these Tule elk and any other animal being threatened, we will not allow farmers and ranchers to dictate what animals live or die. These elk were obliterated once and it cannot happen again. Why are ranchers and farmers the only ones that matter when it comes to wildlife? We are talking about a few hundred elk vs. thousands of cattle. Ranchers and farmers want wolves, coyotes, elk, wild horses, beavers, etc., and any other animal that they deem a threat to their wallet, killed. This must stop. There are millions and millions of Americans that are sick of our natural treasures being destroyed by greedy businesses and corporations. Take a stand and do your job! Protect our wildlife!

#2695

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Re: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2696

Name: adams, karen

Correspondence: To That Park Service and anyone else who would decide that wildlife can or "should" be destroyed to serve a specific and limited sector of our population: that land is my land as much as it is those who use it to graze cattle. Those elk are my eld. I pay your salaries and I pay for that land as much as anyone.

I am extremely opposed to any plan to remove, harm or kill wildlife most particularly in the parks that are my parks and where wildlife live and are meant to live.

You guys are getting quite out of hand with public property.

#2697

Name: Jarocki, Paul

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service

I am outraged that you would consider limiting the Tule Elk's very small habitat at Pt.Reyes for cattle.

Cattle can be raised everywhere - Tule Elk can't and they are what contributes to Pt. Reyes the wonderful allure that it has.

PLEASE ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F. Cattle grazing can negatively affect ecosystems - there are many other animal species in the Pt. Reyes National Seashore that could be negatively affected by farming and ranching activities.

Pt. Reyes is a National Seashore for a reason - - we protect it so that humans in the future can enjoy the wonders and beauty of nature in a pristine state. Please PROTECT THIS LEGACY PARK for the FUTURE!!

Sincerely

Paul Jarocki

#2698

Name: Bradley, Kathy

Correspondence: I strongly urge that you adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2699

Name: Knapp , Virginia

Correspondence: Cows are not the only important thing on this earth. There are billions of cows on earth and only several hundred of these elk here. Let's shoot them since they are a serious threat to private rancher wallets. Please! Do not kill off the elk!

#2700

Name: Hall, Robin

Correspondence: Please don't kill these elk.

#2701

Name: Putterie, Amanda

Correspondence: Please save the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. I would be a true crime to kill such a magnificent creature.

#2702

Name: Lee, Michael

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2703

Name: Watt, Celeste

Correspondence: I'm writing to urge The National Park Service to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2704

Name: Fontaine, Anna Louise

Correspondence: Protect Elks.

#2705

Name: Goodin, Ben

Correspondence: Protect Tule Elk and NOT the invasive species known as cows.

#2706

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please don't do this on state land!

#2707

Name: Blair, Donna

Correspondence: the hell with the ranchers, this land is for the elk, the ranchers and farmers need to have their limited space and leave these animals to live on the land intended for them...stop trying to kill off the wild life

#2708

Name: Withers, Christine

Correspondence: Simply protect the elk!!!!!!

#2709

Name: castano, Paola

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2710

Name: Holewinski, Amy

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2711

Name: Jacobs, James.

Correspondence: There is no need to cull and kill the elk. The ranchers are just a self serving group who need to realize that they can't always have it their way. Say no to killing the elk!

#2712

Name: Freeman, Jessica

Correspondence: Please do not kill these elk! Nature is more important than big business.

fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

#2713

Name: Tarach, Ronald

Correspondence: There is no reason to do this. Stop catering to livestock owners and cattlemen.

#2714

Name: Gray, Tony

Correspondence: Please protect, not destroy our wildlife!!!

#2715

Name: Boka, Erika

Correspondence: I am saddened to learn that NPS is even considering Alternative F as a possible solution. How can they be even considering killing native animals on our public lands and letting our land being destroyed by farm animals as well as let the companies of those animals profit on this meanwhile charging us for the meet. This is more than ridiculous. I am strongly urging NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. As we all know very well grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration.

#2716

Name: Dillard, Gavin

Correspondence: This is one of my favorite places on earth. The farmers and ranchers can fuck themselves. The elk have been pushed out of most of the places they would inhabit - let them have this! Let us have this! Next the ranchers will be whining about the cougars taking their livestock - give us a place where nature has rights. That's what a Park Service is for.

#2717

Name: Fender, Andrea

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The elk herds have lived there peacefully for many years. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing by multiple farm type animals is unnecessary and negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Dr. Andrea D. Fender

#2718

Name: FRANCIS, MARTA

Correspondence: I urge to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. NPS the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over

farming and ranching activities. Reming you that t grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do not distroy our natual places for cows.

Sincerely,

Marta B Francis

#2719

Name: Wootan, Cathy

Correspondence: Our national parks have been under assault in the last few years like never before. I urge you to do everything in your power to protect them - - before it's too late.

#2720

Name: Cairns, Rachel

Correspondence: Please consider not killing the Tule Elk. Consider instead, letting the herd grow and NOT catering to farming and ranching. There are other places for farms and ranches. Lands which are protected for wildlife will serve ALL people better in the long run. These two Tule herds are so small to begin with. They should be given precedence over cows. There are plenty of cows and not enough elk. As an active visitor of our national parks, I think you should put wild land and wildlife above ranching and farming. Be on the right side of history.

#2721

Name: Meek , Marlene

Correspondence: Stop killing innocent animals

#2722

Name: Kush, Edward

Correspondence: We need to keep as much land as possible natural and wildlife protected in this age of where wild lands are being usurped rapidly. The elk are doing no harm and add natural beauty and environs, while there is no need for more grazing and cattle.

#2723

Name: Toohey, Brian

Correspondence: I'm vehemently against killing the tule elk,first thing is destroying wildlife always

#2724

Name: Wertin, John and Robbie

Correspondence: We hope that the Park Service does not go through with the Elk killing.

#2725

Name: Bottom, Julia

Correspondence: I'm contacting you to urge the adoption of Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2726

Name: Hemberger, Nancy

Correspondence: Please reconsider your General Management Plan Amendment Draft/Environmental Impact The fact that grazing animals negatively affect ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species, is alarming. Therefore, I urge you to make the choice to preserve land for the native wild species (Tule Elk) in that environment must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#2727

Name: Austin, Christine

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#2728

Name: Holt, Sian

Correspondence: Please adopt plan F. Farming is bad for the environment and excludes visitors from the park. The elk should be an endangered species, there are so few left. Thank you for your time, Sian

#2729

Name: Moissant, Helen

Correspondence: It's ridiculous and plain wrong that farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk. So of course the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed instead of looking at non-lethal alternatives. They have to die but the expansion of agricultural activities will be allowed. No way. This is public land. The cattle can graze somewhere else. Leave the elk alone.

#2730

Name: Goodman, Pamela

Correspondence: The Elk deserve to live in the National Reserve, it is their habitat. The ranchers and their stock do not belong in the Reserve. The Reserve is a protected area and should not be used for livestock. It was established to protect the habitat and the surrounding areas. Not for it to be used for pasture land. The Elk belong there not livestock. Stop using the land for pasture land and allow the Elk to live there.

The National Parks service needs to protect these animals and their habitat from over grazing by livestock. It is NPS job to protect our natural resources, not allow ranchers to destroy it. Wildlife must come first!!!

#2731

Name: Kammerud, Lance

Correspondence: STOP THE WAR ON TULE ELK!!!

#2732

Name: Sypitkowski, Geoff

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F for Point Reyes National Seashore. This distressed planet can little afford more grazing land for cows.

#2733

Name: Blair, Margaret

Correspondence: National Parks are for wildlife, not agriculture. Margaret Blair

#2734

Name: DeYoung, Patricia

Correspondence: If the facts that were presented to me are correct, the Park was established in 1962 and the Government paid \$50 Million to the farming and ranching families, and those families who signed leases had 25 years to graze their cattle. SEEMS LIKE THAT 25 YEARS IS LONG OVER. The families made a fortune on the land which now belongs to the people of the United States!!

There's 26,000 acres, more than 5,500 cows, and a mere 298, as of 2018, elk. Are you kidding me...26,000 ACRES!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Those Elk were reintroduced to the land and have as much right to be there as the cattle...actually more as they are wild animals that belong on park land.

If the ranchers/farmers don't like the land that's available they can graze the cows on their own land and dictate the terms...other than that, the Park Service should protect those elk WHICH IS THEIR JOB!!!!!!!!!! The Park Service should stop bowing down to the ranchers/farmers, tell them the elk stay, and ARE PROTECTED, and that's just the way it is. I'll bet they need the land!!!

It's time the Park Service members understand the people of the United States want them to do their job of protecting wild animals...not destroying them!!!

#2735

Name: Stewart, Katherine

Correspondence: Please, please, adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2736

Name: Brown, TIM

Correspondence: please do not kill the innocent animals

#2737

Name: Garia, Ashley

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2738

Name: Beddingfield, Syd

Correspondence: Please do not kill any of the elk on the land that is being considered to only be used for cattle. The number of the elk are so low their impact shouldn't affect the land. The public land should not be dominated by a few individuals. Where does the attack on nature stop?

Thank you.

#2739

Name: Longenhagen, Debora

Correspondence: Don't kill the native elk so greedy ranchers can graze domestic cows which is in humane for the cows, ruins the environment, causes damage to the atmosphere and is unhealthy for humans

#2740

Name: Timmerman, Margaret

Correspondence: We are stewards of an awesome planet we did not create. It is our duty to care for it. Murdering wildlife that doesn't fit into our personal plans is wrong.

#2741

Name: Defontis, Florent

Correspondence: Hello from France.

Please adopt Alternative F and protect your elks.

Many thanks

Florent

#2742

Name: McCoy, Virginia

Correspondence: When I was young I lived out on the coast, I wonder do we have to lose all of our animals and land to feed cattle? Can we be done with cattle? Can we save our wildlands , feed and animals. So very done with cattle on BLM in National forest, every where. Kill all wild animals for cattle.! Really..

#2743

Name: Standridge, Lavaughn

Correspondence: PLEASE, SAVE THE ELK!

#2744

Name: Roselli, Ewa

Correspondence: Please do not kill any wildlife. This planet does not belong to just humans.

#2745

Name: siebert, nancy

Correspondence: I realize our farmers & ranchers don't have an easy life, BUT ALL OF THESE ELK NEED TO BE PROTECTED!! We SHARE this land WITH them, they're part f our heritage & history; they bring beauty, charm & elegance to our country...cattlemen especially need to STOP thinking open spaces are THEIRS!! IT IS NOT!! Please save ALL these elk!

#2746

Name: Scotty, Vee

Correspondence: I urge you, with all that makes America beautiful and does not promote murder of precious wildlife, work with us to find balanced plan of action.

#2747

Name: Turano, John

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. History has shown us that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you

#2748

Name: Adams, James

Correspondence: Protect the tule elk. Don't just hand over land for more cattle to further the destruction of our planet.

#2749

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please limit the ranchers and not the elk. Ranchers have a plethora of options for grazing land. They do not need to be in the park, in the elk natural habitat. Let the elk continue to use the land, free from threat of being "managed".

#2750

Name: Danne, Christopher

Correspondence: stop the stupid killing. these animals have every right to be here. stop being reckless humans with our planet and its furry inhabitants.

#2751

Name: Wolter, Audrey

Correspondence: Those animals have a right to that land. Honor it!

#2752

Name: Poole, Diane

Correspondence: THIS IS WRONG!!! OUR ELK DESERVE THEIR LANDS!!! THE CATTLEMEN ARE BENT TO HELL ON DESTROYING OUR WILDLIFE!!! MAKE THEM SELL THE EXCESS CATTLE & QUIT TAKING OVER OUR PUBLIC LANDS FOR CATTLE!!! WE MUST SAVE OUR WILDLIFE & TELL THE CATTLEMEN TO GO TO HELL!!! THIS REALLY UPSETS ME JUST LIKE THE WILD HORSE ROUND UP FOR THE SAME THING!!! IT IS SO WRONG!!!

#2753

Name: harris , kymberlee

Correspondence: This is unacceptable! Please stop making nature conform to human wants. You are not God and the Elk deserve to live. We must live together because slaughter is not the correct solution. Have we learned nothing from past mistakes? Please save the Elk.

#2754

Name: Martin, Helen

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and allow tule elk to live in peace. It is more important to protect what is left of our wildlife (while they're still around) than kill whatever is left just so farmers can plough up

pristine wilderness. It is important for Californians that tule elk is there for future generations who at the present moment have no say in the preservation of these majestic animals. I urge you to find a more equitable solution so these iconic creatures can be left to roam as they have always done - in their natural home where they belong.

#2755

Name: Turner, Geo

Correspondence: C'mon: our Park Service, a respected agency, is better than this. We've gotta quit subordinating LIFE for any profit taking whim

Regards, Alex Schwartz & Geo Turner

#2756

Name: Duchesne , Iris

Correspondence: Please find another solution for this animals. Killing them is not the answer. Iris

#2757

Name: Bedic, Kristina

Correspondence: Let them live - if we kill all life around us, we will ruin the balance and ultimately ourselves.

We have already taken so much from wildlife, stop the extermination!!!

It's high time we learn to let other species live too... Not only that, but help them survive as well.

I hope these wonderful beings will be left alone.

Thank you for ensuring that with kindest regards

from tiny Croatia

#2758

Name: Herrmann, Ed

Correspondence: Although I now live in Chicago, I spent most of my life in northern California. I have visited Pt Reyes National Seashore many times and have admired the elk herds there. This is public land, paid for by our taxes, and these animals are native to the area. Allowing farming and ranching to expand in the area would be disastrous, causing soil erosion, pollution, and introducing invasive species. I urge the NPS to protect the elk and their habitat at Pt Reyes National Seashore, and not allow farmers and ranchers to use the land.

#2759

Name: Falsken, James

Correspondence: Tell the Cattle Rancher to go buy their own land and leave the National Park to the Elk. We need to protect wildlife over people just wanting to become richer. The Elk is a bigger tourist draw than any cow and the park needs people to come and enjoy the National Park. I say no to killing off wildlife for the sake of a few cows and ranchers.

#2760

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It would completely negate the rationale for purchasing the land that now comprises Point Reyes

National Sea Shore if the Park Service proceeds with plans to make it a ranching or other agricultural operation again. It is essential that the Park Service instead adopt Alternative F to ensure that ranching and farming cease, while focusing on making the area one that all Americans can visit and enjoy. Let the BLM cater to ranchers. The NPS must dedicate its efforts to ensuring the viability of native wild species.

#2761

Name: Bilodeau, Jane

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2762

Name: McKellar, Mary

Correspondence: Stop, killing poor innocent animals!!!!!! Leave, these poor darlings alone!!!!!! There, is no reason for any of the horrible, cruel and sadistic things that are done to animals, all animals!!!!!! Some day, all of you animal abusers and killers will have to answer to God for what you have all done to one of his most beautiful creations!!!!!! None, of you could take what you all do to animals every day, you are all no good, good for nothing cowards!!!!!!

#2763

Name: Williams, Grace

Correspondence: This cannot be necessary surely. There must be provision to allow native wildlife to share the area with domestic animals.

We are in the 21st century, not the dark ages.

Grace Williams

#2764

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Hello!!

As a solution for the Tule Elk situation, Please adopt Tule Elk Plan Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for allowing comments.

Cathy Elizabeth Levin

#2765

Name: Mancini, Laurel

Correspondence: Why, as Americans, must we choose to kill any animal we deem "in our way". It is a constant in America. Wolves, beavers, bison. Leave the deer alone. There appears enough grazing to satisfy all. Until humans filled the earth, built houses, roads, cars, the animals who were on the land were doing well. It is always the human

perspective that says this creature or that is creating a problem. We do not seek a good compromise. We kill. Leave the deer.

#2766

Name: Faulks, Lea

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2767

Name: Gilman, Richard

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2768

Name: Stagbrook de Clairmont , Frederick

Correspondence: Dear Sirs and Madams,

The Point Reyes Tule elk come first - not the cattle. They were there before cattle was introduced..they are beautiful and wild and are part of the territory. Please don't allow to kill the elk in favour of the ranchers' interests.

#2769

Name: Wagner, Vickie

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years. This agreement ended over four decades ago. The families were PAID for the land, yet permitted the continuance of their farm and ranch practices.

Conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, which are native to California and reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze at Point Reyes. Evidently, The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions, with the preferred option dubbed Alternative B, killing elk and offering ANOTHER 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. Also, the lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows. The Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum; the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed. Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Alternative B is not a plan, rather allowing select individuals opportunities over the public and natural species - - after they have been paid for the land and allowed over 40 years to continue their day-to-day operations. This is fiscally irresponsible.

I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching. As the daughter of a grain and dairy farmer, I know that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. These individuals were paid for the land, yet NPS continues to allow business as usual, after tax dollars were expended.

I strongly urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F.

#2770

Name: Fischer, Joei

Correspondence: Please leave these innocent animals alone!!

#2771

Name: Tuthill, Kelly

Correspondence: Please save the Elk in the national parks and do not allow for hunting permits so more cattle can graze. The national parks should be a safe haven for all wild life for generations to enjoy.

#2772

Name: Guppy, Victoria

Correspondence: Dear Sirs, I urge you to adopt plan F in relation to preserving the environment over farming interest, and most importantly, to protect the elk. Thank you

#2773

Name: Miller, Carrie

Correspondence: My husband and I had the joy of seeing the majestic tule elk on our Point Reyes trip. Please DO NOT kill these elk!!! Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2774

Name: IVEY, DANA

Correspondence: * I urge the National Park Service to protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. * Please do not permit elk to be killed. * Do not allow agricultural activities that endanger the elk. * Give tule elk the space they need to thrive. * Stop leasing to Farmers and Ranchers who don't want to share this land with tule elk. * Stop disenfranchising the wilderness of National Parks. * National Parks are a heritage for all Americans. They are not for commercial purposes. * I expect the National Park Service to protect the parks and the wild animals they contain.

#2775

Name: Jenkins, Christy

Correspondence: It feels like its everyday and someone wants to destroy more of the Earth or kill one of her creatures. Why can't anyone just leave her aka the only planet we are capable of living on alone? And that includes the creatures on her minding their business just trying to survive like all of us. What gives these farmers the right to kick the elk off the land? All they think about is their own selfish needs. What happens when there is no more land to take? What happens when there are no more elk? These farmers are obviously only thinking about the near future not many years from now when it could be too late to reverse the damage done.

#2776

Name: Likos, Dinakos

Correspondence: The unfair situation for the elks must come to an end.

#2777

Name: Petersen, Linda

Correspondence: We need the wildlife! What chances will the next generation have to enjoy such magnificent animals with people killing so many off before their time. Wildlife to enjoy is as important as spending a day in the woods or at the beach. Protect our wildlife and stop this senseless killing!

#2778

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We are extremely angry and upset about the plan to basically wipe out these elk?? We thought that you were supposed to protect animals but instead you increasingly go along with ranchers and others who only want cattle, even when they're on public land. These wild animals belong to the American people, the majority of which are sick and tired of your stance. It seems that this current government wants to destroy, kill, wipe out all protected lands and wildlife. Sick of it!!!!

#2779

Name: King, Carolyn

Correspondence: Please Please Please protect the elk and let them live. There are so few remaining and they deserve to live. If we don't protect the wildlife there will not be any wildlife left. Without wildlife our world would lack beauty, diversity, life giving energy, inspiration, animal spirit and learning & growth for humans. Please Please Please protect the elk. Thank You, Carolyn King

#2779

Name: Warren, Leigh

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2780

Name: LaCasse, JoDee

Correspondence: Please leave Elk alone and not kill them off.

#2781

Name: Berman, Siegrid

Correspondence: 124 ELK ARE IN THE WAY OF THOUSANDS OF CATTLE, WHICH DONT EVEN BELONG ON OUR PUBLIC LANDS? HOW LAND GRABBING CAN THESE FARMERS BE! THIS UNFAIR LOPSIDED LAND GRABBING MUST STOP...LET'S INSTITUTE SOME FAIRNESS TO INDIGENOUS SPECIES INSTEAD OF ALWAYS KILLING EVERYTHING IN THE WAY

#2782

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I'm begging you to please maintain the herd of native elk, rather than bend to the whims of farmers.

#2783

Name: Tate, Jonaire

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to realize that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. It is not secret that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. The lives of these animals matter just as much as our own, or any other animal for that matter; they breathe, feel, need affection and have emotions all the same. The forceful ending of life just for the personal agenda's of an industry is despicable and I will not support it. There is absolutely no way that you should either. Value the lives of these elk, and other wildlife, just as you value the lives of people. Abusing what the Earth has given us is an unintelligent step in the wrong direction. Other animals besides ourselves are included in this. We all live here together. The person that can peacefully sleep knowing their decisions will end in the unnecessary loss of life lacks compassion, which, I can't stress this enough, is essential to being a mammal. To being human. Please do the right thing. This is too big of a decision to mess up. If we mess this up there may not be a return from it.

#2784

Name: Fatzinger, Eric

Correspondence: Please do not expand agricultural use at Point Reyes National Seashore. This land was purchased for much greater than the value of the land at the time and the original owners were granted very favorable grazing rights at the rest of us taxpayers expense for far to many years to the detriment of the eco-system, land and native species there. Please keep/return Point Reyes National Seashore to its intended purpose when the land was purchasrd. Opening it up to additional agricultural use will result in additional destruction of habitat, threaten additional native species, and enrich a select few at the rest of us taxpayets' expense. That's not right. I urge you to adopt Alternative F as the only fair and viable way to keep Point Reyes National Seashore for it intended purpose. I spent 27 years of my life on active duty in the Army, in part fighting and sacrificing to ensure places like Point Reyes National Seashore remain wild and free from agricultural encroachment and destruction. The National Park Service has a duty to preserve our wild lands for future generations to enjoy and that are available to all taxpayers without giving precedence to a small group of people to benefit financially at the rest of us taxpayers expense, in addition to causing harm to the land and its natural inhabitants. Thank you for your consideration. Eric W. Fatzinger Colonel (Retired), US Army

#2785

Name: Stimmel, Craig

Correspondence: Please help the animals to survive!

#2786

Name: Elvira, Concepcion

Correspondence: Please protect all animals, they are having a hard enough time already.

#2787

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F

#2788

Name: goodwin, russell

Correspondence: Hello NPS, This is in regard to the Point Reyes National Seashore elk. I strongly plead with you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching

activities. As a reminder, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please make the right decision, Alternative F.

Best Regards Russell Goodwin

#2789

Name: Silvia Rennie, s

Correspondence: Please do not allow the hunting, shooting or harassing of elk!

#2790

Name: Runske, Kristina

Correspondence: I've been coming up to the Point Reyes Seashore National Park since I moved to San Francisco in 1993. The domesticated cattle outnumber the Tule Elk by at least 10:1. All I see is cattle when visit the park. I smell fecal matter from the cows all over Point Reyes. It's a disgusting experience visiting the Seashore Park. Please provide a beautiful and calming experience.

Why can't the National Park be the only place in the coastal counties that doesn't have cattle ranching? Given that California tax payers paid the ranchers to get out of Point Reyes park in 1962, the ranchers shouldn't even have their herds there. The ranchers were more than fairly compensated. Why are they still there after 60 years?

The cattle pollute the ground water, overgraze, reduce biodiversity and transmit disease. The Seashore has the worst state of water pollution in California due to the cattle manure. Dairy and animal agricultural ranching is to the number one cause of release of methane gas into the air. And then the ranchers want to kill off the few Tule Elk deer left whom are the original inhabitants of the land.

Why should the tax payers want to make the ranchers even wealthier under these circumstances?

I vote for alternative F. Get the ranchers and the cows out of the park ASAP so the public and the majestic Tule Elk deer can enjoy the natural wildlife in at least one place in the coastal counties. Is this too much to ask for - especially when we've already paid the ranchers?

Please do what is right for all the people, the animals and the environment!

Thank you for listening.

Kristina Runske

#2791

Name: Sugarman, Kathy

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, and that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please consider this when it pertains to the Tule Elk herds.

Thank you for you attention,

Kathy Sugarman

#2792

Name: Cummings, Joan

Correspondence: We are ruining the world. Wildlife must be first. We must eat less meat.

#2793

Name: Gaio, Cindy

Correspondence: Please stop placing monetary profit above the environment. I urge you to vote in favor of plan F for the sake of the elk, the environment and generations to come.

#2794

Name: Roy, Thomas

Correspondence: It's truly disgusting to think that public lands like these are being used to cater to ranchers over preserving the natural environment and habitat for native animals and for the enjoyment of future generations. Despite the size and openness of our nation, natural spaces are disappearing quickly and it should be the mission of your agency to protect and preserve VS cater to these wealthy ranchers. The people own these lands, not the wealthy few. Raising beef is a leading cause of the loss of natural habitat and clear cutting rain forest around the planet. You don't need to be a scientist to see what is right here...and it's what we the people want.

#2795

Name: Lohman, Lauren

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2796

Name: e, s

Correspondence: leave the elk alone...it's land for wildlife or coexist. you do not have the right to kill wildlife because it's convenient for you. it's their land.

#2797

Name: Christner, Debbie

Correspondence: All of these elk need to be spared and allowed to live where they are. It would be unfair and unjust to sacrifice them for a rancher's cattle.

#2798

Name: N, Dipali

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#2799

Name: F, C

Correspondence: Seriously, does the US Administration want to kill all its species and pollute all its land just to open up land to cattle ranchers and oil exploration? Just to make the rich richer while creating devastation for the

rich biodiversity of life that are holding on just barely in the USA (and in other countries). Future generations will look back on your administration (as well as governments in Canada and other countries who engage in the same myopic inhumane and despicable killing of indigenous and iconic species) and ask-What were you all thinking? Did you all go mad? The youth of today will judge you all harshly for the devastation and degradation of animal and plant and ecosystem life. You should be ashamed of the patriarchal legacies of death that you will leave in the wake of your greed and disdain for animals and ecosystems - who cannot consent to your wanton killing and destruction of them. Call yourself a Christian nation? Well God the Father and his son Jesus Christ are not going to look too kindly on men (and its mostly men who engage in this destructive behaviour over nature) who have decimated the beauties of their creation. Shame on you and I hope God never forgives you, and that there is a special place in hell for all you.

#2800

Name: Lan, Cal

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you!

#2801

Name: Jovanovic, Zoran

Correspondence: Vulgar human greed is in the roots of all animal suffering. Greed and fear are two strongest motors that running the world. Unfortunately, animals are collateral. As well as humans. All of us are victims of the greed of the few. Poor elks☹

#2802

Name: Dobesh, Donald

Correspondence: Using land dedicated to the preservation should never be sacrificed for a few more dollars to a dying industry.

#2803

Name: Waldinger, Alyson

Correspondence: I would like to strongly urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I beg of you to do the right thing. It is imperative that Alternative F be the option of choice.

Many thanks.

#2804

Name: Jennings, Denise

Correspondence: Please protect the Tule elk. Do not allow them to be killed so that ranchers and farmers can destroy their home. Our planet is being destroyed at an alarming rate. The National Park Service's priority should be to protect wildlife and their habitat.

#2805

Name: Albright, Elizabeth

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species

Please fix this problem immediately. Thank you

#2806

Name: Slagle, Teri

Correspondence: please leave the Tule elk alone and stop the unnecessary slaughter of animals

#2807

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: In regards to the two herds of Point Reyes National Seashore in California, I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Additionally, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2808

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I'm writing to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration.

#2809

Name: Chyba, Mike

Correspondence: Leave the beautiful Elks alone, let them enjoy nature. Thank you

#2810

Name: Gutierrez, Sylvia

Correspondence: Please do not hurt these animals.

#2811

Name: Abatie, Elizabeth

Correspondence: So few elk can share the turf with cows. Anyway cows are not good for the environment.

#2812

Name: Johnson, Cheryl

Correspondence: Please share the land!

#2813

Name: Doherty, Adrienne

Correspondence: The National Park Service should adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. The NPS should already KNOW that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please, realize that we now live in the year 2019. Species and ecosystems are collapsing ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SHOULD BE IN THE VANGUARD OF PROTECTING AND SECURING THESE ENDANGERED SPECIES AND FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

THERE IS NO CREDIBLE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE WHOLESAL SLAUGHTER OF AN INDIGENOUS SPECIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMERCIAL MEAT INDUSTRY.

#2814

Name: Bez, Delphine

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Park in California has a magnificent herd of Tule elks ! They are a pride for our nation, and their preservation is precisely what a National Park is for. So.. should they be killed so that more cattle can invade wild territories like this ? Absolutely not ! I strongly believe the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

With so many threats like this one in country, cows would soon become the only animal insight and the wild would only live in our memories. There are no small decisions in this regard. Human activities, and cows... We have gone too far already. Let us firmly say NO !

#2815

Name: Kenion, Lisa

Correspondence: Public land should be for the people and natural ecosystems, not for killing the native creatures so that cattle can trample the rivers, and decimate the ecosystems. Please do something, Mr Trump to educate yourself to the fact that there is more to the great outdoors than golfing, mining, cattle, etc. Wild animals have just as much right to be here as you do. Maybe you could benefit from a good hike in the woods, it might help calm your reactive nature, and you could find some peace within yourself.

#2816

Name: Liou, Larry

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please recall that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#2817

Name: Kovar, Rachel

Correspondence: Don't shoot the elk!!!

#2818

Name: Stone, Ted

Correspondence: My blood is boiling as I read about the National Park Service of my government using my tax money to kill indigenous Tule elk at the behest of non-indigenous ranchers and farmers whose legal right to use the park service land expired in 1987.

NO NEW LEASES! I want domestic animal grazing to be phased on all environmentally-sensitive federal land.

#2819

Name: Kalil, Donna

Correspondence: Please don't kill the elk. Relocate

#2820

Name: Myers , Delores

Correspondence: Our national parks are for us, the people of this country. They are our wildlife places that deserve protection so that we can enjoy them in all their pristine beauty. They are not for ranchers looking to make a quick buck by destroying what belongs to ALL OF US. The fate of the tule elk is not yours to make. They belong to us as does all the wildlife and trees and streams in OUR parks. Please do what is right and keep them for us and our children. Thank you.

#2821

Name: Species, Scott

Correspondence: I implore you to choose alternative F. Remove the bovine and allow visitors to the area. Cows do not belong in a national park. They are private property and do not get to graze on public land. Terminate the cows. This will benefit the ecology of the Park and the biodiversity in it too. Thank You Scott Species

#2822

Name: Collins, Kathleen

Correspondence: Every animal deserves to live, they can share lands, as long as farmers and ranchers are not greedy. Shame on them! Let the Elks LIVE!

#2823

Name: Donovan, Stephan

Correspondence: Stop the Travesty of Trump.

#2824

Name: Anduray, Noelia

Correspondence: Please help the animals.

#2825

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore Are in Danger!

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2826

Name: Hambrick, Vicki

Correspondence: Farming and ranching must go. These elk species must be protected. No more culling must occur.

#2827

Name: Celano, Annmarie

Correspondence: Please don't hurt the elk!

#2828

Name: Anderson, Ginge

Correspondence: I understand the need for ranchers to graze, but the elk was here first and this is an issue on public land and the elk are for all to enjoy. Also what will the predators have to eat except the grazers. Then you proceed to wipe them out as well. This ridiculous. Please, we are the stewards of nature not its dictator. Are we going to finally learn this when all the animals are nothing but stuffed or photographs. Why does greed have to be so prevalent in everything we do????

#2829

Name: Rothwell, Maureen

Correspondence: Who decides these crazy ideas?

#2830

Name: Leonard, Valerle

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern:

57 Years ago the US Government was intelligent enough to know that our heritage of land, water and all it entails was up to us to ensure it's life. Why have we now become so greedy that we cannot see that our stewardship MUST continue for our lives to continue, not just the biota. We MUST PRESERVE native wild species and that MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Having grazing animals dominate lands, negatively affects all ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please stop the destruction of our ecosystems. Thank you.

#2831

Name: mickey, Judy

Correspondence: I think this is so un-American. Gunning down animals in our National Parks. It really is a shame. Please do not go forward with this. It literally breeds this mentality that there is no place sacred.

#2832

Name: Licciardone, Carole

Correspondence: Do not harm the elk. Let them live in peace.

#2833

Name: mickey, marie

Correspondence: No hunting in our National Parks. Please.

#2834

Name: DeCarla, Tina

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Please urge it to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2835

Name: Mickey, alan

Correspondence: Please consider the long-term effects of this horrible plan.

#2836

Name: Jabas, Dean

Correspondence: Stop considering killing anything for more profit and greed. We share this planet with all creatures and they deserve to be allowed to live as they are.

#2837

Name: Skonberg, Linda

Correspondence: This plan is insane, You have finally caved to the big ranchers& farmers & let them destroy this park.. that is criminal. I thought the park service was supposed to protect the animals in the parks not let a bunch of rich businessmen get their hands on it. I know you are getting your orders from our corrupt administration but the buck needs to stop here. The cattle do more to destroy the land & environment than those poor few elk. Try to stand up to them.

#2838

Name: Traxel, Katherine

Correspondence: Please don't kill the elk just so farmers have grazing land for the cattle they will eventually kill and sell for human consumption-it's all a lose-lose situation. Not to mention polluting the environment with the beef industry.

#2839

Name: Nensey, Sarah

Correspondence: Please protect Tule Elk Point Reyes National Seashore! It's inhuman and and injustice to kill these majestic creatures that many come from all over the world to see!

#2840

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2841

Name: Silvia, Gale

Correspondence: Why is it that whatever is in the way of those who take issue with living creatures always want to murder them because they are not welcomed there. Just remove them to Yellowstone Nat'l Park or another area but do NOT kill these beautiful animals. They are not hurting anyone. Its the hatred of all things natural and living beings that they hate.

Move these Elk to another location and stop your mass murdering of animals.

And you wonder why we have mass murderers taking lives with their guns. Its not the gun that kills its people who hate.

Regards, GLS.

#2842

Name: Jays, Peter

Correspondence: Please save the elk as they do no harm and can live side by side with farm animals

#2843

Name: Mickey, Kalen

Correspondence: Hunting in any national park is horrible. It is supposed to be the last spots on earth that are totally safe for animals and people.

#2844

Name: Anders, Dagmar

Correspondence: Please leave the elks alone. We need to protect wildlife not killing it. The amount of livestock has to be reduced. Think about climate change and saving planet earth.

#2845

Name: Chadima, Kathryn

Correspondence: As a PETA member, it does not make sense to kill elk that may be extinct eventually because of your actions. You should fence off land for them so they do not interfere with cattle. DO NOT KILL GOD'S CREATURES for no reason!

#2846

Name: Reid, Mary

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2847

Name: phillips , daniel

Correspondence: No lease extension for Famer an rancher ,this is national park paid for by American citizens not free range an farmer cattle, just another welfare handout ,this happen way to much on public land out in the western state ,NPS an land management answer to this solution is always to kill the wildlife ,the park are for us to enjoy an appreciate nature an wildlife ,not to see cattle eat shit all over ,the rich ranger an Famer can pay to buy feed an hay an feed them on there land ,stop all killing of wildlife for profit

#2848

Name: Robinson, Janet

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Species preservation is more aligned to your mission than farming and ranching which do not belong in national parks. Grazing is not good for native grasses and it can negatively impact the ecosystem. The tule elk are native to the area and should be given precedence over invasive cattle. Ranching has been damaging the land for long enough. Therefore, I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Farming and ranching occur all across America but do not belong in a national park or wildlife refuge so the tule elk being a native species must take priority over ranching interests. Thank you.

#2849

Name: Haff, Harry'

Correspondence: Elk must be protected. Cows vcan graze anywhere,even inside a barn.

#2850

Name: Wheeler, Mark

Correspondence: Regarding elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#2851

Name: Roman, Pamela

Correspondence: Please share the land. The elk were there first anyway. Surely you knew about them when you leased the land for grazing>

#2852

Name: JACOBSON, JOANNA

Correspondence: PLEASE LET THE ELK LIVE! DO YOU WANT CANYONS OF STEEL AND CEMENT EVERYWHERE? REALLY? PLEASE ... FIGURE SOMETHING OUT! I KNOW YOU CAN. JJ

#2853

Name: Fritsch, Robert

Correspondence: Although the elk were reintroduced, they were originally killed off by man. So they would naturally occur there were it not for man. Therefore they must be given priority over live stock. This is on public lands. That means US citizens' lands and we all are well aware that the people, not the ranchers, should have the final say and they would favor the elk having priority.

#2854

Name: Holland, Marion

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

I urge you to adopt plan F and preserve the life of the indigenous elk. Farming is deleterious to the ecology, but most importantly, shooting animals in order for people to make money and profit is morally indefensible and is not decent.

#2855

Name: Varner, Jannisse

Correspondence: These animals should not be gunned down for trophies. Humans have become like salvaged beast.

#2856

Name: McNally, Sue

Correspondence: Please protect tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Please be humane and find a humane way to share land with cattle and elk.

#2857

Name: Delles, Susan

Correspondence: Please protect Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore from encroaching agriculture. Agriculture does not belong in this area.

#2858

Name: Lange, Marlana

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I want to see Elk when I go next year. I can see cattle 5 miles from where I live. Thank you.

#2859

Name: Wasfi, Ellen

Correspondence: Alternative B, involves killing some of the tule elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. There would be no limit to how many elk could be killed. Alternative B also allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

The National Park Service should discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes National Seashore in California and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2860

Name: Dietrich, Susan

Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam and Board Members,

I support keeping the Elks where they are in the park and allowing them to stay where they are peacefully. Please choose Alternative F which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you, Susan Dietrich

#2861

Name: Ray, Bobby

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2862

Name: Vautour, Jeffery

Correspondence: Use common sense and your morals to make the right decisions

#2863

Name: Jeffrey, Mary

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. It's time to do The responsible thing and stop raising so many cattle. More and more people are starting to eat Plant based diets

#2864

Name: Peet, Julian

Correspondence: I have been visiting Point Reyes for almost 40 years, starting when my children were young. Visiting the elk was always one of our favorite things to do, I cannot imagine that the NPS would kill them, where they once were slaughtered and eradicated. Over the 40 years of visiting the park, I've always wondered when the farm leases would expire. Now is the time to terminate the dairy farm leases and return Point Reyes to it's original state. This would be better for visitors, the elk and the environment. Thank you, Julian Peet

#2865

Name: Hirt, Deb

Correspondence: May I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Additionally, the preservation of native wild species

must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing historically negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2866

Name: Shoytush, Sandra

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is home to the tule elk. They deserve to be protected so they can thrive there. The farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently need to share these grasslands with the elk. The National Park Service should NOT consider a plan that would permit elk to be killed, and should NOT allow the expansion of agricultural activities. This is public land and leasing to farmers and ranchers is taking away the 'public' part of it.

#2867

Name: Benjamin, Bill

Correspondence: As a former long-term resident of California and animal friend, I oppose the killing of elk.

#2868

Name: Coleman, Colleen

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT KILL THE ELK

#2869

Name: Meadows, Erin

Correspondence: Please go with Alternative F, when it comes to protecting wildlife. The preservation of wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2870

Name: Aldrich, J.

Correspondence: I believe the natural resources of Point Reyes National Seashore in California should be used to the benefit of the tule elk and other undomesticated animals and not for grazing of cattle and the like. This is a national treasure and should not be sold for personal gain.

#2871

Name: Maloof, Joan

Correspondence: Point Reyes Seashore should be as wild as possible. Therefore I prefer Alternative F - no ranching. I also believe the public should have more access to this PUBLIC land. The ranchers are keeping both the public and many wild animals off their land. The ranching should be phased out as quickly as possible. This land is OUR land, not their land.

#2872

Name: nickel, michael

Correspondence: is killing you, and you are so imbittered that you are dying for lack of a soul that you have sworn to take all the rest of decent life with you to your grave.

OK. Do it, and see what happens.

#2873

Name: Gese, Sandy

Correspondence: Cattlemen and their money, inflated with their self-importance in the world "let's make more money!!!"

#2874

Name: SILVA, WALTER

Correspondence: NÃO A MORTE DE ALCES. ISSO É CRIME.

#2875

Name: Mann, Lisa

Correspondence: PLEASE do NOT kill Tule Elk to accommodate agricultural interests!

These are PUBLIC LANDS NOT PRIVATE RANCHERS LANDS!!!

#2876

Name: Lynn, Andy

Correspondence: This comment is in regards to the two herds of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Please adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#2877

Name: ness, chris

Correspondence: please cut back on farming and ranching, and hold our planet's future as priority, by preserving natural habitats/ecosystems. we all know that the world is destroying all nature for roads, housing, livestock/grazing(adding to less greenery and more methane= worse climate change)- so how about we do something about it, instead of just worsening the problem, and dooming all future generations of humans.

#2878

Name: Parker, Patricia

Correspondence: The elk have been there so much longer than the cattle. Please don't let the cattle lobby send more American treasures to the brink of extinction so people can have steak.

#2879

Name: Moody, Mary

Correspondence: I'm categorically against reducing the tule elk herds in Point Reyes National Seashore Park reduced by any means.

Let me state clearly that, as a member of the public:

I would like the NPS to adopt Alternative F. I do NOT want any farm animals such as cattle, sheep, pigs etc. introduced to or be allowed to graze off land in this park I do NOT want any crops planted for farmers or ranchers use or profit The herds should be left to live in peace and so that our children and future generations can experience and learn about wild creatures in their natural habitat.

I have other reasons besides the fact that this is public park land for all our use (not just for ranchers' and farmers' use):

Cattle ranching is detrimental to our environment as a whole. Grazing also causes soil erosion and the massive amounts of feces from thousands of cows, pigs, etc. will cause ground and water pollution and introduce foreign diseases. Growing food crops or allowing domesticated farm animals will devastate the natural ecosystem. All of the above will have a negative impact on humans as well as the unique species of the area. We need to cut back on meat consumption, for the health of our nation, and saying "no" to grazing here is a good place to start.

It's important that you choose Alternative F, and stop farmers and ranchers from using NPS land. The land should be used for ALL the public to see and enjoy. That's the part that should be expanded.

Thank you for your consideration.

#2880

Name: Todd, Sandy James

Correspondence: I don't eat meat and don't understand why farmers have so much power. I totally disagree with killing the elk. Killing these animals is in no one's best interest. Climate change is partially due to cows bred for meat. I don't want a park to become a killing field.

#2881

Name: Percival, John

Correspondence: We urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Note that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. In addition, as I understand it, Point Reyes National Seashore was established as a national park in 1962. And the lease agreements for farmers to graze cattle on park land has expired.

#2882

Name: Weber, Jeanine

Correspondence: This is public land. It should be used as such. The elk should ALL live. The cows can share the land or go somewhere else. We cannot be killing non-dangerous wild animals because farmers don't like them. Public land first, farm animals only if they play nice.

#2883

Name: Morris, Peggy

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and save the Tule Elk that live there. These elk have nowhere else to go. They belong there, the other do not. Farmers are only renting and for cheap. Please leave the Tule Elk there. Thank you. PEGGY MORRIS

#2884

Name: Webb, Patricia

Correspondence: Please don't allow farmers and ranchers to make a greedy land grab. The elk belong there, not the ranchers and farmers. Why do they have more say than the public or the elk who live there. Please do the right thing and stop the greed!

#2885

Name: Perron, Dyonne

Correspondence: The Elk were here first, they deserve to live in their home, move the cows.... I don't understand why man thinks that they Know better than NATURE!!!! Get over yourself and leave nature the way it was made!!!!!!

#2886

Name: Termine, David

Correspondence: Haven't we sacrificed enough with our overconsumption of cattle products? Let's not be heartless and push another species to the brink because we feel we need more beef.....seems kinda of antiquated, don't you think? Look at trends in plants based products vs. meat. Thank you!

#2887

Name: Herzog, Leslie

Correspondence: Please do not kill elk to allow agricultural expansion. This is not sustainable, progressive thinking. Please do the right thing, the smart thing, the ecologically appropriate thing. Thank you.

#2888

Name: Faunce , Sherrill

Correspondence: Stop killing wildlife! They have a right to live in peace and without fear! They aren't hurting anyone or anything. I can't believe anyone could kill any creature, it's despicable! All hunting should be illegal and punishable by death!

#2889

Name: Kroger, Frank

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years, till 1986.

Thank you!

#2890

Name: Doucette, John

Correspondence: I strongly oppose allowing the killing of resident elk on federal public land in order to turn this public land into private grazing land for ranchers. Any grazing must take second place to elk herds and not the other way around.

#2891

Name: Alaux, Myriam

Correspondence: Re Point Reyes National Seashore in California I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of

native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#2892

Name: Howes, wendy

Correspondence: We are totally standing up for Elk and want them protected.

#2893

Name: Potempa, Linda

Correspondence: The savage attack has got to STOP!!

#2894

Name: Cooper, Joel

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California from the farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle. Apparently, they don't want to share these grasslands with elk. It's difficult to believe the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities. Please protect the wild animals. Please give the wildlife priority in their home.

#2895

Name: West, Lisa

Correspondence: I'm writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2896

Name: Burns, Charlie

Correspondence: Save the Wildlife

#2897

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not allow the slaughter of Elks Mankind is encroaching on their natural habitat. Species are becoming endangered by the actions of humans. What kind of a message are we sending to our future generation. We had the privilege of enjoying all animal species , Let us not be selfish and greedy and denied the next generation the same right and privilege

Thank you

#2898

Name: Gac, CE

Correspondence: Please approve the alternative that will save the elk. Framing does not belong on their land and they have no where else to go.

#2899

Name: T, N

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms native and endangered species. Thank you.

#2900

Name: Baxter, Judith

Correspondence: The FWS is looking at this situation backwards The priority here should be protecting these native elk herds-not invasive cattle The elk populations are very small and,their grazing impact is minimal -cattle on the other hand are much more numerous and have therefore much greater grazing impact on the oark. The FWS was implemented for the protection of wildlife-elk- not cattle. The solution is to reduce the number of cattle jn the park -that is the answer -not killing native elk.

#2901

Name: Molesky, Adam

Correspondence: The elk have always been there and should be the priority. Allow the elk to stay without any encumbrances.

Thank you.

#2902

Name: Kerr, Nancybeth

Correspondence: End leasing keep it a park.

#2903

Name: Seenath, Harriet

Correspondence: Please do everything within your power to protect PRECIOUS ELK.

#2904

Name: Baxter, Judith

Correspondence: The FWS is looking at this situation backwards The priority here should be protecting these native elk herds-not invasive cattle The elk populations are very small and,their grazing impact is minimal -cattle on the other hand are much more numerous and have therefore much greater grazing impact on the oark. The FWS was implemented for the protection of wildlife-elk- not cattle. The solution is to reduce the number of cattle jn the park -that is the answer -not killing native elk.

#2905

Name: Moore, Sherrie

Correspondence: DON'T KILL WILDLIFE, THE ELK WERE THERE BEFORE THE RANCHERS.

#2906

Name: Akins , Kathleen

Correspondence: I am shocked and disheartened that once again, the Trump administration shows no regard for

the wildlife that has lived in the same area for years, Suddenly, men want to make more money raising livestock so you think that's a great idea. We'll just slaughter the wildlife that lives there. These beautiful creatures were created by God for a reason. You will have to answer to him at some point.

#2907

Name: Hufford, Sara

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2908

Name: sinclair, l.

Correspondence: Please do not establish any policies or laws that would effect the Tule Elk population at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is imperative that we do not decimate our environment and the animals that live in our world. The native wild species such as the Tule Elk must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Using this land to allow grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration,

Linda Sinclair

#2909

Name: Juric, Eileen

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk. Thanks!

#2910

Name: Briggs, Lila

Correspondence: I am not sure I understand why farming or ranching is allowed in a park to begin with. Parks and for wildlife and for people to visit and enjoy the scenery and wildlife. so it was a mistake to allow grazing etc there to begin with. Protect the elk and other wildlife and the park.

#2911

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The Cattle Industry is ruining America's landscape. The Cattle Industry is ruining the health of America. We do need anymore cattle. Cattle also drink up to 15 gallons of water a day and excrete tons of waste. The Tulle Elk need and deserve protection. For once do what is right. Stop thinking with your wallet and start thinking with your heart.

#2912

Name: schultze, patti

Correspondence: I love all animals and I am urging you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Stop killing

animals that deserve to live just as anyone else. Humans act like they are above animals, animals lived there first and hurting them does NOT solve anything, it is CRUEL and INHUMANE...

#2913

Name: jefferys, cindy

Correspondence: Elk were here first!!!! There is enough grazing to go around!

#2914

Name: Lynch, Tisa

Correspondence: Please - stop the craziness! Do not Keep wanting to kill our animals The people that are working for you now should retire and get jobs that are not invited with any animals. These people that work at this organization need to be repaced with decent, compassionate, intelligent people that know how to deal with animals.

#2915

Name: Briancca, Abbianna

Correspondence: Please do not kill these beautiful animals.

#2916

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge toto adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#2917

Name: Kelley, Mary Lu

Correspondence: Aloha,

I moved to Hawaii from California. Point Reyes has always been a favorite place. I am writing today to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please, please adopt Alternative F.

Thank you, Mary Lu Kelley

#2918

Name: hansen, paula

Correspondence: As we continue to emerse ourselves into climate change, it seems pertinent to do what we can to help this problem. And it is well documented that the raising of beef is not helpful to either humans well being and health orto the planet's health as the cost of raising 1 pound of beef is huge. And as this country continues to blame our mass shootings on mental health, it seems that continuing open nature's open spaces for visitors to visit would help to calm the anxieties of this society.

I live in Colorado and pay to support California parks and recreation places because I come to enjoy the beauty and quiet of your outdoor spaces. I find the offerings of Point Reyes to be more helpful to your visitors than

watching cattle graze. Perhaps we can listen to the children of the world who are championing our engagement in solving human involvement in climate change and answer their call to act decisively and promptly to their urgent problem, so that the young people will have a future

Please act responsibly and do the right thing for the future.

#2919

Name: Mills, Dave

Correspondence: Please protect the nature we have. It can not be replaced!

#2920

Name: Taliaferro, Roberta

Correspondence: Wild life, indeed all life must be valued.

#2921

Name: Hearon, Marlene

Correspondence: Please help the Elks to stay in their home!!!

#2922

Name: Sherwood, Kate

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2923

Name: Roy, John Paul

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F at Pt Reyes, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. tGrazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2924

Name: Cataldo, Martha

Correspondence: I was notified that Elk at Point Reyes National Park will be killed to make room for farming. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I am writing you to ask that the elk not be killed and that the NPS adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Thank you. Martha Cataldo

#2925

Name: Hampel, Susan

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching

activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2926

Name: Drozdowski, Dorota

Correspondence: This is simply barbaric and inhuman Killing these beautiful species is not an options. They have more rights to the land than us.

#2927

Name: Malinowski Melody, Sybil

Correspondence: As a former resident of Marin County, I know the beauty of Point Reyes National Seashore in California. I am writing to ask you to protect the tule elk. There should be a way for farmers and ranchers to graze their cattle without killing the elk, and you have a responsibility to balance the lives of these wild animals with agricultural demands.

#2928

Name: Guaraldi, Thomas

Correspondence: it is wrong to kill the elk and natural wildlife for cattle to graze un the park!-the Very reason the park was created was as a safe refuge for wildlife from the encroachment of humanity!-Please do NOT Allow this to take place!

#2929

Name: Mylius, Jerry

Correspondence: Elk are being slaughtwered on a National Park??? Please say it ain't so !!!

#2930

Name: Ary, David

Correspondence: The planet does not need more toxic and deadly production of animal food products. Please cancel any plans that you may have to eradicate Tule elk for the purpose of producing more animals to be slaughtered for their meat.

#2931

Name: Welland, Peter

Correspondence: Raising cattle for beef is destroying natural lands at an alarming rate. It is the largest land use, An astounding 41% of land in the US is used for grazing or growing food for livestock. Ranchers are already the largest welfare recipients as taxpayers pay far more for maintaining public land for grazing compared to the meager fees they pay. Please keep this land for the animals who live there now. Thank you. Peter

#2932

Name: Demers, Kerry

Correspondence: Please have compassion for the animals and the Ecology of our environment.

#2933

Name: Haroche, Bob

Correspondence: Please count me as strongly opposed to the killing of the elk herds at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. I prefer the elk to more beef or dairy cattle. Let us preserve something of the wild at the seashore.

#2934

Name: reiter, doris

Correspondence: Please save the Elk and give them a safe place

#2935

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2936

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This is wrong on all reasonable accounts. We need to stop killing native fauna for the sake of highly questionable cattle farming production. The focus should be on preserving existing wildlife habitat on public land and within protected spaces.

#2937

Name: Hinshaw , Tammera

Correspondence: It's been proven, wolves are an important element in a strong ecosystem. Leave them the hell alone and accept responsibility for what you've done.

#2938

Name: Sidebotham, Steven

Correspondence: Hello,

It seems to me that this national park should be left untouched. Ranchers already have sufficient land to raise livestock. If they feel that they do not, then they should buy what they think they need from other privately owned facilities and not from a public trust. Leave the national parks alone so that the rest of us can appreciate them.

#2939

Name: Settle, Charmaine

Correspondence: Chose Kindness Over Cruelty!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Where is your moral compass???

#2940

Name: Gfrorer, John

Correspondence: As a taxpayer and concerned citizen I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F, and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities for all Americans. That's what the National Park System is for. At a minimum some of these leases should be retired or the number of cattle reduced.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

The other alternatives offered appear to respond to the concerns of a very small but powerful contingent - - that of livestock operators unwilling or unable to imagine coexisting with wildlife.

#2941

Name: dube, gary

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F

#2942

Name: Hughes, Kevin

Correspondence: The elk belong there, not humans, leave them alone.

#2943

Name: Pyatt, Janet

Correspondence:

The land the elk herds graze on is not really suitable for domesticated animals. There are many places to raise them that are the best places for that type of farming. Our wildlife is a national treasure and must be protected. I understand the desire of people to make a living, but there must be a balance of what is good for some vs what is good for all. The almighty dollar should not be allowed to take over in every instance. Please allow the elk to have their piece of land and leave them undisturbed so we can enjoy them as wild and free. Some things are just irreplaceable.

#2944

Name: Bottrell, Cynthia

Correspondence: Stop leasing public land.

#2945

Name: Thorne, R.

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes National Seashore Park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remember, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#2946

Name: Werner, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Protect the elk population and our National Parks!

#2947

Name: Watson, Catherine

Correspondence: It is our responsibility to be good stewards of our precious parkland and the species who live on

it, but both are being decimated. Please put a stop to it and make sure the beauty of America is preserved for future generations. We will not have a second chance to do it.

#2948

Name: Michael, Sharon

Correspondence: Shooting these elk is totally horrific.

#2949

Name: Rhue, JoAnn

Correspondence: These animals deserve to live & be enjoyed by humans. They are beautiful animals.

#2950

Name: Shaye, Sondra

Correspondence: Please be sure to adopt ALTERNATIVE F, which discontinues farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore park in California, and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING! OUR ECOSYSTEMS ARE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSING. We MUST protect them!!!

#2951

Name: Obrien, Gina

Correspondence: Leave the elk where they are.

#2952

Name: Beck, Lynae

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F! End ranching and farming in the park. Native species should come first.

#2953

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please reconsider culling the elk. California is greater than that kinda of thinking.

#2954

Name: R, Joe

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2955

Name: Franzis, Irene

Correspondence: They are not put here for you to do as you please with them an to them. Leave them alone.

#2956

Name: Wolfsohn, Sharon

Correspondence: As someone who visits the Point Reyes National Seashore, part of the beauty is the natural wonder. The thrill of seeing the elk in their beautiful, natural element is breathtaking every time. The farms and ranches have been lucky to use that land. There is no way they should receive preferential treatment over the natural residents...the Tule Elk. Man is not the only animal that seeks freedom and space, and every single animal has just as much right to be here as we do...if not more. Please do the right thing.

#2957

Name: Caleça, Vera

Correspondence: All living beings are important to the ecosystems and if one goes missing the rest will fall apart. They all deserve to be respected and protected by all of us. Please prot the elks.

#2958

Name: Obenauf, Gail

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species such as Tule elk must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2959

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: National Park Service: Please do not consider a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

#2960

Name: N/A, Alison

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2961

Name: Gensler, Donna

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone, wildlife has enough trouble fending off the jackass in the White House.

#2962

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am an avid wildlife supporter and come to the Seashore because I want see the wildlife not cows all over the landscape! On a recent visit, July 2019, I was appalled to see all the destruction to the land, OUR PARK, due to the dairy and ranching establishments. THEIR TIME IS UP! The NPS has been catering to farmers for TOO LONG. Our voices will be heard this time around.

The mission of national parks is to protect native plants and animals. So why in the world would you kill off the Tule elk? Why have you let cows trample endangered flora? Why would you let the rancher RAPE the land? What DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

In addition, the NPS cites its obligation to preserve historic and cultural resources. The ranch buildings and infrastructure are historic, NOT THE COWS. It's neither required nor necessary to permit 6,000 cattle in the park that never existed before. THE TULE ELK ARE NATIVE!

Seashore ranchers benefit from discounted grazing fees, below-market-rate housing, and maintenance and improvements to roads, homes, and farm buildings covered AT PUBLIC EXPENSE. Seashore ranches pay no property taxes. I am NOT ok with my tax dollars supporting ranchers. I DO SUPPORT NATIVE WILDLIFE! Native Tule elk are the true historic occupants of the Point Reyes peninsula.

The Environmental Impact Statement says that the land, water, and wildlife of the national seashore are being harmed by the cattle. THIS MUST BE STOPPED, NOW! Alternative F is the ONLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

Land dedicated to ranching would be repurposed for "visitor opportunities" is the ONLY acceptable choice for Point Reyes National Seashore. Let the Tule elk expand their range in the park.

#2963

Name: bedford, sharon

Correspondence: In your natural history museum in New York there is a plaque on the wall which I feel is very appropriate for what you are planning on doing to these magnificent creatures please read:

In pushing other species to extinction Humanity is busy sawing off The limb on which It is perched

This was written by a "Paul Shruch" and I think it is very apt for this proposal

#2964

Name: Fenn, Kathryn

Correspondence: With regard to the future of Point Reyes National Seashore in California, I urge you to adopt adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park, protect the Tule Elk and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. The Tule Elk that currently live in the Park are only a fraction of their historical levels. Furthermore, the grazing of large numbers of non-native species negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for your consideration.

#2965

Name: Spear, Lauren

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk herd. These lands are being leased by ranchers, but that does not give them the right to demand that the elk heard be exterminated. I wish the government agencies would stop pandering to ranchers. Thank you.

#2966

Name: N/A, Patricia

Correspondence: Our Parks are protected areas for us and the wildlife that lives there. I don't go to a park to see cattle. The Elk are the ones the park should be protecting. The cattlemen need to buy their cows some hay and get out of our parks and away from our Elks. We buy our horses hay and feed those cattlemen's money needs to be spent on their animals. Do not open the park to hunting! It's wrong. Patricia

#2967

Name: Williams II, Clyde

Correspondence: no crops no pigs no sheep no

#2968

Name: Bordelon, Tika

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2969

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Elk, please preserve this land and do not use it for farming or crops. Choose option F - no cull. Thank you.

#2970

Name: Spring, Lorri

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2971

Name: Garrett, Marilyn

Correspondence: Let the elks live in peace

#2972

Name: Connolly, Daniel

Correspondence: Save Elk

#2973

Name: Moffett, Helen

Correspondence: I do not agree with killing off the elk. If you want to control the population. Have the males neutered.

#2974

Name: DeLaria, Michelle

Correspondence: The proposal to kill elk in a national park in exchange for cattle is ridiculous! These are my elk too. The park service mission is to maintain the public trust for public benefit, not allow ranchers and other private interests to plunder it.

#2975

Name: Cremen, Joan

Correspondence: Why shoot the animals? Then your hunters come here and shoot ours! 😞😞😞

#2976

Name: Boguslavsky, Elena

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F in PRNS, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2977

Name: Jablonska, Maria

Correspondence: To The National Park Service,

I cannot not believe that people are in constant process of destroying Nature and wildlife. Natural habitat for the wildlife is shrinking as is never enough room for people. We are killing and destroying those creatures forgetting that Earth is their home too. The National Park Service (NPS) must adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the NATIONAL PARK and let two herds of Tule elk, who are native to California, sustain unharmed on this land as preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Sincerely,

Maria Jablonska

#2978

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not slaughter the Elkes

#2979

Name: Carmen, William

Correspondence: The tule elk had government grant to graze the and flourish grazing there! Sorry it's there last chance to recover as a species to survive and multiply. I know private owners claim its for them but the land was established for the Tule Elk to thrive.

#2980

Name: Rock, Marcia

Correspondence: This is another affront perpetrated by the Republican Party and the current administration. Many have worked very hard to save our environment and endangered species only to see the political power crush all our hard work. We don't need more grazing for cattle! The beef industry pay off our representatives but not the grazing rights they claim to need. Instead they gather together, armed to the teeth and take what they want by violence.

#2981

Name: Engelmann, Peter

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Nowadays, the preservation of native wild species should take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Modern agriculture uses more than enough land already, to the detriment of what's left of our wild environment. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2982

Name: broll, carol

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#2983

Name: Brown, Rose

Correspondence: Elk have been grazing longer on this Land than anybody else. They have a right, and we have the Duty to respect this. Cattle and Elk can graze together in harmony. If Humans let them.

#2984

Name: Zakova-Laney, Pavla

Correspondence: Please, choose the alternative F: discontinue farming and ranching to encourage more wildlife including the elk for many more park visitors to enjoy for many years to come. Thank you!

#2985

Name: N/A, Carol

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Tule elk deserve to stay where they are.

#2986

Name: Lawrence, Pat

Correspondence: It is incomprehensible, and indefensible, that our National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while solely for the expansion of agricultural activities. Must we keep slaughtering animals for our own convenience? Is there really no difference between our National Park Service and the local strip mall developer? What happened to the honor and integrity of our National Park Service. Does anyone there even know the name of John Muir? I am so ashamed of how my country has abandoned any pretense of protection of workers, clean water, clean air, children, women, poor people or people of any shade other than pale white, but, really, can you not stand up for the majestic animals that grace our national lands? If you need someone to stand with you, reach out. There are many of us who will be glad to back you up. Please, do not surrender the principles that are integral to the National Park Service.

#2987

Name: KELLEY, ANGELA

Correspondence: .

#2988

Name: Lorey, Jeanene

Correspondence: I urge you to take all measures to preserve the current elk herd and to not permit the greedy demands of those who would subvert the natural habitat just for their own gain. Make the land off limits for this grazing and pointless killing of a part of America's treasured wildlife. We do NOT need more marketed meats nor to have this place forever devastated. ONE EARTH. Protect it.

#2989

Name: Sowinski, Lynn

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

This land should be preserved for all the people of the country and not just for a few ranchers for private gain.

Sincerely,

Lynn L. Sowinski

#2990

Name: DeCraemer, Mary

Correspondence: As an American natural citizen, I want the Tule Elk to be left alone, in the wild as it is meant to be. Stop over managing and killing our wildlife! We do not care what the ranchers want, there is room for all the animals, including wild horses and burros! All wildlife should be WILD & FREE.

#2991

Name: Bruhn, Jean

Correspondence:

PLease please DO NOT KILL ELK. They do no harm.

#2992

Name: mansfield, cameron

Correspondence: Soon there will nothing left.

#2993

Name: Galloupe, Joshua

Correspondence: It is appalling to think that these majestic animals can be murdered for no proper reason.

#2994

Name: COFFMAN, KATHY

Correspondence: These Elk were on the bring of extinction. You brought them back only to kill them again...how stupid. Stop the insanity.....please.....save the Tule Elk

#2995

Name: rhodes, marjorie

Correspondence: This is so wrong to allow farmers and ranchers to kill these elk for the profits of the farmers and ranchers. This is the land belonging to these elk. Just because these elk can't pay you money you are allowing this crime against them. This is not acceptable.

#2996

Name: Metts, Mary

Correspondence: If the ranchers get their way all wildlife that threatened them would be killed off we can't continue to let the government side with ranchers.

#2997

Name: Baker, Darlene

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F with regards to the Tule Elk.

#2998

Name: Wouterse, Renny

Correspondence: Unbelievable. To see such a beautiful sight. And can you imagine these animals with cows all eating and being on those green grass? And why do we humans always want to kill something!

#2999

Name: Phoenix, Angela

Correspondence: I am horrified at the proposals in Alternative B. There should be no place for farming in national parks. Ever. Preservation of native wild species should be the priority, and it is astonishing that this even has to be pointed out. Grazing contributes to soil erosion and water pollution, with negative effects of many kinds on ecosystems. All of this harms endangered species. Ranchers are all about greed and the Park Service should not be enabling them. Please enact Alternative F.

#3000

Name: Johnson, Danielle

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative f to protect the Tule Elk

#3001

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This is a beautiful natural wildlife spot in California. Elk personify the natural wildlife wonder of this area, strikingly adding to its beauty. Do not compromise this in any way by allowing the killing of elk.

#3002

Name: Parkins, Janet

Correspondence: As a visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore I have been delighted to see the elk herds. The elk fit naturally into the environment and enhance it. I would be surprised if most other visitors did not feel the way I do - that seeing a rare and beautiful animal in its natural environment enhances our visit. On the other hand I have always wondered at the commercial agriculture in the National Seashore. I understood that it was grandfathered from when the park was created, and would be phased out in time. Now I understand that there is plan to cull elk to allow expansion of commercial agriculture. This seems absolutely contrary to the mandate of the National Park Service. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Commercial grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Thank you for your consideration.

#3003

Name: Roch, Kath

Correspondence: Please just let the elk live long and free.

#3004

Name: Schmidt, Alberdina

Correspondence: Stop this senseless slaughter!!! A mere 124 elk are threatening thousands of cows Or cattle!?!?

#3005

Name: Fraser, Roxann

Correspondence: Don't sacrifice the elk so you can kill more cows and make more money. Think of the future of your families and this planet.

#3006

Name: d'Alessio, Jon

Correspondence: I am in favor of either Alternative B and Alternative D of the proposed plan.

The Point Reyes dairy farms in PRNSA are a major cultural resource for Marin County. They have helped define West Marin for 150 years and their continued operation is necessary to maintain this important environmental resource. Long term leases will allow for beneficial long term investments by the framers, leading to better and more efficient stewardship of the land.

My interest in Alternative D is I am not convinced a farm smaller than 7,500 acres can be economically viable.

I believe the elk herd needs to maintain at its natural carrying capacity of the land. The best option would be for this to be done naturally (i.e. by predator). Unfortunately, the land is no longer in its natural state due to the elimination of elk predators, and this option is no longer viable. The next best option would be to translocate but I doubt that will work. We should remember the fate of the deer translocated from Angel Island in 1981. That leaves culling the herd by shooting which I am in favor of provided the shooters mimic the elks natural predators and take out the young and weak, and do not adapt the hunters approach of going for the biggest.

All and all a good job and I look forward to continuing to enjoy Point Reyes in the future.

#3007

Name: Nagy-DeRosa, Kathleen

Correspondence: It's ridiculous that the elk will be killed for grazing. What is wrong with you people? Humanity will not be satisfied until they kill every animal on this planet. We have to stop the killing now. It's a shameful practice.

#3008

Name: Krause, Ramona

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please reconsider your thoughts about this and the status of elk in the region.

#3009

Name: Lawrence, Mrs.

Correspondence: Please support Plan F. I lived and worked in Northern Cali for 14 yrs before my husband's work forced me to relocate to Tx. I LOVE the Point Teyes area and used to see cows all over the beautiful hills and wonder WHY? RED MEAT FROM COWS CAUSES HEART DISEASE WHEN EATEN LIKE MANY AMERICANS EAT IT - - TOOOO OFTEN, TOOOO MUCH! LET'S SEE NATURAL ANIMALS GRAZING ON THOSE HILLSIDES - - LIKE THE ELK. NOT COWS!!!!

#3010

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: US taxpayers do not want paradise replaced with hell. Thanks.

#3011

Name: pauley, thomas

Correspondence: This is outrageous, the Elk must be protected!!!

#3012

Name: Masters, Anne

Correspondence: This is a national park! The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. In addition, cattle produce copious amounts of methane, a greenhouse gas that holds much more heat than carbon dioxide! We should be reducing the number of cattle and encouraging people to eat less beef.

#3013

Name: Fierro, Tallia

Correspondence: This land belongs to the elk, not the damn greedy ranchers. These ranchers need to monitor their herds on their land.

#3014

Name: Alvarado, Vanessa

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, in order to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I believe the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. The amount of land that is being taken over to raise cows is despicable and to continue to do so will erode the balance of our planet's ecosystem.

#3015

Name: Martinson, Julianne

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching, and to expand visitor opportunities.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3016

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Save the Tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore!

#3017

Name: Underhill, Chris

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please note that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3018

Name: Jaffe, David

Correspondence: Killing elk over this conflict with ranching is absolutely the wrong approach. I *strongly* urge you to adopt Option F.

#3019

Name: Pittman, Maria

Correspondence: Endangered animals should be protected & always come first. Increasing farming is detrimental to the environment & causes dangerous climate changes.

#3020

Name: Reiter, Leslie

Correspondence: Save elk and prevent their senseless killing responsibly!

#3021

Name: Post, Sherry

Correspondence: I have a degree in Range Science! I could make a grazing plan that would work! Do not kill them.

#3022

Name: MITCHELL, KATHERINE

Correspondence: I strongly encourage you to adopt Amendment F!!!!!!!!!!

#3023

Name: Frichette, Richard

Correspondence: It's time for human beings to stop killing animals and devouring their habitat to make room for more human activity. Human beings have become a blight on the planet. Our shortsightedness and greed result in behavior that makes it clear we refuse to allow other species to share the earth with us.

Why might we need to expand agricultural production? First, we (humans) produce enough food to feed the world but inefficient and wasteful distribution (and selfishness and greed - - always selfishness and greed!) leave many people hungry and even starving.

If humanity doesn't change its ways very, very soon it won't only be defenseless creatures like elk that face death.

Wake up!

#3024

Name: Saxon, Diana

Correspondence: Stop promoting cattle over wildlife. The elks deserve to live at Port Reyes, not some methane gas-bag cattle.

#3025

Name: Larkin, Amanda

Correspondence: Please Adopt Alternative F and stop allowing the commercialization and exploitation of our public lands for the benefit of the few. This land belongs to the elk just as much as the ranchers. The fact is the cattle industry is unsustainable and destroying our environment. This is as much for the benefit of the elk as it is for humankind. Please stop this abuse and adopt Alternative F.

#3026

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I would like to remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3027

Name: Boucher, Blair

Correspondence: Please look for other solutions to this elk issue. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

#3028

Name: Derks, Linda

Correspondence: This is a stunningly short-sighted plan based on selfish greed. I am incredulous that this was even considered, let alone reached the stage it has. This is wrong on so many levels. We have evolved.

#3029

Name: Noblett, Dianne

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, we don't need the farming and ranching instead of the indigenous wildlife, please don't kill the few elk remaining it's their park...

#3030

Name: Cleaver, Melissa

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3031

Name: Holsten, Chandra

Correspondence: Beautiful animals...essential to our environment and heritage. Why would anyone want to murder these magnificent beasts? Stop animal slaughter. NOW!

#3032

Name: Sawyers, Teresa

Correspondence: Don't kill elk!

#3033

Name: Brown, Vicki

Correspondence: Please do not kill these wonderful creatures. I don't understand why the first thing to fix a problem with animals is to just kill them. God put wild creatures on this earth long before humans. Humans just seem to always want to destroy and kill. Please adopt Alternative F. You realize I'm sure that farming and ranching isn't great for the ecosystem. That's just too many cattle on this land. Is it about the money? You'd rather take the money and kill off the elk? I feel sorry for you if you feel that way.

#3034

Name: AL MEQDAD, ELAINE

Correspondence: NO ELK OR ANY ANIMAL SHOULD BE KILLED, PERIOD! ESPECIALLY WHEN THESE ELK ARE SO FEW FROM EACH HERD. DO NOT DO THIS HORRIBLE ACT OF CULLING THESE ELK.

#3035

Name: Solis, Sergio

Correspondence: The fate of the tule elks are more important than agriculture!

#3036

Name: Rolofson, Tom

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Commercial ranching and farming negatively affect ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

#3037

Name: Barone, Marina

Correspondence: Please, adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3038

Name: Uyenishi, Steve

Correspondence: Please do not settle on any plan that would have any elk killed. The best plan to adopt is Alternative F, because native wild species must be preserved. Allowing grazing to occur will damage the ecosystem, which in turn could cause water pollution and soil erosion. Disease and invasive species could take root, and harming endangered species. In addition, resorting to killing elk is too extreme. Doing this should not even be considered. Thank you for listening.

#3039

Name: Goppert, Donald

Correspondence: Please choose option F. Please give mercy, compassion, kindness, respect and very strong

protections for the vulnerable environment and precious wildlife. Please help to prevent their suffering, exploitation, abuse and destruction.

#3040

Name: Green, Patricia

Correspondence: How can anyone think of killing off elk that belong in the park is okay?! You must know that preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. There is plenty of open land to allow grazing where innocent native animals wouldn't have to be killed off to allow the cattle to graze and crops to be planted!

#3041

Name: TIDWELL, KELLY

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F

#3042

Name: Wolpa, Robert

Correspondence: If WE do not protect these lands and the animals on them for future generations, WHO WILL?

#3043

Name: Miller, Charles

Correspondence: To hell with the damn farmers and ranchers. The elk have a right to live too. These are public lands anyhow. That means they belong to me too. I vote for the elk. Let the bleepin' ranchers and farmers put their cattle - and themselves - in the middle of the ocean.

Further, I like the idea of having intact wilderness and park areas. That means no cattle there. No wildlife services slaughtering animals. No killing wolves or grizzly bears. No mining. No shrinking of places like Bears Ears. Get the idea? I will be contacting my representative about all of these issues.

#3044

Name: Liberman, Monique

Correspondence: Hello the team of Point Reyes National Seashore,

I urge you to adopt Alternative F.

Nature is dying everywhere in the world.

The National Parke's goals are to protect natural environment. Please let the Tule Elk live, let the public enjoy visiting the Park, and protect Nature for our kids

Thank you for your attention.

Dr. Liberman Monique

#3045

Name: perez, daniel

Correspondence: let safe

#3046

Name: Faber, Carol

Correspondence: Please do not kill these elk. That is their land!!!!

#3047

Name: Johnson, G. G.

Correspondence: A park is created for wild life and recreation not for farming. Native species are more important than cattle which degrades ecosystems through soil erosion and water pollution and further more introduce invasive species and disease. This is why ALTERNATIVE F should be adopted and the elk left to live in peace where they belong.

#3048

Name: Valérie, Morera

Correspondence: ladies and gentlemen, Elks are wild animals that were there before the man who takes everything. The animals of man have the right to eat but all other animals too. Why does man take the right to kill? Leave these elk alone, they have the right to live. One day there will be no more animals because of man and a planet without animals, with just humans who think themselves superior will not want anything and life will be sad. So please leave these animals alone. Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

#3049

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Respectful Sir, Madam, I am urging you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please take it into consideration and follow the humane and not harmful way defending the wild life and to allow visitors and especially children to enjoy the nature as is. It's our future, it's next generations future. Thank you. Fondly,
Ludmila Dmitriev-odier

#3050

Name: Toohey, Stephanie

Correspondence: I am asking you to choose Alternative F. I believe the elk are important and that they should be the priority here, not grazing cattle. In Alternative F farming and ranching activities would be suspended. And more visitor opportunities would be added. In order for everyone in the world to have enough food, changes need to be made in the way we eat. We need to at least reduce the amount of meat we eat. The next step is to increase our consumption of foods that are grown. This is the path we need to take to feed everyone.

#3051

Name: Koons, Rachel

Correspondence: Please do not support the expansion of grazelands for agricultural use. This means elk and native animals and ecosystems will be killed. This is an unnatural move that will destroy the natural balance of the area, bringing poisonous chemicals and byproduct to the land and water. We don't need more destructive, hellish farms of cattle and pigs - people need stop top consuming these products in order to protect our planet. Please do not pass this amendment.

#3052

Name: Melnick, Margaret

Correspondence: Have you people learned nothing? We have plenty of agriculture stop killing wild animals to produce more. If you keep upsetting the balance of nature sooner or later man himself will disappear. LEAVE WILD LIFE ALONE AND LEARN TO CO EXIST WITH THEM.

#3053

Name: West, Andre

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#3054

Name: Schweiss, Kraig and Valerie

Correspondence: We would like to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes National Seashore in California and expand visitor opportunities. We ask the NPS that the preservation of native wild species (the TULE ELK HERDS native to California) must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. We would also wish to remind the NPS that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very serious ANIMAL RIGHTS ISSUE!

#3055

Name: Mumaw, Clayton

Correspondence: I support retaining the present situation regarding the elk herds at Point Reyes National Seashore without intrusion from commercial agriculture activities. That is, the labeling of that area, which seems to indicate that it is a protected National Park, should be protected. Or if that labeling is misleadingly incorrect, that is the position that should be adjusted; i.e., official designation as a commercialism-protected National Park is what should be being proposed.

#3056

Name: Velo, Johanna

Correspondence: Please, adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and dis

#3057

Name: Gigante, Luigi

Correspondence: I cannot beleive that such a shame can be done!

#3058

Name: Lieberman, Clara

Correspondence: Please don't kill these magnificent animals. Hunting for Sport is not a Sport unless the Elk have a fighting chance which we all know they don't. They don't have any weapons automatic or otherwise. So please don't allow hunters trophy or otherwise access to God's gorgeous creatures the Thule Elk. Thank you for your time Respectfully yours Clara M Lieberman

#3059

Name: Bergen, Peggy

Correspondence: Please don't kill the elk. They are magnificent animals they just want to live. I don't have the answers, but there must be another way. Thank you.

#3060

Name: Rowney, Marijke

Correspondence: This is a beautiful natural park that should keep all wild animals safe from human interference. If necessary the number of cows should be restricted rather than the Elle destroyed. If the cows and farmers take over the natural land and flora and fauna will be destroyed and ruin another National Park. I have been there and it was wonderful.

#3061

Name: Bossuyt, Cynthia

Correspondence: Please do not kill Tule Elk.

#3062

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3063

Name: Grayland, Victoria

Correspondence: I hold a Senior Pass to the National Parks. I have visited Point Reyes, and it's beautiful. It belongs to everyone, not just the business persons who lease the area, and the native animals have the right to be there. They help to create a healthy ecosystem. Domestic animal grazing negatively affects the environment, causing soil erosion. In this climate crisis, we need to maintain healthy soil to hold carbon.

I urge you to choose Alternative F, which would expand visitor opportunities at Point Reyes.

#3064

Name: westbury, michael

Correspondence: why do we not learn the problems caused by upsetting nature through the destruction of animals and land, the benefits of culls like you propose will only have short term gains.

#3065

Name: Klosiewski, Tina

Correspondence: Please don't kill elk for the benefit of farmers and ranchers. This is a reckless plan, we don't need more cows, we need more wildlife.

#3066

Name: N/A, Pat

Correspondence: Parks are for wildlife not livestock. Don't sacrifice elk for cows!

#3067

Name: Vera, Laura

Correspondence: Urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3068

Name: Young, Miranda

Correspondence: This would be a terrible thing to do. The elk have more right to live there than the cows do. What should be done is to remove all cows and leave the range to those creatures who belong there, the elk. Stop the leases from being renewed. No more farming and ranching activities should be allowed. The cows overgraze the area which badly effects ecosystems. This causes water pollution and erosion of the soil. It spreads diseases and harms the endangered species. Alternative F is the only correct and sensible choice. Please do this and save the elk.

#3069

Name: von Wowern, Anders

Correspondence: Wild animals are being overlooked and killed all over the world. Surely, a rich, civilized continent like the US can afford to keep them alive. Cattlefarming is not the future - wild animals are!

Thank you and have a great day

#3070

Name: Prost, Anne

Correspondence: PLEASE, from France, I beg the National Park Service : don't permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities!

#3071

Name: Jimenez, Diana

Correspondence: Take Care of Natures fauna please

#3072

Name: Mansfield, Linda

Correspondence: Don't kill the elk. Stop this attack on wild life. Our country is better than this. Wild life have as much right to live as we do.

#3073

Name: Hu, Jamie

Correspondence: Killing is dangerous.

#3074

Name: Puso, Diane

Correspondence: We need to leave some land natural and leave it to nature's creatures who are too often being displaced by development

#3075

Name: Barnes, Kimberly

Correspondence: i urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3076

Name: Brown, Claire

Correspondence: It is incorrect to slaughter wild animals in order to take more land for cattle

#3077

Name: Lapenson , Ronnie

Correspondence: The government is involved in much too much animal slaughter. Spend funds on something good. NOT MURDER

#3078

Name: Karcich, Richard

Correspondence: We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its good fortune.

The Tule Elk are but one part of that heritage! We must protect them!

#3079

Name: schoolman, alice

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

As you know, Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The tule elk, who are native to California were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s specifically to support the preservation of native wild species.

Farming and ranching activities will negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species in what is after all a National Park.

In this instance the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Your preferred option, Alternative B, will involve killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. This option which would mean the park was "managed in consideration of ranch operations," will be highly destructive to the [ark and the ethos of the NPS - at a time when we all know the whole planet is endangered.

I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Schoolman

#3080

Name: Braude , Marcie

Correspondence: This is morally wrong that you will except money to allow cattle to graze on this land but not allow elk to graze on this land. The ranchers can find and pay for other land for their cattle to graze on. Elk can't pay for land to graze on. They were here first and as a wild animal their rights should come first. If the ranchers don't have enough land for their cattle perhaps they shouldn't have gotten into ranching to start with. The idea of ranchers depending on the governments land which ultimately belongs to the citizens of the United States is a poor business model and should not allowed to continue. The idea of any wild species being killed so that a for profit business can continue will deplete our planet of these majestic animals.

#3081

Name: Aiello, Bruce

Correspondence: This plan, Alterative B, is not only bad for the ecosystems, but it once again proves that there are still too many Government bureaucrats more concerned about getting their palms greased then they are about doing what's right.

This is a National Park which you have already spent a lot of time, effort and money on, and apparently, successfully re-established some of the indigenou life forms. Continue in this fashion and adopt Alternative F! The handful of local farmers and public servants can always find another location to rape and abuse by introducing their farming and ranching activities.

#3082

Name: Carter, Calesse

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for doing the right thing by adopting Alternative F.

#3083

Name: Serazio, Charlotte

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. NPS the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3084

Name: Redigolo, Giorgio

Correspondence: Please do not kill elks.

Giorgio from Italy.

#3085

Name: Wilfing, Janice

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive

species and disease, and harming endangered species. Leave the elk alone and tell the cattle ranchers to buy their own land to graze their cattle on. They have no business using national parks - that is NOT what the parks are for. The parks are suppose to be a save haven for native, wild animals.

#3086

Name: Serazio, Sandra

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. NPS the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3087

Name: Trindl, William

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. NPS the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3088

Name: Todnem, David

Correspondence: Native elk should not be killed on public land to favor cattle from private ranchers. They signed an agreement. Make them live up to it. David Todnem

#3089

Name: Mitchell, Jonathan

Correspondence: I urge you to reject Alternative B and opt for Alternative F, which would not involve killing any of the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Please prioritize the preservation of native wild species over the demands of farmers and ranchers.

#3090

Name: Johnston , Jessica

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3091

Name: Lacroix, Marion

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#3092

Name: Gibson, Allison

Correspondence: Plans for further intensive farming at the cost of our planet and it's ecosystems, MUST STOP now before it is too late.

Please wake up to your responsibilities towards the future of our planet....this is part of a global emergency situation, Intensive farming pays a far higher price than all the monetary profit that could ever be made.....the value of our planet's future survival is 'priceless'.

Let us globally co-create solutions that are ethical and sustainable.

I trust that the NPS will make ethical and sustainable decisions for the future use of our parklands.

Thank you.

#3093

Name: Chookolingo, Rex

Correspondence: The fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California hangs in the balance. Please do not give preference to farmers and ranchers over tule elk who have been using these grasslands first. Please let them share these grasslands with elk. Do not permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

#3094

Name: Marckesano, Patrick

Correspondence: As a long time visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore, particularly the Pierce Point Ranch trail, I would fervently proclaim that this park is a priceless asset to California and the United States. Over the years, I have taken countless friends, family, and others to share in its natural splendor. What a remarkable place, a biome seemingly untouched in its northern most area, that provides a glimpse of what the continent must have looked like before humans made their impact!

My attention was drawn to these comments by a PETA petition, but let me say outright that understanding the history of Point Reyes, including the unique legacy of dairy farming there, that I do NOT endorse their viewpoint that ALL farming activities should be abolished. This is a needlessly extremist viewpoint when what is really needed is a compromise, albeit one free from the influence of unreasonable, short-term economic interests.

The Tule Elk are one of those rare wild animal repopulation success stories. And to see the majesty of their herds, roaming the shoreline freely is something whose benefit should be clear to all with even the slightest inkling of ecological concerns. I understand that their populations might need to be held at a certain number to keep them within their biological 'carrying capacity' (which I highly question has been reached) and their reduce roaming into cattle lands. But just the same way that their populations might be held stable, the farming activity in the area should ABSOLUTELY BE FROZEN IN SIZE AND NEVER EXPANDED. This was indeed the intention of the John F Kennedy's administration when first designating the area as a National Park - to prevent further development, for farming or any other commercial purposes.

I have immense respect for the farmers in Point Reyes. These historical dairy farms provide some of the highest quality organic milk and cheese in the United States, and we would also be at a loss to eliminate them. But I see no excusable reason for them to expand their grazing areas within the park. And furthermore, the introduction of other livestock or farming activities should be absolutely forbidden.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments in the public record.

#3095

Name: Hoare, Patricia
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please don't endanger the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you P Hoare

#3096

Name: Fuss, Patricia
Correspondence: The Wild Elk in the Pt Reeves National Park must be protected and preserved for the future. Their future must be protected at all costs. Please do not allow them to be sacrificed to agriculture. Thank you.

#3097

Name: Salini, Mauro
Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species like Your beautiful Elk must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thanks a lot. Mauro Salini

#3098

Name: Mueller , Chris
Correspondence: This is just too much. Cattle grow much better in Virginia. why attack elk in an iconic area to enable more cattle to be raised for slaughter?

#3099

Name: Tsoumani , Michelle
Correspondence: Leave Elks alone.

#3100

Name: Chignell, Edwina
Correspondence: Please do not destroy the Elk's habitat.

Livestock farming destroys precious ecosystems and kills biodiversity.

Please show compassion before greed!

#3101

Name: Patek, Pamela
Correspondence: I don't believe it is the job of NPS to support farming and ranching operations. I urge you to adopt Alternative F regarding the Tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore, which would discontinue farming and ranching in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take

precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3102

Name: Robertson, Rachel

Correspondence: We need to stop giving special rights to greedy mass farmers. They take away business from real farmers, ruin the environment and are incredibly wasteful. Keep our wilds wild and put the onus on the farmers to keep their cattle fed and protected without destroying our natural environment.

#3103

Name: Best, Samantha

Correspondence: There's always another way

#3104

Name: bindman, steven

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species

#3105

Name: Koenig, Kathleen

Correspondence: Please watch over and protect these beautiful animals!

#3106

Name: Hynes, Lynne

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. Two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The NPS needs to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. We need to protect our environment and native animals, if we destroy them we will be well on the way to destroying ourselves. We cannot survive on this planet without them!

Thank you

Kind Regards

Lynne Hynes

#3107

Name: Annot, Jan

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, which are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The NPA's preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum - and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Please DO NOT adopt Alternative B, but Alternative F instead, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. It is clear that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. And, the NPA should remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3108

Name: Prickett, Lisa

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, to expand visitor opportunities on the park. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Heavy grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. It also decreases biodiversity. National parks are such important places for citizens to engage with the natural environment and there are known mental and physical health benefits from people being out in nature. Please use this opportunity to protect the wild animals, preserve nature and allow citizens to engage with the wonderful environment you have.

#3109

Name: Trudeau, Mel

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk of Point Reyes. They are part of our natural heritage and do not deserve to be slaughtered. Thank you.

#3110

Name: Elgut, Malcolm

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, and grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3111

Name: Marchel, Doug

Correspondence: Concerning the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore; I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration.

Doug Marchel

#3112

Name: Mah, Rosemary

Correspondence: Please protect the Elk and let them live there peacefully. Do not allow others to use their grazing land!

#3113

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: What are you folks thinking.? What harm can this small number of animals do to the magnificent herds of cattle that are owned by people who do NOT own the land their cattle and their family live off of. We the people own the land. Someone needs to remind these ranchers of this. They are profiting off this land and they do not own it. The PEOPLE of AMERICA own the land. Please protect this small herd of animals who deserve a place in the natural setting where they are surviving. That is the will of the American people who are the landlords. We the people are sick and tired of those who think they have the right to take over land and kill what they can't profit from. Please do the right thing and do not allow the killing and destruction of these magnificent animals.

#3114

Name: Camele, Mary

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Stop interfering with nature.

#3115

Name: Sardo , Steven

Correspondence: Please protect the Tule Elk. Public lands should not be leased to private business interests.

#3116

Name: Forbes, William

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative F. What is going on here? Is this PUBLIC land or isn't it? 5,500 cows? Under Alternative B, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops. Aldo Leopold might ask, What is best for the land? This is a no-brainer. Alternative F CLEARLY best serves the public and their PUBLIC land. Thank you.

#3117

Name: Bouillon , Lorena

Correspondence: discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3118

Name: Saaltink, Alette

Correspondence: Go save the elk

#3119

Name: Caperaa, Karen

Correspondence: Protect Tule Elks at Point Reyes National Park ! We don't have elks in France , if the countries who have some don't care about them it's just a shame for the whole world !

#3120

Name: Cacciabando, Jill

Correspondence: These elk have the right to live and not be killed because they are inconvenient to a few ranchers and farmers. This is the one of the stupidest things you do in your "management" of wildlife. How about you minimize rancher and farmers use of public lands. Wildlife must be allowed to live.

#3121

Name: Fleming, Trudy

Correspondence: I came across this as I was researching a holiday to visit Point Reyes and other National Parks in CA. Surely you should be protecting the animals in a NP and they are few in number. In any case their lives should not be lost in this sensitive environment in order to graze yet more animals for food.

#3122

Name: Maloney, Paul

Correspondence: With the amazon burning for farming cattle and growing food for them the last thing i want to hear is more native animals being killed for cattle. Its not right. Its the elks land. Please do the right thing and leave the elk be

#3123

Name: Eccles, Sharon

Correspondence: These animals have a right to be on this planet.

#3124

Name: Brown, Debra

Correspondence: I have heard via PETA that you are intending to kill elk in the Point Reyes National Park. I would urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

I believe the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I think it is time for your organisation to do your bit to work in harmony with nature and the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

#3125

Name: Koestler, Hans

Correspondence: Why is it that man is constantly wanting to murder creatures that have the same rights as we do to live their lives fully? We impeach on their land and take away their room to live and then we aren't happy either - we want to murder them as well. Shameful

#3126

Name: Fighter, Freedom

Correspondence: Bloody farmers, cull the lot of them.

#3127

Name: Woodburn, Bev

Correspondence: Leave the precious and innocent Elks alone you animal murdering lowlife monsters.

#3128

Name: Santagata, William

Correspondence: preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#3129

Name: Rudkin, Ian

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3130

Name: Goetinck, Jean

Correspondence: protect the elk. Get rid of the cattle and other grazers. The elk have their right to life, and the right to be left alone. Is it really necessary to deny the existence of splendid animals so that a few "ranchers" can continue to live off the death of so many creatures? Let them get honorable occupations!

#3131

Name: Dempsey, Lisa

Correspondence: Save elk

#3132

Name: Petrie, Nelson

Correspondence: Nature has placed the elk there before the white farmers arrived with their cattle. These people have no knowledge of the local ecology or the environment. They just want the cattle to overtake the elks because the cattle provides income while the poor elks grazing in their original habitats do not. These farmers and rangers are very slow to grasp the importance of the local ecology. It is a big blunder on the part of the government and the National Park Service at Point Reese to abandon this short sighted and crazy policy to get rid of elks. Why can't the National authorities use their minds to promote the habitats of the elks as a source of income by making it a tourist destination? Cattle owners should take their cattle else where in California. It's a really stupid idea for the NPS to shoot the elks who are living in their own habitats for millennial.

#3133

Name: Soltis, B

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species

must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3134

Name: Dabajo, Nico

Correspondence: Elks need to be protected from all sorts of abuse. They are part of American wildlife and it's appalling that there are heartless people who would like to cull them because they see them as nothing but pests. The government should exhort all its means to save the dying American wildlife pushed to the brink of extinction due to the present administration's anti-environmental policies...

#3135

Name: Miiller, Victor

Correspondence: I have a strong preference for you to adopt Alternative F.

#3136

Name: Gray, Vanessa

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Killing the elkes is unacceptable - this location is their home - PLEASE be ethical and let them live.

#3137

Name: Merchant, Roger

Correspondence: The elk should not be permitted to be shot as they are indigenous creatures on that land. If anything the cattle should be taken off and barred from being on there, they don't belong. What is wrong with you people wanting to eliminate all biodiversity and just make a profit . You're making the world poorer and more impoverished in following these ridiculous actions.

#3138

Name: Szyszka, Gosia

Correspondence: Help

#3139

Name: Diller, Susan

Correspondence: Please do not kill our iconic elk. We need less livestock and MORE wildlife.

#3140

Name: Cook, Virginia

Correspondence: I am so totally disgusted with our Government. The elk need to be protected. I urge the adoption of Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. NPS needs to be reminded that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3141

Name: Rücker, Michael

Correspondence: xxx

#3142

Name: Meinerding, Tony

Correspondence: They need our help - let's be there for them. Thank you.

#3143

Name: Reynolds, Simon

Correspondence: Please allow the Tule Elk to graze on the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Yours Sincerely

Simon Reynolds

#3144

Name: Oz, Cafer

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please stop destroying the nature and let's help the earth.

Thank you very much for your attention to this urgent matter!

Yours sincerely,

Cafer Oz

#3145

Name: BOIS, MYRIAM

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore Are in Danger!

#3146

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing in regard to the elk in your park. Please adopt Alternative F and discontinue farming in the park, support the herds of elk. We need to seriously start protecting wildlife. You have the chance to do that. Please show the world you are part of the solution and not the problem. Please show everyone that you care about these animals and their future.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesies.

#3147

Name: Wosniak, Aileen

Correspondence: Dear PEPC Team,

preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please protect endangered species.

Regards Aileen Wosniak

#3148

Name: Warren, Paul

Correspondence: Please let these beautiful animals enjoy their life in their natural environment, which belongs to them too. We, as human beings, are already causing far too much harm to nature and all it's creatures, just think of what is going on with the destruction of the Amazon rainforest or the huge quantity of plastic dispersed in our seas...I personally think we should entirely reconsider our position on this planet before we destroy all living beings, including ourselves. I am sure our children will be extremely grateful to us if we save as many of the wild animals that are left on this wonderful, albeit not for long I dread, and amazing place we call planet earth.

I thank you wholeheartedly for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Paul Warren, Senior Lecturer, University of Turin.

#3149

Name: Stephens, Andrew

Correspondence: Disgraceful that people feel they have a right to wipe out beautiful and graceful wild creatures who are, let's face it, on their own land. Tell the farmers - - and that fat freak whom you folks seem to regard as your president - - to take a long, long walk . . .

#3150

Name: Deschreider, Nicole

Correspondence: Please help elk!

#3151

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please consider Alternative F. Protect tule elk from needless slaughter. Conservation and ecotourism is the way of the future, while ranching and grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3152

Name: Hill, Kim

Correspondence: Leave the elk be - expand the parkland - share the grazing - what is wrong with you people

#3153

Name: Leibowitz , Doreen

Correspondence: Dear Sirs, Elks & other animals add beauty to Nature. It is our duty to protect them for us & future generations.

God has put them on this planet for us, humans to protect That's what our teachers & nuns at St. Joseph's Convent & School, in India taught us. Showing compassion for all living creatures, including humans is our greatest priority.

Every animal, insect, bird, fish & mammal has a right to survive, just as humans do.

Let generations to come learn from our humane feelings of compassion & understanding of nature.

#3154

Name: ROSATI, DOYLA

Correspondence: The Tule Elk are a species unique to California. They must be protected. The 19th century policy of allowing cattle ranchers to dominate the Western landscape should be retired to the shelf like an old Western movie. The small amount of Tule Elk left in California pose no truly serious threat to ranchers, but the decimation of native species is a threat to everyone and the generations to follow.

#3155

Name: Kimber, Julia

Correspondence: Please save these elks, surely there must be a compromise so that the elks can live in harmony with humans?

#3156

Name: Gower, Dee

Correspondence: the earth has a balance of animals and why should you decide who and what grazes on the land Could it be that cows pigs etc bring in more money than wild life which are so easily exterminated. I hope you don't win the battle of which animals can graze as you and many like you will destroy the eco system that has so carefully been put in place

#3157

Name: Taylor, Jane

Correspondence: Wildlife is precious and slowly disappearing. This must not be allowed to happen!

#3158

Name: Jordorson, Shirley

Correspondence: Please let these beautiful elk live in peace. All animals have a right to live in peace on this planet, it should not be our right to just kill them, just because we can, just because we decide these animals who are living a natural life, are in the wrong place as far as we are concerned. Live and let live !

#3159

Name: Gilliard, Sandra

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming

and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#3160

Name: Gaiser, Jörg

Correspondence: Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. Elk are native in California and belong to this park. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please save elk and nature!

Sincerely,

Jörg Gaiser Germany

#3161

Name: Allen, Cheryl

Correspondence: Really??? Did you forget the reason you are the National Park Service....Your oath should be to put the park and it's animals first..to preserve for upcoming generations....not to promote and lease for profit....

I know you must love nature and this has to be a mistake.

Please do not do this...it's not right..

Of all places I thought California would stand up for this preservation. Stop leasing to farmers...they are not what the National Parks were established for...PRESERVATION...not leasing.....certainly not killing for farmers...these parks were protected!!!

This really shocks me and possibly a further look and contact to see if preservation is being lost...The very job of the National Parks Service..

Please....I can't believe this is being done...where else is this miss management of OUR NATIONAL PARKS is occurring?

Making a difference is the reason our parks were established...what you are doing is wrong.

#3162

Name: Warren, Paul

Correspondence: To whom it is concern,

Following my previous email, I would like to specify that I wrote to you in reference to the fact that you are considering killing the elk in your wildlife park to give way to farming development, which as I already said, would be a terrible mistake that would set us back even further in our global endeavour to save the invaluable wildlife diversity still surviving on our planet.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Paul D Warren, Senior Lecturer, University of Turin

#3163

Name: Schar, Christiane

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

It is urgent to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

I'd remind that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you Christiane Schar Italy

#3164

Name: Voorhies, Eric

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. The cattle ranching interests need to learn to co-exist with the elk or move their operations somewhere else.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Eric Voorhies

#3165

Name: King, Joanne

Correspondence: Stop interfering. Let the elk live in harmony with nature...

#3166

Name: Lucchetto, Antonio

Correspondence: Please help them

#3167

Name: Christ, Silvia

Correspondence: no

#3168

Name: Padmore, Sam

Correspondence: Please leave the Tule Elk alone for goodness sake!

#3169

Name: Jones, Lorraine

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F to discontinue ranching and allow visitor opportunities in the park

#3170

Name: Wontor, Debra

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, I understand that conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#3171

Name: Evans, Judith

Correspondence: How can you decide that one species is worth more than another? Every single creature on this planet has a right to live a quiet, dignified life, free from the threat of violence. I know this sounds idealistic, but it can be achieved if we all make the effort and STOP KILLING ANIMALS WE FEEL RE IN OUR WAY!

#3172

Name: Smith, Teresa

Correspondence: Leave these Elk alone, this is their home. Stop taking away land for the animals.

#3173

Name: Genzano, Louie

Correspondence: Please help elks from all danger and suffering.

#3174

Name: Grafakou, Kalliopi

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3175

Name: Dimaggio, Joseph

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3176

Name: Starseed, Lozz

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please adopt Alternative F.

#3177

Name: Allen, Lynda

Correspondence: The Elk are now native to this piece of land. They should be allowed to live there in peace.

#3178

Name: Hamfler, Nanna

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3179

Name: Bosch, Àlex

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please, take it in mind before it's too late to regret.

Thank you.

#3180

Name: Israel, Eleanor

Correspondence: Please save them! They are beautiful!

#3181

Name: Peterson, Kristina

Correspondence: Please do what PETA suggests.

#3182

Name: Greco, Jose

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3183

Name: Luisetti, Linda

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore: I am asking you to please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Indeed grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thanks in advance for you consideration

Linda Luisetti

#3184

Name: salisbury, wendy

Correspondence: Why cant they be moved to a bigger park. Why is everything about killing animals. With Trump in office everything is being killed off. This idiot cares nothing about the welfare of animals and environment.

#3185

Name: Parlevliet, Leotien

Correspondence: I urge to stop the shooting of Elks for the benefit of agriculture. You can't continue to kill each animal specie which farmers consider an obstacle.

#3186

Name: MacMillan, Brigitta

Correspondence: I understand that conflict has arisen between tule elk and farming and ranching families. I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, (discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities) as the preferred solution to this conflict. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Further, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Trophic cascade will then ultimately alter the ecosystem irreparably. We cannot afford further damage to our planet. Please do the right thing and set an example for other countries to follow.

#3187

Name: Fisk, Marty

Correspondence: Don't shoot the Elk.

#3188

Name: Sutton, Marcia

Correspondence: We must do all that we can to protect these magnificent animals!

#3189

Name: Klein, Luke

Correspondence: It is unthinkable that an animal can be culled to make way for another animal for profit. They have as much right to exist as any other creature including us.

#3190

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Stop this crap

#3191

Name: Grapulin Felluga, Francesca

Correspondence: Do not kill the tule Elk. You know that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3192

Name: Whyte-Conner, Sandie

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk. Mother nature will take care of this.

#3193

Name: delman, Betty

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you Betty Delman

#3194

Name: Rashman , Deborah

Correspondence: Protect the Elk. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#3195

Name: Wegner, Jan

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk! Thank you

#3196

Name: Prouse, Kristie

Correspondence: Please do not all ok w the cullinng of Elk in California. Diversity on the Planet is essential for sustaining ALL life. Each species, while we may not currently understand how the contribute to the ecosystem that sustains human life, will be revealed to us only when all of the diversity is gone, and it is too late. Cattle are allowed to graze EVERYWHERE. One can hardly take a step in open lands without stepping in the "Hitler's hazard" - a giant pi8ke of ecosystem-destroying cow dung. We are already losing more than TWENTY species per day, directly as a result of blind human destruction.

LEAVE THE ELK ALONE. PLEASE!

#3197

Name: Graham, Linda

Correspondence: Please do not kill elk who live on those pastures. Leave them alone to live their lives in peace as they should be. They are a part of nature and should be admired, not killed!

Have some respect for nature and stop trying to rid the world of animals who have every right to be where they are!

Thank you, Linda Graham

#3198

Name: Hampson, Joan

Correspondence: Shocking to put them in danger, it should be stoppeddernityshire

#3199

Name: Loisz , Tracey

Correspondence: Would love to see this absolute horror ended for these poor creatures

#3200

Name: May, Stevie

Correspondence: I have heard that you are planning to innocently kill Elk, please don't do this. They are declining rapidly for trophy purposes, they are harmless and just want to live out their lives in peace and harmony. Let them share the grasslands with the Cattle and don't become another company that kills for no reason and lose respect of the public.

#3201

Name: haegele, william

Correspondence: Please let these elk live! Killing animals is NOT managing animals.

#3202

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Hello! I hope you are all well. I am writing to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F in dealing with the California rule elk. It is smarter in many respects to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please protect our country, not big money. We should have learned from the wolves in Yellowstone, and how important these specific animals are in their native environment. We can eat less cows, but we cannot afford to lose anymore of these animals.

Thank you.

#3203

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: protect tule elk

#3204

Name: VanFossen, Mark

Correspondence: You destroy the wolves and now the mule? Please stop the madness.

#3205

Name: Mills , Jackie

Correspondence: Please leave the wildlife alone. What you are doing is inhumane and cruel.

#3206

Name: Baker, Penelope

Correspondence: I visit your beautiful country often and each time, I visit at least one National Park. However, I was shocked to hear that you are considering killing the tule Elk at Point Reyes Park, one I have visited and found very interesting.

I think I can say that most people visit your parks not only for their beauty but also for the chance to glimpse wild animals in their habitat. The idea of killing these beautiful elk is completely opposite the whole idea of a National Park. I think the public will be very shocked to hear that you are considering this and I for one, shall think twice before visiting any more of your Parks and advise others to do the same.

#3207

Name: Hess, Karl

Correspondence: Please do not kill the ELK. Why can't you just relocate them ? All life is sacred and MUST be respected. The rainforest is being deforested for grazing of livestock; please set an example and let the ELK live.
Karl Hess

#3208

Name: Pardo, Ewa

Correspondence: It is heartbreaking to hear cattle grazing is allowed in a protected park. It is outrageous to learn that people who are in charge of protecting the park, not only allow the expansion of grazing into the park, they also want to shoot the local wildlife to allow more grazing for cattle. This world is becoming ridiculous.

#3209

Name: Garrett , Rebecca

Correspondence: It makes me sick, to think that this pathological ,lying,fool,President trump,wants to do nothing but destroy everything that he wants ,including extinction of animals and wildlife the forestry the fisheries,fracking,he's already lifted the bans off of wildlife so his own sons can help kill off some of these beautiful creatures that have been here for thousands of years,the thought of a pathological lying fool of a man like this his greedy self is pathetic,all he thinks about is himself and to destroy everything that he can,this is why ,when he quoted "he was the chosen one" give me a break ,for one the GOOD LORD created all the heavens and earth,in his liking not trumps stupidity,also the GOOD LORD created all living creatures including these beautiful animals and wildlife for a purpose for we people to take care of not to be just destroying everything in your life to your own liking to get more money for his stupid damn wall ,this is right here what's wrong with the USA trump expects everyone to bow down to him and not say anything to him,why don't you people start standing up for what is right for everyone,as far as this environment needs to be protected not destroy but to protect all animals and wildlife put bans back on all wildlife and animals stop the killing and destroying their homes in this beautiful land ,water ,the forest,national parks,John Lennon's song LET IT BE !

#3210

Name: Moss, Carla

Correspondence: Please save the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. They have every right to live as well. The Trump presidency is a disgrace to wildlife and conservation.

#3211

Name: Jorgensen, Lesley

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please be reminded that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

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Thank you for your kind consideration.

#3212

Name: Houston, Karen

Correspondence: Please do not allow the killing of elk to make way for cattle or other meat herds to graze.

#3213

Name: Bush, Chris

Correspondence: Animals always get the worst of it

#3214

Name: Stookey, Annette

Correspondence: Please stop...

#3215

Name: long, rebecca

Correspondence: concerning the tule elk at point reyes national seashore in california. please support option f - to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. please do not kill the tule elk or expand agricultural diversification. thank you.

#3216

Name: Bruce, Monika
Correspondence: Hello,

Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore Are in Danger!

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your attention! Kind regards

Monika BRUCE

#3217

Name: Van Campen , Stephanie

Correspondence: This is disturbing... why can't they share the grass? If they cannot share for some strange reason, move the elk. This sounds so childish, it is national land, not private.

#3218

Name: van der Loo, Bernadette

Correspondence: Dear Madam/Sir, Please kindly protect tule elk Thank you Best regards - Bernadette

#3219

Name: Stevens, David

Correspondence: Im writing to urge for the adoption of Option F to save elk. 60% of all wildlife has been wiped out by human activity since 1970. Therefore it is critical that no animals are harmed and that the preservation of ecosystems and native species take priority over that of cattle ranching which has devastating effects on the earth. Please allow for the harmonious existence of all animals and please by all means dont thin out species by killing more animals! Thank you for your time.

#3220

Name: Tulo, Jennifer

Correspondence: Please do not murder elk.

#3221

Name: Pino García, Flora

Correspondence: He sabido por medio de PETA del conflicto surgido entre agricultores y ganaderos con dos manadas de alces de Tule, que son nativos de California y que, tras un anterior sacrificio, fueron reintroducidos en el parque Point Reyes National Seashore en la década de 1970. Por favor, les pido que respeten la vida y el hábitat a los que estos animales tienen derecho en lugar de llevar a cabo su cruel masacre, así como que suspendan las actividades agrícolas y ganaderas en el parque y amplíen las oportunidades para la visita de turistas. Gracias Flora Pino García Alameda del Valle, España, Europa

#3222

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: PLease do not kill the elks

#3223

Name: costanzo, johm

Correspondence: Stop allowing only cattle to graze on these lands. Wildlife has just as much right to use these natural resources!

#3224

Name: Murphy, Samantha

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3225

Name: Chiquoine, Selinda

Correspondence: The elk are gorgeous and iconic american animals. Leave them be.

#3226

Name: N/A, Tony

Correspondence: Protect Elk please

#3227

Name: publiee, jean

Correspondence: save the lives of all animals include tule elk from the vicious killing and murderous intents of the robber baron cattle ranchers. i am sick to death of these damn cattle ranchers being allowed to use our national land, they pay cheap cheap rates and destroy the land. i want wildlife to be given the land. i want wildlife to use the land. i want the damn lousy robber baron cattle ranchers off the national land owned by 328 million people. who the hell gave them all this land to destroy. they need to be put in their place. take the cattle off our national land. let wildlife and trees have our national land. we are being raped by these robber baron cattle ranchers. they should be put out of business. they buy political influence imo. these bribes need to be stopped. i ask for an investigation of the corruption going on with these robber baron cattle ranchers.

#3228

Name: Galeles, Brenda

Correspondence: When I think of a national park I think of beautiful landscape and wildlife. I do not think of cattle. These elk belong where they are, as nature intended. Humans need to stop their self-absorbed ways. We are the ones destroying everything that is meant to be cherished. And a lot of what's wrong is caused by evil, idiotic gun violence.

#3229

Name: Measzros, Stephanie

Correspondence: The elk herds in Point Reyes National Park should be allowed to live freely. National parks are protected lands that should afford wild animals protection from human harm. Valuing the farming industry over the protection of native species runs counter to the purpose of a national public park. I urge you not to harm the

elk or disrupt the natural balance of this beautiful, wild place. Cattle farming can and should only take place on private property, not on public protected lands.

#3230

Name: Walker , Katharine

Correspondence: Conserving nature, wildlife and wild spaces is essential for the planet, as we all know, especially in this current climate crisis!! More cattle is NOT the answer and will add to the rapidly escalating problems. Please preserve this place and these elk for future generations and the future of our planet. It's not only for humans and our needs!

#3231

Name: Kucek, Peg

Correspondence: Please save these beautiful creatures

#3232

Name: Brewer, Anna

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over private greed, the farming and ranching industry! Grazing cattle and sheep, to be slaughtered at a young age, so new livestock will be coming in constantly, will negatively affect any ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species!

#3233

Name: o donnell, maria

Correspondence: stop this horrible killing of beautiful innocent animals. without human interference the natural ecology controls numbers of all animals. LEAVE THEM ALONE AND GET STUPID TRUMP TO DEAL WITH CLIMATE CHANGE.

#3234

Name: Mattson, Kate

Correspondence: There is absolutely no compelling reason the national Park service has to extend the lease on grazing cattle. Those ranchers and farmers sold their land in the lease has ran out. Just because there are some grasslands it doesn't mean that everything has to be turned into a cattle ranch. The national Park service should start thinking about protecting parks and everything that lives in those parks for future generations.

#3235

Name: Dobson, Ed

Correspondence: I support Alternative F and larger herds of Tule Elk.

#3236

Name: Otterstetter , Rosa

Correspondence: Please leave the elk alone.

#3237

Name: Bearman, Shannon

Correspondence: Hello,

Please adopt Alternative F for the sake of the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. We are already experiencing a climate catastrophe and the preservation of native wild species is more important than ever before. If farming and ranching activities occur, that leads to grazing. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please consider exploring adopting Alternative F for the sake of the planet.

Thank you,

Shannon Bearman

#3238

Name: Ros, Janneke

Correspondence: Dear sir, madam,

I read a message about putting profit over Mother Nature. It said you are going to kill elk to let more cows on to your land. Are your people going crazy? I think it is a disgrace, the way humans care for our earth.

Please reconsider and leave Nature in peace, not in pieces.

kind regards,

J.Ros.

#3239

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Regarding Point Reyes National Seashore in California: I believe that you should adopt Alternative F that would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. As you know, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species; therefore, I believe that Alternative F is the best solution.

#3240

Name: Tixier Lacaze, Géraldine

Correspondence: The elk must be protected and left alone.

#3241

Name: Gubala, Linn

Correspondence: Please do not allow hunting of the elk in the park. They need to be preserved. Thank you so much!

#3242

Name: Eller, Mark

Correspondence: Please do not go on with your plan of killing Tule elk for ranchers and your monetary gain. Think this out without money being involved.

#3243

Name: Parsons, Susan

Correspondence: Please don't kill the elk

#3244

Name: Diehl, Daniel

Correspondence: The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve the elk problem at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Livestock grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3245

Name: N/A, Cameron

Correspondence: I encourage selecting alternative F that would allow more visitors and less grazing use of the land. That way the land can truly be a protected, wild place all Americans can visit and enjoy.

#3246

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This is another situation caused by humans. The elk are just living their lives, but because farmers are sharing the same space with them they have to die! That is simply not right. Human greed should not be the determining force behind their fate. How about designating land for the elk so they are protected and lease land to the farmers elsewhere

#3247

Name: Kerr, Judi

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Sincerely, Judi Kerr

#3248

Name: GARNON, YVONNE

Correspondence: Dear Sir / Madam

I received an email this morning from PETA International in regard to Tule Elk herds at Point Reyes National Park California. There is apparently a proposal to allow the slaughter of these animals at the behest of farmers who wish to expand into this land. I could write a book here giving you facts and reasons against this flawed plan, or simply speak from the heart - i am sure many individuals more eloquent than me will have put their case forward in better terms. In the current environmental crisis we are facing globally - and there is NO chance that you cannot be aware of this i.e forest fires, the Amazon burning, hurricanes that are off the charts, it is absolutely crystal clear we need MORE natural wildlife, flora and fauna - not less of it. We MUST protect it before it is too

late. We don't need MORE food, we need food production better managed. We waste millions of tonnes of food every single week in 1st world countries such as USA and UK. It's a no brainer to understand that this means in real terms we HAVE TOO MUCH! No one who is genuinely hungry would throw food away! It is not then a giant leap of the imagination to come to the conclusion that it is wiser to protect these beautiful, precious animals - and their wild environment - than to hand it over to greedy farmers who will quite simply decimate it. Grazing destroys eco-systems and puts them out of balance, and to consider slaughtering these wonderful animals for the sake of cattle and crops is utter insanity. Please show wisdom and awareness - and refuse these requests from farmers and ranchers. Once the native Elk are gone, they are gone forever - they HAVE to have a certain amount of gene pool diversity to thrive and be healthy. Mess with that and you may as well shoot them all. Please protect the Elk, and this wonderful area. Thank you.

#3249

Name: Bradley , Linda

Correspondence: Please do not hurt these animals for your pleasure.

#3250

Name: tolani, tarun

Correspondence: Kindly requesting you to please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3251

Name: Morrison, Allan

Correspondence: Spare the lives of sentient animals. Spare the beautiful elk.

#3252

Name: Sandritter, Ann

Correspondence: Save the elk!!!

#3253

Name: Keller, Anita

Correspondence: Wild Animals are just 4% of the biological population of the planet! They are very necessary in contrast to the 96 % farm animals and humans. They heal the balance of Life instead of destroying it. So let's protect every single, precious wild animal for Life itself and the Planet.

#3254

Name: Canty, Ken

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F regarding usage of the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Tule Elk herd should not be reduced to satisfy ranching and agricultural interests. Ranching and agricultural leases should be discontinued thereby preservation of natural ecosystems, water purity and indigenous flora and fauna. It would also reduce soil erosion. It's time to start caring for our planet and not big monied interests.

#3255

Name: Beatty, Eugene

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the

park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3256

Name: N/A, Dan

Correspondence: As is usually the case and is here again, greed and foolish pride and power motivate the ignorance of stupid humans. Killing of God's creatures for no good reason other than to satisfy the needs of greedy non compassionate people is as useless and wrong in this day and age as it always has been. Leave the elk alone and move the ignorant foolish pride ranch families out of the country where they can gripe and complain and care only about themselves and their selfish stupid prideful greedy needs. Save God's elk creations and their pristine habitat today!!!!!!

#3257

Name: Downs, Paulette

Correspondence: I support this project.

#3258

Name: Stabenow, Carolyn

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Unnatural grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please don't allow farming of cattle, sheep, or crops take precedence over natural wildlife such as elk, coyotes and other species. We must preserve and increase natural areas, not give in to monetary gains for lobbyists. We all will lose in the end.

#3259

Name: Gordon, Ellen

Correspondence: Please protect the Elks not kill them.

#3260

Name: Heisen, Joyce and Peter

Correspondence: Why can't the elk, ranchers and farmers co-exist? We absolutely can't kill off the elk, but how about sharing the land?

#3261

Name: DiMiceli, Crystal

Correspondence: I am opposed to the killing of tule elk on Point Reyes National Seashore in California. This is a National Park and should actually have wildlife.

#3262

Name: Galloway, Marge

Correspondence: These animals deserve to keep their home. Cattle have enough area to roam, besides you overfeed them and give them grain and antibiotics. There is nothing natural about the cattle. Nature is being destroyed because of people like you. When all of nature is gone, man will be next.

#3263

Name: Wild, Deirdre

Correspondence: I hope that the people who run the National Park Service realize that we do not exist alone in the world. Other animals live here and deserve to have their lives respected and cared for. Please do not kill off these elk.

#3264

Name: Herteleer, Isabel

Correspondence: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE! Stop humans from slaughtering these beautiful Elk. Enough is enough! Turn this area into a peaceful and tranquil area where elk and all other animals can live without hunters or agricultors thinking of filling their pockets!!! Please!!!

#3265

Name: Shaffer, Suzanne

Correspondence: Please protect Tule elk.

#3266

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3267

Name: Plankar, Cynthia

Correspondence: Dear Sirs Please do not gun down the elk. They are beautiful creatures. maybe you could find alternative methods to help the elk life is precious and so are the elk Thank you Cynthia Plankar

#3268

Name: Rosa-Re, Samantha

Correspondence: Let the elk and all wildlife live their lives in peace. Leave them alone.

#3269

Name: Corrigan, Peter

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I remind the NPS that over-grazing by ranch livestock negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3270

Name: Rossi, Mike

Correspondence: Shameful act to kill elk on behalf of ranchers greed for free grazing.

#3271

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3272

Name: Furlong, Linnaea

Correspondence: It is unconscionable to remove native grazing animals in favor of introduced domestic grazers in a national park. National Parks are onw od the few remaining areas where wildlife needs have a priority. California only has roughly 4,000 tule elk remaining of a historical herd of 55,000. Raised in Colorado, I have seen the positive impact of elk in my community. They are tourist magnets, drawing visitors who spend their money in the community and buy elk related items like postcards, decor, and t shirts. Rocky Mountain National Park sometimes gets elk traffic jams with so many people wanting to photograph the elk. Now that I am living in California, I am saddened that there are fewer native grazers. Cows don't have the same tourist draw, and have greater impacts on the land than native grazers. While I respect that there is a coastal ranching tradition, phasing out cattle and allowing the native grazers to take over will have positive impacts on both the regional ecosystem and the regional economy As a frequent Point Reyes visitor and park user, I support alternative F.

#3273

Name: davis, kristin

Correspondence: Instead of destroying the beauty that is left on this Earth, why cant we find ways to preserve it?

#3274

Name: Berliner, Ron

Correspondence: Please, find humane and non-kill solutions instead of shooting down elks, which had been proven as a non-solution many times in the past. I am sure that many responsible options exist, and that it is your responsibility to choose them

#3275

Name: Egli-Steinegger, Veronika

Correspondence: Let the nature regulate herself!!!!!!

#3276

Name: Whitis, Jondi

Correspondence: It is illegal to harm the only rightful, legal natives of these lands. Much less for greed and private profit. Hands off.

#3277

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We, the public, urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take

precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species!

#3278

Name: Roberts, Elizabeth

Correspondence: The balance of nature is close if not at a point of no return. Elk and cattle eat different vegetation and threatening or eliminating one species can cause overgrowth of that vegetation.

#3279

Name: Jones, Kathy

Correspondence: Please stop.

#3280

Name: Kunkler, Isabel

Correspondence: Protect the elk! Dont allow to kill elks!

#3281

Name: Phillips , Weslie

Correspondence: Why do humans think that they are entitled to do whatever they want at the expense of everything else, wild animals, public lands,the ocean, rivers and lakes??? everything is interconnected...When something is interfered with it affects everything. 124 elk are NOT going to bother your precious grazing. You are just GREEDY. This is not your land, it's OURS, the American taxpayer who bought it!!! You are being allowed to use it!!! So start being grateful and leave the elk alone!!!

#3282

Name: QUINN, K

Correspondence: please choose alternative F. allow no hunting nor decimation of the elk herds by the hand of management. allow no more farmers, ranchers, leasee's to bring in numbers of livestock, new species, nor crops. do not re- institute another lease extension. allow the current leased lands to be forever wild, NP lands and let nature take its course. when man does not involve himself, mother nature is certain of how to manage herds. its absurd what man does. and even more absurd how much meat and crops these ranchers think we need. it is in EXCESS. i see the waste every single day. thank you.

#3283

Name: Helmer, Leah

Correspondence: Please protect the Elk.

#3284

Name: Chastain, Regina

Correspondence: Please save the beautiful creatures.

#3285

Name: Cormack, Peter

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service

Admirers of the National Parks Service throughout the world will be appalled to learn that you have abandoned the original ideals of the service and instead have chosen to be a sanctuary. This is, of course, the inevitable consequence of Trumpism: the destruction of everything admirable in the American system, and its replacement with rampant greed and destruction. No doubt the NPS will be seeking advice from President Bosauro of Brazil on how to destroy the natural environment as rapidly as possible....

Get some backbone, NPS! Stand up for the original ideals of the NPS and do not surrender to the demands of greedy red-necks and gun-toting lunatics!

Yours sincerely, Peter Cormack

#3286

Name: Johnson, Elisabeth

Correspondence: I understand the farmer's plight. However, are we willing to lose yet another animal to extinction because we can't make a home for them. Tule elks are a source of food for mountain lions. We are endangering not only the elks but other animals that depend on them. Farmers are losing their land because cities are expanding. Perhaps we can stop this continuous expansion of suburbs thus allowing farmers to use that land and giving this precious elk a habitat. Killing them is a very short sighted solution but very typical for our current government.

#3287

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We urge you to protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Some of the lands leased to farmers and ranchers should go back to be used as grasslands for elk to graze, which would be a strong sign of the State interest on wildlife. We expect the National Park Service to find a way to avoid wildlife-elks- paying the price of greed. Citizens don't go for an expansion of private activities but for keeping wildlife safe and sound at Point Reyes.

#3288

Name: pallansch, Jessica

Correspondence: Hello, please consider adopting Alternative F. Thanks for your time and attention.

#3289

Name: Harris, Julie

Correspondence: I don't get why there is farming on National Park property ?? KILLING ELK OR ANY WILDLIFE GOES AGAINST WHAT A NATIONAL PARK STANDS FOR !!!!!!! PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS !

#3290

Name: Reynolds, Susie

Correspondence: This beautiful area is home to two herds of rare tule elk and their numbers are already dangerously low. If you adopt option B, their numbers would be further reduced, especially as there appears to be no limit to how many might be killed.

These precious animals, native to this area, must be the prime consideration here, therefore I urge you to adopt Option F and focus all priorities on developing visitor opportunities so that the spectacular wildlife, including tule elk, can be viewed in their normal habitat whilst numbers are gradually increased to sustainable and less dangerous levels.

Further development of farming/ranching affects precious ecosystems through grazing, thus causing water pollution as well as soil erosion, encouraging the spread of invasive species and disease whilst harming already endangered, native species. The preservation of rare native species must take precedence over the further development of ranching and farming activities which have already damaged the overall area enough as it is.

I urge you to adopt Option F as the best way forward for the area and for its native inhabitants without voices, except ours. Thank you.

#3291

Name: baxley, stacy

Correspondence: Please dont kill the Elk. Thank you.

#3292

Name: Middleton, Ann

Correspondence: Do not shoot the elk

#3293

Name: Madden, Betty

Correspondence: Just like at Valley Forge National Historical Park you are acting illegally and in opposition to your statutory obligations by proposing to use killing as a wildlife management tool, instead of protecting wildlife within the boundaries of the park which the statute establishing the park requires you to do. And by accommodating financials interests, farmers, you are not only betraying your mandate, but you've sold your soul for money.

Betty Madden, founder Keep Valley Forge Safe and niece of John A. Madden, Ret. Captain, U.S. Navy, founding member Committee to Protect Valley Forge Park

#3294

Name: Graham, Karyn

Correspondence: Dear NPS : I respectfully urge you to please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Be reminded that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for your consideration.

#3295

Name: Mawhorter, Jerry

Correspondence: these elk are living on public land and do not deserve to be killed because some multi millionair rancher needs more land to graze his animals on. If he does not have enough land to graze his animals he should get rid of some.

#3296

Name: Korellis, Kim

Correspondence: Do not allow innocent animals to be killed. Please. Leave them in peace.

#3297

Name: Brusin, Eugene

Correspondence: somehow the idea that killing more native animals to increase the cow herd size for ranchers is wrong, a park is not a free grazing area for cows, it is a place where native animals can exist without the "profit motive" of mankind. The larger the elk herd the more biological diversity that will be available to the elk. If the powers to be come under more "profit" pressure from ranchers, will they decide that 50 or 20 is a good number of elk to keep the "ranchers" happy, then what a picture of an elk or a statue of an elk will be the final concept. This is just another example of greed eliminating another species of nature for money.

#3298

Name: Prjanikov, Esme

Correspondence: Alternative F should be adopted instead to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park, which will benefit the elk and increase visitor opportunities - and so visitor spenditure. Native wild species conservation, like conservation of the elk, needs to and must take priority against farming and ranching activities. This is especially as grazing from these activities has an evidenced negative affect on ecosystems, resulting in water pollution, soil erosion, the spreading of invasive species and disease, and the harming of endangered species.

So, in conclusion, all this leaves only one positive and ethical solution - Alternative F.

#3299

Name: Ross, Sharon

Correspondence: Point Reyes was purchased to be a National Park. Thus it should be maintained as a place of beauty for all citizens rather than a farm for the personal benefit of a few. Increasing the acreage devoted to farming increases profits for some but damages the environment for all. Please respect the intent of the original purchasers who could have written the lease differently if that had been their aim. Thank you

#3300

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We the people go for elks, not for lobbies that want to grab public land to make more money on their own benefit. Please say NO to the agricultural extension frontier at elks rangelands' expense. Thank you for acting in favor of elks.

#3301

Name: Shanahan, George

Correspondence: Count me among the people who believe - - nay, know - - that the preservation of native wild species must be a higher priority than farming and ranching activities. As you know, grazing does great damage to ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species. The grazing of 5,550 heads of cattle would do potentially irreversible damage to over 26,00 acres. That's unacceptable - - particularly as it would apparently "require" the culling of two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there.

Do the right thing for the planet: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

#3302

Name: Feller, Corinne

Correspondence: Please save these animals. Elks are precious as are all Gods creatures! Humans should respect them, NOT destroy them!

#3303

Name: Klusaritz, Thomas

Correspondence: DO NOT KILL ELK!

#3304

Name: Roebuck , Margaret

Correspondence: So disgusted with rich Republican farmers/ranchers who think they are entitled to public land that belongs to all Americans.

#3305

Name: De Zotti, Michele

Correspondence: Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank.

#3306

Name: Union, Sheryl

Correspondence: I am urging you to adopt Alternative F & discontinue farming & ranching opportunities. Preserving native wildlife species must take precedence over farming and ranching. It will be better for the environment.

#3307

Name: Pate, Bryan

Correspondence: Urging you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3308

Name: t, M

Correspondence: Protect the Tulle Elk!!!!!!!

#3309

Name: Ducaine Kirk, Rita

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk. Please pass the alternative form F. These beautiful animals need their own place too. Please stop farming and promote tourism there instead

#3310

Name: Lavoie, Jacinte

Correspondence: A park should be a sanctuary all elks should be safe. Cattle does not belong in a park. Please make your parks a secure place to live not a killing zone.

#3311

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3312

Name: Inkel, Denise

Correspondence: Please do not kill the tule elks. Their home is in Point Reyes National Seashore in California, they have been there before us. they must be protected against evil intentions. Agricultural activities are not Earth friendly, kill wild animals to bring in cattle with the intention of killing them also. There is no end to murdering animals, this nonsense must stop.

#3313

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F in the Point Reyes National Seashore park in California, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. On top of that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you!

#3314

Name: Diamond, Ann

Correspondence: Please support Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and would expand visitor opportunities.

#3315

Name: Panagopoulos, Athanassios

Correspondence: Please do not prioritize cattle over elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. There is no shortage of cattle and we have so little wildlife left.

#3316

Name: Cappas, Marina

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3317

Name: Lopez, Silvia

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3318

Name: Andriani, James

Correspondence: The only option is to leave the Elk alone and let the public enjoy the park. The original lease has expired so it's time to move on, the park was purchased with taxpayers money. I may not live in California but I have plenty of friends and relatives who do and I do visit them so this would be a place I would like to see. Thank You Mr. J Andriani

#3319

Name: Riley, Katharine

Correspondence: I have visited Point Reyes and seen the majestic elk. I feel strongly that their futures should be safeguarded. Man has taken too much from the environment and wildlife. It is time give back and let the elk live in peace.

#3320

Name: Garlena, Sharon

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3321

Name: Rincon, A

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. The native and innocent creatures Deserve to roam their land without the threat of being hunted down and slaughtered in the name of agriculture. Humans have already destroyed enough land and habitats it is time to start moving towards protecting and preserving What little of nature still exists. Do the right thing, act on the name of nature, not profit.

#3322

Name: Latham-Magee, Stephanie

Correspondence: Please protect the elk.

#3323

Name: Tuttle, Will

Correspondence: I urge Alternative F - the complete removal of all ranching from Pt Reyes. Cattle are obviously NOT native and are destroying the ecosystem. The Tule Elk need to be protected, as well as other native plants, fishes, birds, and other wildlife. Please remove the cattle immediately!

#3324

Name: Miller, Steven

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. Thank you.

#3325

Name: LaPolla, John

Correspondence: Well all I, can say is the Elk was there first and now we want to push them all away. People better start thinking about our wild life. An what this World would be like with out any wild life around. Won't our world be nice then won't it be. Please remember we do need our wild life not get RID of it.

#3326

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The planet is not for humans only. Respect everything that lives on it.

#3327

Name: McIntyre, Beverly

Correspondence: What a terrible idea to kill the Tule elk! On a recent trip to Point Reyes National Park my partner and I could not believe what the historic farms were doing to the almost depleted vegetation and soils. The farms may have a legitimate right to be there - though seems as if should be revisited as we move toward less meat - but killing the elk to help the farmers? No way.

#3328

Name: Schlueter, Shelly

Correspondence: I respectfully urge you to adopt Alternative F, regarding the Tule elk. Wild species diversity is so important.

#3329

Name: Shutte, Daina

Correspondence: Please let the elk be in their natural environment at Point Reyes!!

#3330

Name: DeLuca, Milva

Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Please don't kill them! In this day and age there are better options.....think you for doing the right thing.

#3331

Name: Cutrone, Pamela

Correspondence: Please protect the Elk.

#3332

Name: keller, sharon

Correspondence: They've been there for a long timejust leave them alone...

#3333

Name: Qualls, Lois

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming

and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3334

Name: Turner, Glenn

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F. Our national parks should never be used for farming with all of its potentially negative consequences. National parks are set-asides for the enjoyment and use of the population as a whole and any uses beyond this are improper. Under no circumstance should native wildlife be subjected to numerical quotas in order to enable farming or ranching. Such a policy will lead to the ultimate destruction of the Point Reyes Park. I have had the pleasure of visiting there on multiple occasions and it's very easy to see how vulnerable it is to any type of change. Please be true to the most basic goal of the NPS, preservation and responsible management of our national treasures for the benefit of the public at large, NOT competing interests.

#3335

Name: Bartl, Dawn

Correspondence: Please give a preference to Alternative F. I believe the parks goal should be to expand visitor opportunities along with the preservation of native wild species. Farming and ranching activities should NOT be the primary goal. Thank you.

#3336

Name: owen, isabel

Correspondence: Respect the lives of Elk

#3337

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3338

Name: Kimatian III, George

Correspondence: Please consider taking ALTERNATIVE F to address the tule elk issue in Point Reyes. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. These animals deserve this protection as there are only 174 animals in the Limantour herds. It is really what the purchase of this land as a national park was intended for! Thank you.

#3339

Name: Ing, Pamela

Correspondence: There has to be a better way to resolve this issue. Killing innocent animals, who in fact, belong on the grasslands, because it's inconvenient, it's unethical.

#3340

Name: Rana, Roseann

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

PETA has advised that tule elk will be in danger in one of our national parks unless the National Park Service adopts Alternative F. I, respectfully, request that Alternative F be adopted, not only to protect tule elk but also to expand visitor opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roseann Rana

#3341

Name: Mello , Cristina

Correspondence: I am urging the National Park Service to protect tule elk.

#3342

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Humans need to coexist with wildlife not destroying. Cattle ranches and land seized for beef cows are killing more and more precious spaces that are so important for the ecosystem. Please find the most reasonable and sustainable way to have these elks living safely in their spaces. National Parks should protect its habitat not turn them away for business reasons.

#3343

Name: Christy, Mary

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F

#3344

Name: Heremans, Karin

Correspondence: Please reconsider the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. I've come to learn that farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so you are considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities, don't! No animal should be harmed or even killed for the benefit of mankind. I urge you to take other steps so these animals may continue their peaceful existence. This planet and its animals should be taken care for in the best possible way, it's our children's legacy. Thank you.
Kindest regards, Karin Heremans Belgium/Europe

#3345

Name: Miller, Barbara

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

We must stop interfering with the natural ecology of our world in order to maintain a healthy ecosystem which supports our human lives. We don't need any more examples of how human interference with the environment ends up having a completely negative effect on all of us.

#3346

Name: Cosentino, Davide

Correspondence: Please protect and not kill elks.

#3347

Name: hogg, Juliet

Correspondence: Please don't kill Elk. They've a right to be here as any of us!!

#3348

Name: Rizk, Tamera

Correspondence: In regard to the Point Reyes National Seashore and the proposed plan to kill the elk which are native to this area, I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please, do the right thing!

#3349

Name: Potiuk, Dave

Correspondence: In regards to Point Reyes National Seashore in California, please adopt Alternative F, which will discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

#3350

Name: Engleman, Mary

Correspondence: Please save elk.

#3351

Name: WIND, ROSALIE

Correspondence: Protect tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3352

Name: Pais, Erica

Correspondence: Please don't kill elk. They have a right to live on that land. There is no excuse to take their lives and land.

#3353

Name: Twaddell, Cheryl
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern

I find it disgraceful that we allow ranching/farming practices on National and State lands at the expense of the natural wildlife and environmental. It is time allow nature to follow its course we need to get human activity out of our parks. I do not support hunting in our parks.

#3354

Name: Neville, Paula
Correspondence: The parks belong to everyone. No hunting.

#3355

Name: jankauskas, janice
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Our national parks are such a pure treasure. I am writing with regards to Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. 25 years of grazing can do quite a bit of damage to the parks ecosystem. Please reconsider NOT accepting alternative B plan and chose Alternative F instead. We have been making such big strides to help our environment but things like this just take it backwards.

Thank you Janice Jankauskas

#3356

Name: Hoffman, Terry
Correspondence: I have had the pleasure of visiting this lovely place. The animals living there are the true residents. National parks belong to all of the people who visit and the animal residents, not the few who would make money from using this land. Please do not harm these beautiful creatures.

#3357

Name: Irons, Bridget
Correspondence: A plan to kill Tule elk to protect the profits of the beef and dairy industry are very disturbing. Tule elk are native to Point Reyes and this park is the only one where these animals may be viewed. Our National Parks are for nature, not agribusiness. Our National Parks must not be assaulted by those who would jeopardize their fragile ecosystems for commercial purposes. Grazing has adverse effects on the land. Protect wildlife over industry profits and select alternative F. Don't let industry pressure get the best of you, NPS. Paul Oxton, Founder of Wild Heart Wildlife Foundation once said, "Humanity can no longer stand by in silence while our wildlife are being used, abused and exploited. It is time we all stand together to be the voice of the voiceless before it's too late."

#3358

Name: N/A, N/A
Correspondence: The killing of the Point Reyes tule elk in favor of the expansion of cow grazing is so egregiously backwards that it's difficult for me to believe that the National Park Service is considering such a plan.

Please protect the tule elk from this disastrous plan and insist that farmers and ranchers use the thousands of acres they are leasing for their cattle in a way that does not infringe on the tule elk.

This land does not belong to the farmers and ranchers. Since when does a tenant dictate the terms of the lease?
NOT IN MY NATIONAL PARK!

#3359

Name: MacLamroc, Alan

Correspondence: In the Point Reyes National Seashore in California two herds of Tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, graze along with cattle. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this issue. I urge the Park Service to reject the destructive Alternative B and adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3360

Name: Firestone, Lynne

Correspondence: We have visited Point Reyes several times. It's a magnificent place, and must be preserved. Farming can be done in many regions. However, the Tule elk are unique. Please make sure they continue to thrive at Point Reyes!

#3361

Name: Klass, David

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your cooperation in doing the right thing.

#3362

Name: MacKelvie, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Please do not allow this, as we are too quick to destroy, change, and interrupt the lives and continued existence of animals.

#3363

Name: Newgent, Susie

Correspondence: Everything that has breath should have life-

#3364

Name: Munn, Sarah

Correspondence: I would like to urge you to take into consideration alternative F, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negativity effects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3365

Name: Burke, Patricia

Correspondence: I strongly urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

The NPS always should take the long-view for the protection and preservation of all our natural resources and eco-diversity, especially the preservation of native wild species, for the good of all citizens, current and future.

The NPS should not adopt the short-term view that puts the vested economic interests of a few citizens above the greater public good.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

The NPS should act for the greater public good, not the vested economic interests of the few.

Please act responsibly and adopt Alternative F.

#3366

Name: Buchanan, Patricia

Correspondence: Please protect tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. This land should be protected for them. Thank you, Pat Buchanan

#3367

Name: Sweeten, Ann

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Again, please adopt alternative F and leave this magnificent species in peace!!

#3368

Name: Hennessy, Huntley

Correspondence: Please do not allow a few farm operations to endanger the elk population in California. Public lands belong to all of the people and not to any small group. It would make more sense to prohibit farming and ranching operations on public lands. The American people deserve to see our natural resources preserved, not decimated by profit seeking corporations.

#3369

Name: calder, stephen

Correspondence: please help the elk finally

#3370

Name: Reid , Julie

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore are in Danger! Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities to enjoy the

beautiful countryside and learn about the native species. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities in this volatile environment where extinction has become terribly common due to over farming for the meat industry. Over grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3371

Name: Palmerston Lundgreen, Kim

Correspondence: Regarding the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities. PLEASE do not let this happen. Spare the elks, and make agriculture elsewhere, certainly a humanely solution should and can be possible. The elks eat the vegetation and keep the landscape healthy and thriving. Please spare their lives. They have done nothing wrong.

#3372

Name: Craig, Oliver

Correspondence: Why is a national park allowing farming on it?

#3373

Name: Kreis, Anne

Correspondence: Please don't kill these beautiful elk

#3374

Name: Woodcock, Diana

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you,

Diana Woodcock

#3375

Name: Nayback, Toni

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you

#3376

Name: N/A, Andrew

Correspondence: NPS, The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I'd like to remind the NPS that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please adopt Alternative F,

which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Thank you for your time . . . AU

#3377

Name: B, Theresa

Correspondence: I simply don't understand why an agency whose job is to protect this country's land and wildlife is doing just the opposite! You are letting a minority of loud-mouth ranchers run this land when they should have been thrown off of it years ago and it has to stop! So what if they don't like the elk? It isn't their land so get off! You, the National Park Service, have got to start doing your jobs and protecting the natural resources of this country. These lands and wildlife (and marine life) belong to American citizens, not a handful of irate ranchers who want to do as they d*mn well please. You have got to stand up and be responsible - and be held responsible!

#3378

Name: kurman, tania

Correspondence: STOP THE INHMANE KILLINGS

#3379

Name: Paslay, Kim

Correspondence: The elk were there before the ranchers and deserve a place to live on this earth as we all do - please leave them be. They can't go to a grocery store and get food and have to eat what nature has given them to survive.

#3380

Name: Pickering, Nancy

Correspondence: The phrase that comes to my mind is, "give them an inch, and they will take a mile." I am very much opposed to any plan to kill the elk just so that agriculture can be expanded. Keep the status quo!

#3381

Name: Lisk, Janice

Correspondence: Don't kill our wild animals to make room to put more money in the ranchers more money. They shouldn't be able to use our pu loc lands to raise stock and ruin our land. Quit making everything about putting more money in rich peoples pockets

#3382

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence:

Ref: Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

I'm writing to urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

With concern over greenhouse gases and beef consumption in the U.S. declining, surely the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

In addition, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Respectfully, E. Kepp

#3383

Name: Murphy, Judith

Correspondence: The elk are beautiful creatures who belong on this land. Point Reyes is a national park and as such belongs to the citizens of the United States. It does not belong to the farmers and they should not have a say in the fate of these elk anymore than other citizens who are saying to leave the elk alone.

#3384

Name: Sheytanian, Lauren

Correspondence: I'm am writing to please urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do the right thing for the elk who are just trying to live.

Thank you

#3385

Name: Shup, Marilyn

Correspondence: Protect the Tule Elk - shame on the farmers and ranchers who can't or won't share the land w/ the native elk - grazing of cattle should be severely restricted if not eliminated from Point Reyes. there are far more cattle in the world than there are elk. The greed of farmers and ranchers is deplorable and has no bearing in science. Protect the elk.

#3386

Name: Clarke, Nova

Correspondence: I am urging the NPS to adopt Alternative F. The mission of the agency is to protect the natural and cultural resources of the area and the Tule Elk were living there with the original inhabitants of the land way before ranchers and farmers who have imported non-native domesticated wild life into the area that is causing damage and being subsidized by tax payer dollars. Despite the idiocy of the current Administration in believing profit is more important than nature, I urge you to do what is ethically and environmentally right and adopt F.

#3387

Name: McClain, Nan

Correspondence: Please stop this now. Elk have a right to their lives, too. Please be humane humans.

#3388

Name: N/A, Lesa

Correspondence: To whom it may concern, How can anyone think killing off elk to assure more graze land for cows is the right solution? Especially considering the fact this particular species of elk were all but wiped off the face of the earth. This land does not belong to the farmers and ranchers belly aching about sharing the graze land, but yet their greediness is being put ahead of the life and welfare of the elk...why? Pure and simple, profit...money speaks loud these days apparently, but this is your chance to rise above the lure of the almighty dollar and do what is morally correct. Leasing land that has been the home of wildlife should not be a justification for killing the animals, that through no fault of their own, find themselves in the cross hairs of these farmers/ranchers. Just

because you can kill an animal doesn't mean you should. There is always a better option to solving a problem without killing innocent animals. It just means more thought and creative measures need to be implemented. The integrity of a man is measured by his willingness to put in the extra effort required to finding a solution that benefits both sides of an argument...someone needs to speak for these elk...I hope you will be that voice. Sincerely and with the hope that you will do the right thing and protect the lives of these elk. Aley

#3389

Name: Alder, Laraine

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

Please try to find another solution for these two herds of tule elk, to co-habit with any other animals or crops.

Taking into consideration that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Also, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

You must not lose sight of the fact that you have these magnificent animals in your park and they would be a wonderful attraction for visitors to see.

Future generations of children must be able to know of their existence and you will have played a part in park's future by keeping this fact alive.

Yours sincerely,

Laraine Alder

#3390

Name: Conney, Ann

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities which would be exiting. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3391

Name: Singleton, Debs

Correspondence: Please don't seal the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle don't want to share these grasslands with elk, but this should not be at the detriment of these beautiful creatures. The National Park Service should not be considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

#3392

Name: Ricci, Lynn

Correspondence: Do the right thing for Elk's and ALL animals! They have a right to live their lives-Duh.

#3393

Name: Szabo, Colleen

Correspondence: I am writing to urge protection of elk at Point Reyes National Park. Please adopt Alternative F and phase out agricultural use of this land. Sincerely, Colleen Szabo

#3394

Name: Sal, Jenn

Correspondence: I think that is clear that we'r living climate changes is not just that some people act as that doesn't happend, you must stop distroy our world and stop killing inocent animals to gain money ... THINK THAT MONEY NEVER WILL GIVE YOU CLEAN AIR, WATER, HEALTH, all negative acts that we do, affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered especies we most think that human are that principal piece to change all things that we are damagge, is our last chance and in this case , act before. So please stop hurting our planet .

#3395

Name: Jonrd, Betty

Correspondence: Hello: First I want to let you know that I am for nature and animals. Unfortunately, I love them more than humans. I find MOST humans to be narcissistic, non empathetic and self serving. Please stop harming nature and animals and keep our country as it once-untouched and beautiful. Our country will live to regret it otherwise. Thank you

#3396

Name: Bellevue, Lydia

Correspondence: Please leave the elk alone. Do not hunt them so that renters can graze their cows. Elks belong in this region and no one ever studies the effects of species misappropriation. Why are people so hubris and entitled to the point where they don't care about the negative effects of their actions. Also, why not allow your cows and the elks graze together before going bezerko on the elk? People seem intent on destroying this planet just to prove that they can.. my question is where do you go after you've destroyed and Plundered everything?

#3397

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: this is really stupid-get rid of the cows and and leave the elk in peace!!!!!!

#3398

Name: Owens, Diana

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F! The Elk are native to the area and to limit their numbers and kill them to allow more cows or any other domestic animal or crop would be a shame. There are so few areas of this great country left where wild animals can roam free. More people than ever are choosing to eat less meat so there will be decreasing demand for this product as the years go on.

#3399

Name: Wadsworth-Reyes, Jane

Correspondence: THIS IS JUST SINFUL!!! STOP THIS NOW!!

#3400

Name: johns, ted

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and do the right thing.

#3401

Name: Lysaght, Denise

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3402

Name: Maker, Mark

Correspondence: Don't kill elk because farmers and ranches want more land for themselves! I, along with many people I know will not visit if this is carried out.

#3403

Name: Soulas, John

Correspondence: I think that it is entirely wrong to allow agriculturalists to cull elk there. A national park ought to be a haven for all creatures who happen to dwell therein. It is not a game reserve! And anyway, there would probably be a conflict of interest between the park rangers - who hopefully have only the best interests of the animals at heart - and the cattlemen and ranchers - who want to graze their livestock on it as well as diversify, by bringing in other types of farm animal.

#3404

Name: Silver, Valerie

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone. Humans have taken too much already.

#3405

Name: Collins, Joseph

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I am writing to you regarding Point Reyes National Seashore in California and the growing conflict between cattle ranchers and their cattle and the natural elk population that live in the park.

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, a resolution that would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preserving wildlife and the natural world must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. At this point in human history, considering all the harm and damage we have caused, we must do everything in our power to help nature and wild populations survive and thrive.

Cattle grazing has a negative impact on ecosystems, including causing soil erosion and water pollution, the spread of disease among native species, and endangering their well being in general.

Please choose Alternative F as the solution. It is the right and responsible thing to do.

Sincerely, Joseph Collins

#3406

Name: Johns, Elvira

Correspondence: PLEASE adopt Alternative F, now.

#3407

Name: porter, kitty

Correspondence: WHY ARE SO CALLED WILDLIFE OR PARK SERVICES DETERMINED TO GUN DOWN EVERY ANIMAL IN THEIR SIGHTS????/ WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?????

MANKIND DECIDES TO SLAUGHTER WHENEVER GETS IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS OR ANY BUSINESS THAT IS DETERMINED TO GOUGE WILDLIFE LANDS FOR MONEY & PROFIT, THIS HAS TO STOP, WILDLIFE BARELY HAS ENOUGH ROOM TO BRATHE NOW, NO MATTER WHAT SPECIE IT IS, THIS WANTON DESTRUCTION OF WILDLIFE HAS TO STOP, NOW!!!!

REGARDLESS OF WHAT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, THIS JUGGERNAUT OF SLAUGHTERING WILDLIFE HAS TO STOP, THESE SO CALLED PARK AGENCIES NOW HAVE TOO MUCH POWER, HOWEVER, YOU PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DESTRUCTION, BE IT ON YOUR HEADS, FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL CONDEMN YOU FOR YOUR ACTIONS.

#3408

Name: Miles, Jenna

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative f. The protection of the natural world must always take precedence over farming and ranching, no exceptions.

#3409

Name: Chambers, B

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Do the right thing and protect our wild animals. You are their voice. Thank you. Barbara Chambers

#3410

Name: Babbitt, Susan

Correspondence: Please leave a natural area as a natural area. The Point Reyes elk should continue to graze there, not be sacrificed for the sake of the unsustainable and inhumane meat industry. Thank you for your attention.

#3411

Name: D'Antonio, Lisa

Correspondence: PLEASE ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3412

Name: Matheny, Dianne

Correspondence: No killing!!!!

#3413

Name: Kramer, Lynne

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your time.

#3414

Name: Daly, Dorcas

Correspondence: Save the beautiful Elk.

#3415

Name: Holcombe, Marjorie

Correspondence: This is a rampant overreach of government powers on our national treasures to benefit a small group of ranchers who apparently have a lot of clout with this administration. Please use some common sense and DO NOT allow this senseless killing to go forward for their capital gain. Thank you.

#3416

Name: McHale, Cynthia

Correspondence: I am sad to hear that the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Park cannot graze freely and are subject to be gunned down.

Please reconsider and use Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Thank you.

#3417

Name: Katsouros, Tracey

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

#3418

Name: ichikawa, jeri

Correspondence: Please be more future oriented than most of our current government is and do what you can to preserve this natural resource. We are losing so many species and the people who have the ultimate choice have been going against public opinion and destroying irreplaceable natural resources. Please make sure our planet is a good place to live for future generations.

#3419

Name: utley, jessica

Correspondence: These animals were there way before you were. Please leave them alone instead of trying to satisfy your agenda. Make yourselves look good by offering these animals sanctuary.

#3420

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please consider adopting Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3421

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge you do not permit elk to be killed. I encourage you to work on sharing the acres with the elk and Farmers/ranchers. It is wrong to slaughter Elk so humans can raise other animals for money....

#3422

Name: Baumann, Monika

Correspondence: They are God's Creatures. And we shall not kill and hurt, but show compassion and care. Our life is short also, let us take the chance, do good, stop the violence ('God is Love') and support the vegan lifestyle. He is the beginning and the end, one day we will die also.

Can there be more important reasons? Do we really need more reasons?

#3423

Name: Ginn, Darren

Correspondence: I urge you to please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3424

Name: Frost, G

Correspondence: Please do not harm the elk.

#3425

Name: Klass, Naomi

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your cooperation in doing the right thing.

#3426

Name: Mead, Leroyce

Correspondence: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated". Mahatma Gandhi

#3427

Name: Richards, Deborah

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California is a park. The elk should be allowed to remain, they take precedence. If farmers and ranchers who have been leasing the park can't get along with them then no more leasing.

#3428

Name: Yerden, Carol

Correspondence: Since when does agricultural interests dictate our parks!! We all have a say! Grazing should not be allowed in our parks period!

#3429

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F. The preservation of these wild species is vital and has to take precedence over farming activities. It would affect so much including our ecosystems and the beautiful natural wild life.

#3430

Name: weight, christine

Correspondence: The Elk that live there deserve to be there. It is their home. Please stop your plans of killing these beautiful animals. Stop the unneeded killing. It is not fair and it makes me sick that you people are even thinking of killing these animals to make room for cows..... total stupidity!!!!!!!

#3431

Name: Freeman, Kevin

Correspondence: Killing Elk is the wrong approach. Do not open land for more agricultural activities.

#3432

Name: Pardi, Marco

Correspondence: The destruction of native species in order to replace them with invasive species is a self destructive tactic employed by Man since the Agricultural Revolution. It ultimately skews the biosphere into a spiral of decline which ends up supporting neither.

Industrialized cattle production is a major source of pollution precisely because the cattle do not belong in the environments to which they have been introduced.

While the elk may be only the first casualty of Mankind's greed, my grandchildren will ultimately suffer the consequences of this short term greed and frank stupidity.

#3433

Name: N/A, Sheila

Correspondence: Once again, wildlife is made to suffer in deference to the proliferation of ranching and farming activities. Scientific data has clearly indicated the connection to the worsening environmental and climate developments due to expanding these activities. Furthermore, those tule elk, being a native species, inhabited the area long before the ranchers ever stepped foot there, and thus, their existence takes precedence, has priority, and deserve to continue living peacefully in that beautiful area! Additionally, it's our opinion that the Park Service has no business making that decision for them. If the elk were able to communicate, we're sure they'd suggest the problem is the humans and their cows, not themselves. Humans encroaching on habitat held by thousands of wildlife species is actually a global issue, unfortunately, to the severe detriment of those species. It's sad and unfair, and doesn't speak well about us.

#3434

Name: Gendron, Bob

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the

park and expand visitor opportunities. Crucially, preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3435

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Regarding the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California - Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3436

Name: Long, Catherine

Correspondence: This needs to stop

#3437

Name: Sateika, Randy

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities and expand visitor opportunities in Point Reyes National Seashore in California. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3438

Name: WORZ, JIM

Correspondence: SAVE THE ELK ~ DO IT NOW!!!

#3439

Name: Clark, Stephanie

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3440

Name: Hollinrake, Mark

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, and grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3441

Name: Gross, Sabina

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3442

Name: Lonecke, Sheena

Correspondence: I am writing to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities at Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#3443

Name: Jones, Gregory

Correspondence: Public land is my land too. I pay lots and lots of taxes to support it

Leave Elk at Point Reyes alone. Next time I visit with my children and grandchildren I would like to see something besides cows..

#3444

Name: Kohl, David

Correspondence: The elk at Point Reyes are a national treasure and should be preserved as such, for future generations to observe and remember. Please do not allow these majestic creatures to be "managed" in order to support livestock grazing and hunting.

#3445

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: !

#3446

Name: Wilkas, Mary A.

Correspondence: Every part of the environment is important. Nature takes care of nature. Man should let nature take care of nature.

#3447

Name: Skudra, Nils

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F

#3448

Name: Emmanuel, John

Correspondence: I have always been a great fan of the National Parks Service in your work to preserve the magnificent beauty and natural diversity of our great land.

In the matter of Point Reyes National Seashore in California I believe that cattle should not be given preference over the native populations of elk. Grazing should not be extended over additional acreage and this precious point of land should not be converted into farmland for any farm or ranch species other than the cattle already using some of the land. The purpose of Pt. Reyes is to preserve the land as a natural refuge.

The lease should not be updated if the ranchers want additional land or to convert the land to also raise pigs and sheep. I would consider this an abuse of an already existing system of co-habitation and would be a reason to end

all leases if a common sense compromise can't be reached. While culling elk is sometimes necessary, it needs to be understood that the elk precede the introduction of cattle and should be favored in any agreement where excessive culling is demanded by the lessees.

#3449

Name: Tritton, Mo

Correspondence: It should be quite obvious by now that increasing grazing cattle to the detriment of an indigenous population of Elk is going against nature. God put these animals on the planet for a reason, they can easily co-exist if it comes to it but why should they! The dairy/cattle industry has caused and still is causing environmental problems. Greedy farmers and ranchers putting pressure on everyone. Land should be taken from them and given back to the wildlife!!!

#3450

Name: Kestler, Ronald

Correspondence: The elk should come first. Reduce cattle grazing.

#3451

Name: Lang, Kate

Correspondence: I'm saddened to read about the plans to kill off these beautiful animals - we are not lucky enough to have indigenous elk in this country. Surely the idea of a National Park is to protect its species, not to destroy them for farmland? And in a country the size of yours I'm also sure there are other places in which farmland can be extended? We're all responsible for caretaking our planet and looking after each species, not just humans. Best wishes, Kate Lang.

#3452

Name: Cohen-Glinick, Gabriel

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F rather than Alternative B for Point Reyes National Seashore. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. This land was purchased for the protection of the natural environment and wildlife, not for business interests - please protect its animal inhabitants.

#3453

Name: Richardson, Harold & Rebecca

Correspondence: TOO MANY LIVES AND TOO MUCH LAND IS BEING GIVEN AWAY TO FILL THE POCKETS OF POLITICIANS

#3454

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#3455

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Don't do this please.

#3456

Name: Scott, John

Correspondence: Please do not extend this lease to farmers or ranchers...and PLEASE DO NOT kill any elk!

#3457

Name: BBailey, Tina

Correspondence: The beef industry just can't seem to claim enough land to graze its cattle. There are so many alternatives to eating animals; we don't need more beef. Just let the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California be.

#3458

Name: F, A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternate F. Prioritize the preservation of wildlife over farming and ranching activities. The human equivalent would be killing homeless people so that someone could build a golf course out of the woods they were feeding and sleeping in. As humans, there is enough cumulative brainpower to come up with alternative solutions, rather than self-limiting binary options. There is also enough ingrained empathy in most of us to know right from wrong. No need to get rich off of blood diamonds.

#3459

Name: Marshall-Edwards, Virginia

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service, Please do not allow further encroachment by cattle on lands used for Tule Elk grazing. Thank you, V. M. Edwards

#3460

Name: floyd, mary

Correspondence: STOP THE KILLING OF WILDLIFE!! It would be a tragedy and totally unethical to kill off these Elki! They are in OUR National Park living and grazing and having their young. The ranchers can feed their cattle hay - or lease property that doesn't have the Elk on it. The plan to kill off the Elk is beyond inhumane and there should be another plan to put in place in its stead. I used to live in Sonoma County (and Mendocino County most of my life and never ever thought that the National Park Service would ever do something so heinous. I just returned from the Grand Canyon National Park where the Elk live in peace and loved watched them roam free...this is the way all National Parks that belong to the people of this country should be. Those cattle should share the land with the natural inhabitants of the land....the killer plan is akin to the white people going into Indian lands and killing most of them off along with their natural food, the buffalo. STOP THE KILLING OF WILDLIFE.

#3461

Name: VanWinkle, Jean Marie

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there.

It has come to my attention from information received from The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals that the National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows. Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Alternative B is an unconscionable approach to preserving the Point Reyes National Seashore. It would behoove the NPS - - which is commissioned with the responsibility of preserving and protecting the wilderness areas and its natural inhabitants to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. It is the responsibility of the NPS to preserve native wild species - - not to give precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing by farming and ranching livestock negatively affects ecosystems causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3462

Name: Quisquinay , Gaby

Correspondence: Please consider adopting Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3463

Name: Lee, Jann

Correspondence: stop the needless killing of other species!!

#3464

Name: Tangi, Anna

Correspondence: Please protect tule elk!

Thanks you,

Anna Tangi

#3465

Name: Kraemer, Doris

Correspondence: The ranchers and farmers should just SHARE the land, like they singed up to do.

#3466

Name: SCHLAFFER, Runa

Correspondence: Dear NPS:

Regarding the elk at Point Reyes Seashore, please opt for Plan F. This will save the wildlife. Farming does not belong in a national park.

#3467

Name: Caldwell, Jill

Correspondence: No expansion of grazing permits. Keep the elk safe.

#3468

Name: Miller, Brian

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F regarding the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore National Park. This would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand revenue generating visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Cattle or other domesticated animal grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

Thank you.

#3469

Name: Strain, Darren

Correspondence: Good Morning:

Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there.

My wife and I understand that the National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. We were truly dismayed to learn that your preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

As conscientious citizens and taxpayers, we are writing to respectfully urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. It is widely known that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do the right thing. Discontinue farming and let the elk live in peace.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

#3470

Name: Lester, Barbara

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk who live where farmers wish to have only their animals graze. They have a right to be there and not be disturbed. Thank you

#3471

Name: Downs, Mike

Correspondence: Thank you.

#3472

Name: Keane, Leanne

Correspondence: I ask that you select Alternate F, whereby farming and ranching activities are ceased altogether within this preserve. In light of climate change and the sobering report that one million species are close to extinction, every nation must make choices that limit the impacts humans. Wildlife must be a priority, none more so than within your state and national parks and preserves

#3473

Name: N/A, Wagner

Correspondence: Keep the tule elk alive. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Gratitude for attention Success for each one the us. Wagner

#3474

Name: Post, Lara

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Please make sure that the preservation of native wild species takes precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do whatever you can to protect America's native species and national parks!

#3475

Name: Tripodi, Gabrielle

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3476

Name: DeCristofaro, Jeffrey

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F!!!

#3477

Name: Digiacomio, Alexandra

Correspondence: Please don't take away the land from these animals. They were here first.

#3478

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: i am against letting cattle or any livestock inside our public land specially at the cost of the native elk ! this is so anti wildlife .as we all know cattle destroy the land , river and streams . Their grazing only deprive of the native prey animals or grazers . in addition what about their waste ?

#3479

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not kill Tule elk for expand farming practices at Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

#3480

Name: lukas, barbara

Correspondence: Geez isn't there enough grass for all of the animals, it is the wilderness.

#3481

Name: Parshall, Sharon

Correspondence: Trump seems to want to destroy or eliminate everything and everyone that makes America truly wonderful. These beautiful elk must be allowed to thrive and live. I reside in Washington state where I often drive by a herd of elk such as these. They are magnificent. Don't destroy them.

#3482

Name: Bowen, Betsy

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California is utterly gorgeous! My husband and I visited California two years ago and hiked some of its glorious trails. I still use a keychain I bought with an image of Reyes Point Lighthouse as a souvenir of this great vacation. Our government did a wise and wonderful thing when it bought this land so all can enjoy its astonishing beauty.

Now, I've heard that a conflict has arisen because two small herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 70s after previously being killed off, call this land their home. We didn't see them but sure wish we had. There is nothing more mysteriously thrilling than a glimpse of roaming wildlife. This is why, like millions of Americans, our major vacations center around the national parks system.

I urge you please, to adopt ALTERNATIVE F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities. Yes! It's one of the dreamiest places in the whole country. We'd like to be enjoying its beauty for years to come, and thanks to wise government policy making.

Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching in such a beautiful place. Grazing destroys ecosystems, pollutes water and erodes soil, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#3483

Name: McDonough, Rebecca

Correspondence: Please use Alternative F!

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

We need to stop this all-out killing spree on our beautiful wild lands and open spaces. It's unconscionable to destroy these much needed natural places for the financial benefit of the ranchers and corporations that don't care what mess they leave behind, as long as they profit.

Please do the right thing for you, your family, and the future of all of us.

Thank you.

#3484

Name: Warner, Rexanne

Correspondence: Please do not shoot the elk.

#3485

Name: Burr, Brandon

Correspondence: I am furious that the NPS is considering gunning down herds of elk to open up more land to raise cattle at Point Reyes National Seashore. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. My tax dollars should be going towards protecting our lands and all of its wildlife.

#3486

Name: P, Susanne

Correspondence: Stop interfering with nature. Let's cut back on meat consumption from farmed animals and allow native populations to thrive.

#3487

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park for nature preservation! Please consider Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#3488

Name: Chrystal, Cynthia

Correspondence: We originally lived in Northern California. These elk are natural to this area. Cattle is not! Please don't sacrifice these elk to allow for cattle. This is not the natural order of life

#3489

Name: Lanigan, Carol

Correspondence: Surley there must be a better way to solve these than killing these beautiful animals.

#3490

Name: Pereira, Eliane

Correspondence: I know I live in a distant country and I might be considered as someone who has nothing to do with this matter. But I understand environmental issues are of everybody's concern, that I am a world citizen and I have the right to speak for animals as they do not have not their own voice to fight for their rights. So I join all those who are sensitive to their pain and urge you to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I ask NPS to understand that the preservation of native wild species should take precedence over farming and ranching activities; that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3491

Name: Grether, Jeff

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I am writing in concern to the preferred proposal B that is considering boat-in camping sites in Drakes Estero. I am not opposed to thoughtful placement of a hike-in or boat-in campsite as long as the potential environmental impact on the waters of Drakes and Limantour Esteros is taken seriously. It has been amazing to see the transformation of the Schooner Bay area, a region I usually paddled away from to gain distance from the noise pollution of the oyster farm. So, I am in favor of preserving the positive environmental change that can already be seen and felt.

In my opinion, as a person who has been paddling the waters of the estuaries in Point Reyes for 30 years, no camping should ever be permitted along the shores or at the beaches along the estuary. Hopefully, this has already been realized, but Tomales Bay is all I have as an example for current boat-in camping where there are no real restrictions to where people camp. Unless camping is restricted to areas away from the shoreline in designated sites, with toilets, the impact would be tremendous. Every time I paddle the waters there I remove trash left from the oyster farming, and old rancher dumps on the shores of the estuary. If camping is not restricted, it would be like returning to the oyster farm days with increasing human impact on the shoreline.

It would also increase the likelihood of illegal fishing, which does occur in the protected estuary since it is rare that there is any significant ranger presence to monitor the area. I have found piles of dead rays and sharks on the shores of the estero and witnessed people fishing at Limantour Spit on the estero side.

The removal of the oyster farm buildings and beds brought a new life to the Schooner Bay area of Drakes Estero, so I hope the park service will honor the positive environmental change by putting any boat-in accessible camping on the pasture bluffs already impacted by cattle, and a good distance away from the water's edge.

Furthermore, hopefully the location where the oyster farm buildings used to be is not being considered for a drive-in camping area. That would have a huge impact on the progress made by the park service in restoring the area and eliminating the noise pollution created by the oyster farm when in operation.

Better use of the oyster farm location: My recommendation is that a trail is made from the parking lot where the oyster farm was located that would ascend the bluffs alongside the estero, looping around to eventually connect with the Estero Trail. That would be a great way to increase public accessibility while maintaining positive environmental change.

#3492

Name: Berardino, Diana

Correspondence: Elk are part of our American heritage. Let them live in peace!

#3493

Name: George, Janelle

Correspondence: Please don't wipe out a beautiful species that was there first. We need to stop eating beef!

#3494

Name: Loch, Lexi

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities

#3495

Name: Rowell, Diana

Correspondence: I DEMAND that you adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities. YOU KNOW that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

WE have a right to participate in decisions you make that EFFECT OUR future, which means it is NOT FOR JUST YOU TO DECIDE. Furthermore, the consumption of meat and dairy are at AN ALL TIME LOW, with hundreds continuing to move AWAY from the SADISTIC practices of big ag EVERY WEEK.

Moves such as THIS where YOU and CATTLEMEN are trying to FORCE meat and dairy upon the TAXPAYERS will ONLY serve to show the TRUTH about your BARBARIC agenda. WE pay YOUR salary, benefits and operating expenses, which means we can QUIT paying for it and watch as you all leave a dark, deserted building with no electricity because we QUIT PAYING FOR YOUR B*****T! OUR tax contributions outpace cattleman's by a whopping 9 to 1, since YOU DON'T MAKE THEM EVEN PAY THEIR RIDICULOUSLY LOW GRAZING FEES TO BEGIN WITH AND NOW YOU WANT TO DO THIS CRAP! Your souls are damned and YOU SHALL GO TO HELL!

Get your resume's updated, because as soon as we have taken OUR COUNTRY BACK from corporate shills and agencies like NPS, we will DEMAND that YOU are DEFUNDED, disbanded and reestablished with ALL new employees who ACTUALLY care about OUR rights as citizens. Bunch of greedy, lying, thieving maggots have NO PLACE in OUR country, much less working in OUR government. Immigrants would do a FAR BETTER JOB than you're doing, BECAUSE they KNOW what it's like to have bullies OPPRESS their voice. D**n TRAITORS!

#3496

Name: Larry, Kisha

Correspondence: Please don't sacrifice one animal's life for another's leisure.

#3497

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: National Park land was set aside for public parks not grazing land for commercial ranch operations. Things are changing. The number one threat to wildlife is loss of habitat. I expect my government to make decisions based on peer reviewed sound science not to benefit profits and advantage for a few promoted by lobbyists. Studies have shown when native species recover the entire ecosystem is affected positively, such as wolves being reintroduced in former population areas. If the environment is healthy for wildlife then it is healthy for people. The entire planetary ecosystem is collapsing. People don't own land or the wildlife that survives on it. I am totally opposed to renewing the grazing rights of ranchers on National Park land. Everything is connected. Make informed scientific choices to promote survival of the Tule elk and all wild species in the National Park

#3498

Name: Smith, Les

Correspondence: As the world gets more aware that humans are not the only important species on this planet we should learn to be less greedy and leave other parts of our animal and plant world in peace. We are the only animal that kills in the name of "progress"

#3499

Name: Johnston, Elizabeth

Correspondence: I believe the elk should take precedent over the cattle and the agreement with the ranchers rescinded thank you

#3500

Name: kissane, Sharon

Correspondence: No real need to shoot the elk. Please don't.

#3501

Name: Goldsmith, Karin

Correspondence: How dare you do a Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Your track record is so POOR that I don't think you have a clue how we feel about the Environment.

#3502

Name: Franklin, Zachary

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F for the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, and expand visitor opportunities, so that more people can enjoy this amazing place. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. It's common knowledge that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please reconsider your stance towards these animals and adopt Alternative F for the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore.

#3503

Name: urbina, maria

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Elk!!! These farmers need to be contained otherwise we will lose all of our natural beauty of this country. Try to get these guys to stay on their land and stop infringement of nature. Money may be a powerful thing for them but their are more important things we need to protect than profitability.

#3504

Name: McKee, Wendy

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F for Point Reyes National Seashore, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. This is public land, not private, and the public interest should take precedence over private, financial interests.

#3505

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: You need to protect these beautiful creatures.

#3506

Name: Munday, Mary

Correspondence: Good Lord we don't need more beef! Ranchers need to find ways to manage their own land and stop being greedy. Taking our taxpayer-paid public lands at the cheap prices they are paying is wrong. The beef industry will not see a long future with all the negative aspects of its affect on climate, public health, and such overreaching methods of production. I own a ranch that uses rotational grazing. In developing the watering systems, the various grazing areas, drainage systems, and trailways more cattle have been added without overgrazing. It was costly and offset by a government grant. Are these ranchers too lazy to find solutions that don't involve sprawling onto public lands and killing the animals that live there? DO NOT destroy these elk just to replace them with cattle. It will not bode well in the long run.

#3507

Name: Daniel, Jonathan

Correspondence: Killing our wildlife so farmers and agribusiness can make a profit is not acceptable. I don't mind if public land is shared by farmers and wildlife as long as the farmers pay for using the land and clean up any pollution.

#3508

Name: Wagenhauser, James

Correspondence: Once again, we have to help the native species who share our land. I may have to travel out there to help the elk. Enough is enough. We are fed up with the BS. We have Great Spirit on our side! It is a good day to die! To allow the elk to live.

#3509

Name: Shea RN, Bonita

Correspondence: Leave these beautiful animals alone. They have been their for along time. Animals have rights too.

B Shea

#3510

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please allow the wildlife to exist on our national parks. The tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California deserve a place to graze as much as the farm animals.

#3511

Name: Carlson, Peggy

Correspondence: Hi, My comment is short. Please do the right thing and adopt Alternative F. Thank you for your time. Peggy E Carlson

#3512

Name: Bentley, Audrey

Correspondence: Please help Elk

#3513

Name: Miller, Nancy

Correspondence: I am sickened by the rampant greed that is threatening our world as we know it (or used to know it).

#3514

Name: Morris, Craig

Correspondence: The fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3515

Name: Flanagan, Bonnie

Correspondence: NO animal deserves to die

#3516

Name: davis, linda

Correspondence: I am commenting in regards to Elk grazing/living on National Park land which seems to disrupt farmers. I am urging you to adopt Alternative F. Discontinuing farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. We as society need to start thinking for what is best for the environment and the future of our children and planet NOT the dollar that the ranchers are worried about, they like many others can learn a new skill, it is way to hard to replace an eco-system and CANNOT bring back a species that are wiped out due to greed. Please consider the kind humane option. Regards,

#3517

Name: Long, Laura

Correspondence: Wildlife and wild places deserve to live free from unnecessary and destructive farming and ranching. Gunning down defenseless elk for the ranching industry is despicable. Cattle razing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please choose Alternative F, and end the leasing of land to ranchers.

#3518

Name: Nabel, Yvette

Correspondence: It's sickening the number of animals that you have murdered in the name of good land management.. You are a disgusting corrupt and self interested body of workers who have no right to play God..

You need to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Ranchers and farmers do NOT have the right to destroy animals to line their own greedy pockets and you must be on the take to even think of killing off a species to appease these selfish people..They have to learn the word COMPROMISE AND SO DO YOU..

STOP KILLING OUR WILDLIFE AND RUINING OUR ENVIRONMENT.. WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND..

#3519

Name: Cameron, Janet

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3520

Name: Taylor, Julie

Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam, I am extremely concerned about the decision to kill tule elks at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. This was established as a national park in 1962 when the government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Wild animals are constantly under threat and their habitat eroded for farming with disastrous consequences. I urge you to prevent farming on this land and maintain the preserve for wildlife.

Julie Taylor

#3521

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Stop selling out our national treasures to greedy corporate ranchers! I pray we have a new admin that fires you all for compromising your ethics and our ecosystems for the orange guy's bribes.

#3522

Name: WAGNER, CAROL

Correspondence: WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE LAND DESTROYED FOR FARMING OR CATTLE RANCHES

#3523

Name: Scanlon, Nora

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3524

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Ok, enough is enough! It's time to care about the animals and well being of the planet, not the wealth of a few families that have already exploited the land for 25 years too long!

#3525

Name: Skipworth, Carl

Correspondence: Please use this form to urge it to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3526

Name: Johnson, Caroline

Correspondence: I'm writing to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#3527

Name: Sidd, Susan

Correspondence: Please support Alternative F for the Point Reyes National Seashore in California

Dear Sir or Madam:

I understand that you are considering an alternative (B) with respect to the Point Reyes National Seashore, which would allow the killing of some of an already-tiny population of Tule Elk that graze on the national parklands there - - and that you are doing this in order to free up grazing land for up to 5,500 cows and additional commercial agricultural use.

This would be a misuse of our national parklands and their heritage. Two herds of a total of under 400 elk (that are native to California and were only recently restored to the parklands) warrant your oversight and protection. It makes no sense to pursue an alternative that grants a long-term lease of our parklands to cattle and ranching families for their commercial operations.

Think of your children and do the right thing for the parklands and our country: ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F to protect our precious natural resources.

Thank you, Susan E. Sidd

#3528

Name: Learch, Lynn

Correspondence: We lived in California for 16 years and just relocated. All wildlife is valuable and should not be killed for expansion of cattle. Why not relocate? All wild animals are being pushed off their land and upsetting the balance of nature. Please reconsider this plan and save the elk.

#3529

Name: Battaglia, Carole

Correspondence: Please preserve the elk. There must be way that both the elk and the cattle can survive together. Maybe they can be moved to another location. These are magnificent animals. They need protection.

#3530

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: nature balances itself - humans are destructive and disrespectful of other life and had best be about practicing good stewardship

#3531

Name: Howard, John

Correspondence: Wild animals are not ours to kill!!!

#3532

Name: Cohen, Howard

Correspondence: Tell these f- -king ranchers that the elk were there way before them and to live and let live. Myself, if these selfish and inhumane ranchers continue in their ways, I shall be forced to get on a plane, come out there, and eradicate the real problem, the ranchers. I am sick of our self obsessed race not caring about any other species and their right . to exist.

#3533

Name: Mariana, Turda

Correspondence: Please note that your actions are a model for the entire world. I am from Romania, a country blessed with wonderful wild nature, but struggling to keep it as we inherited it. If your authorities will decide to kill wild animals in their habitat in favor of human interest, wild life from my country shall suffer too !

#3534

Name: Corbin , Kathy

Correspondence: Save the Elk

#3535

Name: Langelier, karen

Correspondence: Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle

apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so your solution is to permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities???

This is the Elks home and they deserve to live. This could be a win-win ..please allow SOME land to stay as is and save the elk, while allowing the rest of the land to be used by farmers. This way the farmers can still succeed and the Elk can live.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely, Karen Langelier

#3536

Name: Christensrn, Shirley

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Amendment F...to discontinue farming and ranching in the park. Shirley Cristensen

#3537

Name: Graves, Michelle

Correspondence: I urge it to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3538

Name: Bird, Oscar

Correspondence: Please do not kill Elk for the cattle industry. Thank you

#3539

Name: Field, Brian

Correspondence: Please do the wise and compassionate thing and adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request

#3540

Name: Wilberding, Becky

Correspondence: In regard to the Tule elk @ Point Reyes National Seashore, I am asking that you adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. It is time that wildlife is looked after first not the ranching & farming communities that have taken over so many National Parks with their grazing rights. It would totally without merit to reduce this herd of elk so that farmers & ranchers can gain monetarily.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

#3541

Name: Leinbaugh , Tracy

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the

park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. That is why the citizens of this country support the National Park Service. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. We do not want or need the livestock of a few ranchers to be given preferred status over our wildlife.

#3542

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Cows are not part of our wildlife. We need wildlife to have a balanced environment.

#3543

Name: Trosper, Cheryl

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. As you know grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

#3544

Name: Pechota, Karen

Correspondence: This is concerning the Tule Elk at Reyes National Seashore. Please protect the Tule Elk by not permitting the killing of these animals in order to allow grazing for agriculture activities. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I highly encourage the preservation of native wild species over farming and ranching. This negatively effects the ecosystem which effects everyone! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Pechota

#3545

Name: Siemian, Lori

Correspondence: Please reconsider the potential plan to kill these elk in California. They were here first, not the non-native species that humans are using this land for. We specifically travel to California to see them. They are to be celebrated, not killed. The state of California should be proud to host this species! Please do not proceed with the plan of killing them.

#3546

Name: MENDOZA, CHRISTINA

Correspondence: Please help elk now!

#3547

Name: Kennerknecht, Sebastian

Correspondence: As a national park you have the responsibility to protect our natural "resources". In other

words, the bobcats, coyotes, badgers, raptors, and plants re dependent on you to protect them. Don't doom them by allowing row crops and introducing new domestic animals. And don't murder tule elk which are already at low numbers just for the sake of appeasing farmers. You have a duty to protect nature. Uphold your responsibility.

#3548

Name: Gough, Roseanne

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do the right thing for our precious environment thank you.

#3549

Name: Clark, Kristina

Correspondence: It is simply time to end grazing leases and permits for ranch operations throughout ALL of our National Parks. Period.

In regards to Point Reyes National Seashore, the Tule Elk are indigenous and should be protected and encouraged at all costs. Natural predators such as wolves, should be their only predators - certainly NOT humans.

The Alternative B that the park system is currently considering as "best" is certainly NOT BEST AT ALL. It only serves the needs of the "ranch operation" and even allows the definition of that operation to change as the rancher wishes - not subject to environmental impact scrutiny for all the other species that inhabit the National Seashore along with the Tule Elk.

The BEST plan on the table is Alternative F, which would make the National Park a TRUE national park and allow for all species to exist without human dominance. The visitor opportunities allowed would be a window for generations to come to view other beings on our planet and learn respect for all earthlings - which it at the very core of the idea of a National Park system.

Please REJECT ALTERNATIVE B.

Please ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F.

#3550

Name: Lowman, Betty

Correspondence: LEAVE THE ELK ALONE!!! Only 120 elk allowed at Drake's Beach; "culling as needed" of the Limantour herd. now numbering only 174 - UNBELIEVABLE!!! I grew up in California, lived there for 60 years, and have always cherished the nature and wildlife there. Over time, CA wild places and animals are diminishing as land values are soaring. SO DISHEARTENING! I finally moved to Oregon, where natural beauty and animals have a chance. Not much big money here, thank goodness! LEAVE THE ELK ALONE IN NATIONAL PARKS!!!! Cows can graze anywhere.

#3551

Name: Edwards, David

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3552

Name: Harish, Anavai

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3553

Name: V, Z

Correspondence: As a native Californian who has spent countless numbers of days in my life at the Point Reyes National Seashore, I am well aware of the magnificence and beauty of the park, and its role in protecting wildlife. This is a national monument. Protect the Elk. Protect the Park. Support Alternative F.

Zoe

#3554

Name: Brown, Rob

Correspondence: Every time Republicans are in power, our country, world and planet are in trouble! These entitled old greedy assholes need to be held accountable and removed once and for all!

Trump is without a doubt the world's biggest asshole damaging something on a daily basis, enough already!

PS: These are public lands and it's time the public has a say in these matters. Elected officials have sold out to the almighty dollar and greed, and care nothing about the world around us!

#3555

Name: hale, sandra

Correspondence: An equitable agreement was reached years ago and it's now time to let the people and native animals love and enjoy this beautiful place as it was intended by the original agreement. Please do the right thing! Thank You!!! Sandra Hale

#3556

Name: Dillon, Joy

Correspondence: We should NOT allow any elk to be killed to raise cattle. If a cattle owner doesn't have his own land on which to raise his cattle, he shouldn't be raising cattle! This land belongs to the elk. They were there first and should not be killed because someone wants their natural land, on which they have been living for hundreds of years, for PROFIT.

#3557

Name: Baker, Denise

Correspondence: Dear NPS, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Please remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Once again, I implore you to ensure the preservation of native wild species. Please do not condemn these beautiful elk to be murdered.

Kindest regards to you

Denise Baker

#3558

Name: Borselli, Robert

Correspondence: If the choice is killing the Elk or removing the ranchers from public lands, I, as a taxpayer, and thus an owner of those lands would choose to remove the ranchers.

Robert Borselli

#3559

Name: DeBacco, Tony

Correspondence: As problems continue to exist or rise to greater levels concerning wildlife, it seems that the one solution that comes from front lines of those trying to fix it is to kill the wildlife. The majority of the time it deals with wildlife that is an endangered species or once was and through protection is no longer extinct. It seems that man has not learned from the mistakes made in the past that has led to total extinction of certain species. The problems seems to surface a lot with ranchers trying to feed their stock on the land. Many methods of management have been put in place to have the wildlife, ranchers and their animals to be able to be able to live in the same area and both still thrive. Some of these methods require work and not easy as just killing the animals but it works. It has been proven with some ranchers and the wolves in their areas. People need to stop having a knee jerk reaction to the problems but just killing without thinking of the impact it has years down the road by not having these animals exist any longer. They all have a part of the natural ecosystem of this earth. The old saying "don't mess with mother nature" has been proven true time and time again when man tries to alter the natural course. So let's stop these knee jerk reactions and work on solving the problem but yet creating another long term problem. It takes a little work and cooperation but it can be done. Last point of if any of these solutions are based on money (contributions to people in charge or politicians) it does not not work. Since money is the real goal and not solving the problem.

#3560

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. We cannot afford to put the limited water supply in California to be placed in further risk.

#3561

Name: Dorval, Melissa

Correspondence: Please be kind to the elk. Please be kind to all animals. Please rethink this policy

#3562

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: stop the killing in our national parks

#3563

Name: Stone, Nancy

Correspondence: This is barbaric. These animals belong on this land, cows and other animals raised for slaughter do not!

#3564

Name: Satifka, Tricia

Correspondence: I am writing today to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I believe that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. May I remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do not allow this to happen.

#3565

Name: Miler, Larry

Correspondence: Alternative F.

#3566

Name: Pagel, Barbara

Correspondence: Killing or managing the elk is not the right solution. They are native and should be allowed to live there. Solution F is the correct choice. Putting the ranchers and farmers wants above the native herd in a national park is wrong. My daughter has visited the park and was disappointed in its offerings. Remove the ranchers and farmers and turn it into a park that more people would want to visit.

#3567

Name: RAHGO, WILLIAM

Correspondence: PLEASE USE ALT. F. NO NEED TO KILL OFF NATURAL SPECIES TO GIVE IN TO FARMERS AND SUCH. FARMERS THINK THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE WHATEVER LAND THEY WANT WITH NO REGARD TO NATURAL SPECIES. JUST SAY NO!!!! THANK YOU, WILLIAM A. RAHGO

#3568

Name: Pendola, Cheryl

Correspondence: Unnecessary & cruel

#3569

Name: Bayless, Pamela

Correspondence: Please protect tule elk. They have as much right to graze on this land as the farmer's animals. During hunting season there should be a limit as to the number allowed to be killed so the herd can be maintained and preserved.

#3570

Name: Dalton, Marsha

Correspondence: Elk should not be subjected to a firing squad. They are sentient beings and have committed no crime.

#3571

Name: Voeltz, Timothy

Correspondence: Please save these protected Yule Elk. Very important for you not to kill them.

#3572

Name: Morgan, Stephanie

Correspondence: Please consider some other means. It always doesnt have to lead right to killing them.

#3573

Name: Taylor, Anne

Correspondence: Please support and choose Alternative F and protect elk.

#3574

Name: Kory, Robin

Correspondence: Please protect the elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers do not have the right to kill elk just because they don't want to share grazing lands with them and they want to expand agricultural activities. We can all exist together. Please don't let the death and destruction seen around the world continue at Point Reyes National Seashore.

#3575

Name: Santangelo, Roseann

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, remove ranching and farming from the park entirely and protect the elk in their natural habitat.

#3576

Name: berman, karen

Correspondence: YOU PEOPLE ARE CRAZY !!! USE YOUR CONSCIENCE AND DO THE RIGHT THING. LEARN TO SHARE !!! WE HUMANS ARE PART OF A FOOD CHAIN. WE DON'T OWN THIS PLANET. WHY MUST WE LEARN EVERYTHING THE HARD WAY ???

#3577

Name: larsen, keith

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Take Alternative B off the board and let the elk graze in peace.

#3578

Name: HOGG, WENDY

Correspondence: Please protect the elk on Point Reyes National Seashore. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming. Ranch grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

When are we going to wake up?

#3579

Name: Arotsky, Nancy

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you!

#3580

Name: Vogt, Susan

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3581

Name: Polonka, Jack

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

#3582

Name: Egan, Marilyn

Correspondence: Monsters are destroying the planet for greed

#3583

Name: Telese, Nancy

Correspondence: Please leave the elk alone. Biological diversity is very important. The elk should be protected and not murdered. This is highly wrong and if this happens, I never want to be a member of the National Park Association again. This is a despicable idea, to kill these elk for no reason. Trophy hunting or murder for sport is wrong. Please have a conscience, and do the right thing to protect these magnificent creatures, that we are lucky enough to live among. They need to be saved for future generations. Let's shoot them with a camera instead.

#3584

Name: Barthelmie, Rebecca

Correspondence: I'm writing to urge you to protect the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Park. We (the people) have already paid to make this land a protected area for nature and for people to enjoy. Having this overrun by agricultural animals is not the way forward. Please protect our natural areas and the Tule Elk by adopting Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities so that we can all enjoy it and not just have a few people profit.

#3585

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3586

Name: Meeklah, Elaine

Correspondence: Please please do not kill the elks. We should respect and treasure our wildlife.

#3587

Name: Clarke, James

Correspondence: I am writing to favor option F in the current draft document. I am opposed to any further planning related to expanding farming operations in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Current dairy operations are creating substantial damage to the ecosystem. These damages must be addressed. Furthermore, the original enabling legislation in no way supports the use of the Point Reyes National Seashore for dairy ranching in perpetuity. Ranchers were already paid (via taxpayers money) for their property years ago, yet they continue to operate with total disregard for the land. Furthermore, they pay no property taxes while their operations return substantial profits. The National Park Service leadership has completely failed in its responsibility to act in a fiduciary capacity to protect the park and its unique ecology from the degradation's imposed on the land by the dairy "tenants". It appears as if the National Park Service leadership has been completely "captured" by local powerful family, political and moneyed interests who have flagrantly violated the letter and the spirit of the enabling legislation and now seek to amend the legislation to further expand their control over land owned by the people of the United States.

#3588

Name: Brockett , Peter

Correspondence: I am writing to oppose any decision to shoot tule elk, especially if this decision is largely based on expansion of ag activity.

#3589

Name: gauci, louis

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on parkland for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Louis

#3590

Name: Jones, christine

Correspondence: Please transfer these animals to a place a safety where they will be free to roam and not bother farmers, ranchers or anyone else. Do not kill them

#3591

Name: Prince, Steve

Correspondence: I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Cattle grazing is particularly awful, negatively affecting ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species, and it makes hiking through massive amounts of cow shit terrible.

#3592

Name: Kreiner, Dennis

Correspondence: animals do not have a voice so we must speak for them

#3593

Name: Robinett, Joe

Correspondence: All is equal, all is one, one spirit, one god, equally deserving of the right to live one's life peacefully....

#3594

Name: Switzer, Bruce

Correspondence: Just once. Just once do the right thing. Please

#3595

Name: Thornton, Mary

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Please adopt Alternative F. This proposition discontinues farming and ranching in the park. This park belongs to this generation and future generations. Our magnificent wildlife must be preserved at all cost so that future generations can enjoy them. Raising animals for food and clothing must eventually end. Our planet can no longer survive it. Please keep our wild places for our beautiful wild animals, not so that greedy humans can profit by destroying wild animals and nature. That's the problem with capitalism. Greedy entrepreneurs are destroying land, water, natural resources, etc. that belong to everyone simply to make a buck. How do you people sleep at night?

Mary Thornton

#3596

Name: Chaverra, Sandra

Correspondence: Please do not let farmers take over land let the Ele be free it not our right to kill those beautiful animals they have a soul too

#3597

Name: Barry, Michelle

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone in their habitat. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Keep in mind that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3598

Name: Lambert, Angela

Correspondence: I write today to ask you to PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore and instead expand visitor opportunities. It is VITAL that we protect and preserve native wild species. This MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities. The balance of the ECOSYSTEM is VITAL to the continuation of us as a species on this planet. We ALL know that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion. It allows and encourages the spread of invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

#3599

Name: Dutschke, Stephen

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3600

Name: Proubasta, Dolores

Correspondence: Is there no end to the power of rapacious ranchers, their bully associations, and generous lobbyist that they can at will command the decimation of wildlife - - like the Tule Elk - - who stand in the way of grazing cattle and profits?

If it were up to cattlemen, the whole country would be a giant feedlot. Alternative F is the civilized way to proceed.

#3601

Name: blanch, eugene

Correspondence: all wildlife needs protection NOW

#3602

Name: Palmer, Mary

Correspondence: Please do not murder the Tule elk. I have been to Point Reyes and seen these majestic animals. This is PUBLIC land not ranchers' land. Shouldn't ranchers need to find non-public lands to graze their animals on? All of life is sacred.

#3603

Name: sindoni, jenne

Correspondence: so lets just exterminate elk and everything else for more hamburgers. disgusting.

#3604

Name: bowman, charles

Correspondence: Please retain our national parks for everyone to enjoy!

#3605

Name: Hooper, John

Correspondence: I am a part-time resident of Inverness, adjacent to the PRNS, and a frequent hiker and swimmer there.

It is clear, as the DEIS documents, that cattle grazing has damaged many natural features of the park.

For ranching to continue, certain basic guidelines must be adopted.

1. Issue only short-term (1 to 5 years) lease renewals until ranching lessees have (a) adopted measureable Best Management Practices (BMPs), (b) including full protection of streams and other water bodies as evidenced by frequent water quality testing; (c) including crop and animal rotation to sequester carbon and including a meaningful public education component in ranching activities; and including establishment of maximum cattle carrying capacity.
2. Terminate any above short-term leases where measureable ecological and ranching improvements have not been achieved. during initial short-term leases. Negotiate longer term leases only with lessees who have demonstrated a commitment to ranching in compliance with the ecological objectives of the PRNS.
3. Reduce ranching acreage by 7500 acres as per Alternative D.
4. Prohibit diversification of agricultural activities outside of core areas (chickens, goats, sheep, vegetable farming etc)
5. For future leases, establish clearly defined ecological management objectives for plants and wildlife and give the NPS authority to reduce or eliminate ranching as necessary to achieve those objectives at any time.
6. Establish carrying capacity for Tule Elk herd(s) and relocate excess animals to other areas outside the PRNS and/or permit limited hunting to maintain the health of the Elk herd(s)
7. Provide adequate NPS staffing for vigorous enforcement of cattle-related activities.

#3606

Name: Mansfield, Mark

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam,

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to

graze cattle on park land for 25 years. That lease thus expired some time ago. There is no ecologically defensible rationale for offering another lease, this one a 20-year lease agreement on what was expressly established as a national park - - not an open-ended grazing operation for cattle, or a "diversified" farm extension. A national park.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Respectfully,

Mark Mansfield

#3607

Name: Foulger, Paul

Correspondence: I really do not understand this preoccupation the US has with killing anything that moves. Have you really not learnt from the slaughter of the buffalo the largest killing of a species in history. Please find the human quality of empathy and compassion and lets these animals roam freely and safely.

#3608

Name: Pike, Brian

Correspondence: Point Reyes national seashore is being attacked by the National Park Service.

"It's a 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops."

The preservation of native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. I actually thought that the National Park Service had some ethics... what a mistake.

You are mailing people to sign petitions to save national parks... AND HERE YOU ARE DESTROYING THE PARKS YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT

#3609

Name: Chester, Brent

Correspondence: Adding more cows Is completely detrimental for solving the global warming crisis . Killing Elks wvill upset the balance of nature in that area.

#3610

Name: Mead, Sheila

Correspondence: This is a park not a farm.

Sheila Mead

#3611

Name: Byers, Elisabeth

Correspondence: My family and I are urging the NPS to only consider Option F, which would NOT allow agricultural activities in the beautiful Reyes National Park. This area is designated as a "park", which should be maintained solely as a place for public enjoyment. Cattle raising, or other agricultural activities would negatively affect the entire ecosystem, from water pollution to soil erosion. Native and endangered species would be seriously affected and invasive species would enter the ecosystem causing more damage, the park would NEVER be the same.

Please keep the park a place for human enjoyment of native species and natural beauty, it is the ONLY option that is morally and ethically correct.

#3612

Name: Mirante, Teresa

Correspondence: Hello, it's my understanding there is an option under consideration to reduce the number of the two elk herds residing in Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

It seems a little silly and cold-hearted to eliminate these elk in favor of cattle ranching. I would ask that you allow the elk herds to remain as is and adopt the option to instead eliminate farming and ranching, allowing for expansion of the beautiful park to visitors. National parks are intended for the use of the people not for grazing which could potentially degrade the property.

#3613

Name: King, Judith

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service: Re: Point Reyes National Seashore

What a world we have! We have messed up the balance of nature. Catering to farmers and ranchers who shouldn't be there to begin with at the expense of the animals who should be there.

I would think most of you working at the National Park Service took those positions because you loved animals and the land given us by nature and wanted to help protect our environment. What changed?

The preservation of native wild species should and must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. We know that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Our earth is stressed enough already and we can see the negative results. Why continue to allow what we know will cause the destruction of nature's protection of the land.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities at Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities. This way we can all share in the bounty of nature. Disrespecting the balance of Mother Nature is doing us in quickly.

We need wise decisions, coming from your soul, now more than ever. Act as if all our lives depend on your decision because they do.

Sincerely,

Judith King

#3614

Name: Underhill, Kathy

Correspondence: I just read there is a plan being considered to slaughter the tule Elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore in Ca. Haven't we done enough mindless killing of animals all over this country for various "larger plans"? I strenuously object to the majestic creatures being killed per the "Alternative B" plan.

Alternative F sounds like a far better plan both to save the elk and as well to expand upon visitor opportunities - it is a national park, after all.

Please do not pursue Alternative B. Thank you, Kathy Underhill

#3615

Name: Desnoyers, Claire

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3616

Name: Davies, Stuart

Correspondence: Is there no end to the GREED of farmers? We are supposed to be custodians of this planet and every living thing on it. This is the 21st century in the evolution of the human species and we are still using, abusing and disposing of our fellow creatures in the most horrendous ways. It is unimaginable that whilst GREEDY portion of our species continue to slaughter and abuse animals, that WAR will ever become an ancient historical event. The heart of a man is described by the way he treats animals.

#3617

Name: Hager, Jon

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern, The concept of killing Tule Elk in a national park so ranchers can expand their grazing rights is unconscionably abhorrent. the national park service was created to preserve natural areas, habitat and wildlife for the enjoyment of the American people, the American Public trust. Farmers and ranchers want to detrimentally impact a Federally protected wild habitat just so they can expand their rancher welfare way of life and continue to feed feed from the public welfare trough. The Tule elk should be saved, their habitat expanded and the ranchers and farmers should be driven off the land. I'm sure this is occurring only because our debacle of a president has decided this is good for himself or is crony friends. National Park Service, do what you were mandated to do, and not what our would be dictator in the White House is ordering you to do. Protect the Tule Elk and their habitat.

#3618

Name: Zeeley, Elisa

Correspondence: LEAVE THE ELK ALONE!

WHY IS KILLING THE FIRST OPTION? REMOVE THE ELK WITH TRANQUILIZER DART AND MOVE THEM TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

#3619

Name: Matthews, Louise

Correspondence: I would like to take this opportunity to request that you please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects

ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#3620

Name: Skerlec, Ernetta

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is a national park. It belongs to all of us, and the interests of a few ranchers and farmers should not be given priority. They knew the terms of their leases when they entered into them. They are not entitled to an expansion of their benefits at the cost of harm to the elk or the nature of the park. Please adopt Alternative F. Thank you. Ernetta Skerlec

#3621

Name: Means, Barbara

Correspondence: I plead for the NPS to allow the deer to continue to graze on their current land. They were there first so the amount of cows should be limited, not the deer.

#3622

Name: Kelly, Monica

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Average weight of a Holstein dairy cow: 1,400 pounds. Range of weights for adult cow elk and adult bull elk at Point Reyes: 300-500 pounds. Pounds of dry-weight forage an average adult Holstein dairy cow eats daily: 50. Estimated pounds of dry-weight forage an average tule elk eats daily: 9. Studies showing environmental impacts or overgrazing by elk at Point Reyes: 0. Number of imperiled wildlife species at Point Reyes for which livestock grazing was a factor in their listing as endangered or threatened: 14. Gallons of water cattle drink each day in the Seashore and GGNRA lands: 156,000

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#3623

Name: Coomber, Annette

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is

considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

I am urging you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I am reminding you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3624

Name: clark, kathy

Correspondence: I thought the National Parks wer designed for the people to enjoy nature not to have nature gunned down and destroyed for grazing cattle. This is disgusting.

#3625

Name: Brown, Donna

Correspondence: As a Marin county Ressident for 40 of my 60 years Alice on this planet, my family and friends have loved and adored the Tule Elk. Spending money by traveling out to Pount Reyes on many occasions throughout our lives.

Hotels, restaurants, clothes and trinkets we spent money on every time going out to see them. It would be stupid to kill what Nature and GOD has put there

#3626

Name: Coelho, Sandrine

Correspondence: Please, adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#3627

Name: Hodges, Deborah

Correspondence: What a disgrace that everything - animals, plants,and even the Earth herself - is sacrificed to private interests. If elk and other wild creatures cannot live safely in the National Parks where can they live? They will have nowhere to go except extinct.

#3628

Name: Cavarra, Francesco

Correspondence: NPS, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thanks for what you will have the sensitivity to do.

Francesco Cavarra

#3629

Name: Silaghi, Christine

Correspondence:

Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, Are in Danger!

Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families.

The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

I urge you, to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species, must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, given that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you, Sincerely

#3630

Name: Bubb, Donna

Correspondence: The beautiful national park area there belongs to the elk not to renting ranch folk who foolishly and greedily destroy the entire area with grazing herds of cattle totally undoing all human efforts to keep our beautiful wilderness lands and their wildlife environmentally healthy and protected. Do not allow any elk killing to happen. The land belongs to the elk!

#3631

Name: Frank, Sally

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities

#3632

Name: Dillon, Christi

Correspondence: Discontinue farming and ranching. The preservation of native wild species must take

precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3633

Name: Scholz, Denise

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for your time.

#3634

Name: Rose, Judith

Correspondence: Stop paying farmers and ranchers to steal taxpayer property. Discontinue the leases. No shooting wildlife on federal property

#3635

Name: Scott, Raeann

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which will discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Negative grazing affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3636

Name: Johnson, Judy

Correspondence: I am strongly against the NPS current practice of letting environmentally destructive ranching and dairy farming exist on the public lands of Pt. Reyes National Seashore. The native wildlife is suffering, as are native plants. Invasives continue to be introduced to the park via animal feed. Toxic runoff pollutes the streams and percolates to the water table. Yet these are public lands. How can you, for the benefit of a very few people, allow all of the above to destroy what belongs to all of the rest of us, who number in the hundreds of millions? This is a deeply political issue, obviously. How about you consider the ethical side of things however. Cows are not native. Elk are. The ranchers have had a good long run, but it's time for that to be over. Yes, the ag lobby will scream and beat their chests, but caving to them at the expense of the rest of us is just plain immoral.

#3637

Name: Gilbert, Janet

Correspondence: Our National Park Services system should not cater to any subset of Americans, but rather to the ideals of preservation of ecosystems, habitat, wildlife, unique geological formations, historical artifacts. Therefore, I support Alternative F as it holds most closely these ideals. A preservation of an historical ranch and barn with interpretive signage would educate the public of the history of the region. It is not necessary to continue to subsidize ongoing ranching and farming production.

I am strongly opposed to the slaughtering of Tule Elk and other wildlife to the benefit of dairy and beef cattle. That is anathema to very foundations of National Parks and Seashores. And given the global scientists' views on increasing green house gases in our atmosphere and subsequent consequences, we must do everything in our capabilities to ameliorate this disaster. Dairy and beef cattle are powerful methane gas producers. I ask what are the off gassing emissions of the population of cattle on our public lands compared to the native wildlife? The National Park Service needs to jump on board with the global populations and offer up leadership in avoiding the deleterious effects of Climate Change. I do not find your proposed alternatives addressing this issue adequately.

And I am Opposed to the American tax payer subsidizing the ranchers and dairy farmers on the publics' National Seashore. A contract was created, drawn up years ago regarding the time span the ranchers could remain on the land. The American public has kept their word, now the farmers and ranchers need to abide by the contract terms. The proposed draft environmental impact statement fails to convincingly explain the rational for maintaining the National Seashore as a land lease program for a subset of Americans. We have already been most generous to the ranchers at a cost of degraded habitat, invasive plant species, animal waste pollution in the waterways, the unnatural fencing off of wildlife to the habitat, even going so far as to cause the starvation and dehydration of tule elk. Shame on us! And shame on the managers of our National Seashore.

I am not an expert on the nuances of draft environmental impact statements and alternatives, however, that lack of expertise does not negate my contribution to the process and my right to participate. I support Alternative F. I am a resident of Northern California and y I have visited Point Reyes National Seashore hiking trails and overlooking the ocean. I support sustainable wilderness and wildlife and an aggressive multi-pronged assault on climate change. Abiding by the contract agreement and returning the land to its former biodiversity by removing the ongoing ranching and farming and restoring the native plants and watershed status is my recommendation. That aligns most closely with Alternative F.

Thank you for the opportunity to engage in the process.

Sincerely, Janet Gilbert

#3638

Name: Ouedec, Chris

Correspondence: End your disaster !!

#3639

Name: walter, crystal

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow Elk to be killed just because farmers think they take precedence over nature and wildlife.

#3640

Name: Bowers, Martha

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please be aware that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

We must ensure that wildlife is preserved. Also with so many people opting for healthy eating, that is avoiding meat, there is no need to expand farming of animals.

Please withhold my personally identifiable information

#3641

Name: Dannhauser, Janice

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Thank you.

#3642

Name: Ravenmoon, Cindy

Correspondence: Please protect these precious elk!!

#3643

Name: Delgado, Barbara

Correspondence: Tule Elk belong in the Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

I am strongly opposed to your Alternative B, which involves killing some of the elk and offering yet another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. Enough is enough!

Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops. This is not what this land was intended for!

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

The elk belong on this land - not cattle, not pigs, not crops. Please do the right thing.

#3644

Name: Soriano, Muriel

Correspondence: I feel very saddened that it can even be considered to rent land for yet more bovine, particularly when this involves killing off healthy Tule elk that were introduced in the first place so they could once again enjoy the pastures they are native to. On top of that, the link between farming cattle in any vaguely intensive form and climate change is becoming more and more apparent as one of the major contributor to increased carbon in the atmosphere is cattle.

I hope you will come back and not go through with this senseless (perhaps cash is more important than life, nature or climate change?) proposition.

#3645

Name: Wilkinson, Kathryn

Correspondence: Why of why can't humans leave animals alone. Who are we to say this can live this can die. Please leave them alone.

#3646

Name: Chattergoon, Pamela

Correspondence: Why cant we leave nature alone? We are a nation of greed. If native animals are killed off what next?

#3647

Name: Thatcher, Tobey

Correspondence: Leave elk and all other animals alone. If not, the only way we will see animals is through holograms.

#3648

Name: Shupe, Michael

Correspondence: The park service should never kill wild populations unless there is a major danger to the public or its for the animals' own welfare.

#3649

Name: Cardillo, Roger

Correspondence: PROTECT NATIVE WILD SPECIES!!!!!!!!!!

#3650

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I think if this is the only area that the Elk are found then the only option would be to phase out the dairy farms and cattle ranches. The government already owns the land so it isn't private property. Then if you can relocate some of them to another area where they can survive, that would be great. The option of last resort should be culling them. If the Elk get sick then the best thing would be to euthanize them to end their suffering.

#3651

Name: Broecker, Ingrid

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Nationalparks are for native wild species, not for farming and ranching. Wild places in nature are needed for our future more than ever.

#3652

Name: Von Hendricks, Cynthia

Correspondence:

Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

#3653

Name: Hardee, David

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities at California's Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities there.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching. The latter activities, which include cattle grazing, negatively affect ecosystems. They cause water pollution and soil erosion, spread invasive species and disease, and harm such endangered species as the two herds of tule elk that reside at the park.

#3654

Name: Gupta, Monoj

Correspondence: Why is it necessary to kill some elks?

#3655

Name: Birrell, Penelope

Correspondence: Our world and climate are changing. Some things that were once needed for survival, now, are being re-organized, even phased out in some cases. Cattle farming is one of those activities that is changing. There are concerted efforts being made to maintain what is natural and indigenous to the area. This is part of the work needed to preserve our planet. These elk were part of these lands. This was their home and it is where they belong.

It is unreasonable to treat living creatures, as indifferently, as you might alter the decor in your living room. They are so much more than furniture ! They have a right to live on their land.

These lands, being part of the National Park Service, means they belong to the people of California....as a whole.....not piece meal for the few folk (lessees) that may chose to rearrange the use of the land for their own personal gain. It does not belong to them...it is loaned !

They should no more be allowed to kill the indigenous wildlife on the land, than a lessee could tear down and destroy a home that they rented from a landlord.

#3656

Name: Johnson, Judy

Correspondence: I favor Alternative F. It's time the ranchers and dairy farmers leave and leave the park to the NATIVE species and US, the public. They've had a good run, but it should be over. Polluted runoff, the introduction of invasive plants for the animal feed, and the simply unsustainable use of land that belongs TO US. Do not favor a few over the many. Do your job and make the park a park again. No ranching, no B & Bs, not crop farms. No ag and no commerce.

#3657

Name: Richardson, Rebecca

Correspondence: Please, no more land- -public land!- -to enable more cattle grazing, especially at the expense of native creatures. It's not fair to those of us who don't want more precious land to be given to ranchers, especially, and farmers. The cattle industry is so filthy and wasteful. Don't let more public land be ruined, public land that is part of a National Seashore. Enough seashores in the world have been ruined already. Put a stop to this NOW.

#3658

Name: Luhmann, Barbara

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please adopt Alternative F which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Sincerely, Barbara Luhmann

#3659

Name: VanderHeyden, Memoree

Correspondence: I will be succinct in my response. The cattlemen have all but put the wild horses in extinction and now they want to eliminate the elk. These ranchers are paying absolutely minimal rent to use this grazing land. THEY are the ones who must be shut down - -not the elk and the wild horses.

We are talking about wild land and this land should be dedicated to the wild flora and fauna. Leave both the elk and the wild horses to roam this land. What the cattlemen need to do is reduce the number of cattle grazing on their own land if they have any. Cattle have been one to the biggest factors in releasing polluting gasses into the environment.

SAVE OUR WILD HORSES AND ELK AND ANY OTHER WILDLIFE LIVING ON THIS LAND11

#3660

Name: McArthur, Rebecca

Correspondence: I implore you to sanction and approve alternative F which would categorically protect the natural wild animals including the Tule Elk and restore the National Park lands to there pristine natural and primitive ecological environment. It is a beyond miraculous and an extraordinary experience to have the occasion to see nature in its purest form flourishing and sustaining a healthy eco system for native plants and wild animals to thrive. National Park lands should no longer be leased for cattle or farming. These lands need to be kept in there natural state and the preservation of wild animals should take precedence over farming and cattle ranching which are both very destructive to the ecosystem creating irreversible damage by polluting the water, introducing diseases, evasive plants and soil erosion. Sequentially harming endangered species and the natural flora and fauna. The preservation of Point Reyes is paramount by electing to implement alternative F this would secure that these park lands would then eliminate the exposure of any unnatural element that would hinder the natural ecosystems in which it was created thus securing the opportunity for many generations of visitors to enjoy and experience this amazing National Parks. As a native Californian I had such fond memories of my countless visits to Point Reyes and last year I traveled from Florida with my sons to visit so that they also would be given the extraordinary opportunity to see for themselves the incredible presentation of splendor and beauty of Point Reyes National Seashore the Natural Sanctuary and Human Haven. Be the Heros that will set a presidance that all is being obtained to preserve and protect this remarkable National Park that over 1500 plants and animals depend on and call home.

#3661

Name: Rutt, Victoria

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3662

Name: Saccardi, John

Correspondence: Dear NPS:

I respectfully urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The he preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

#3663

Name: Edwards, Gillian

Correspondence: Please allow the elk to continue to live on the island. It's important that they don't die out.

#3664

Name: Dalrymple, Kenneth

Correspondence: STOP MURDERING Wildlife Over MONEY. What is Wrong with this government?? All the information in the World, and you are unable to determine, as has MOST of the Scientific world, that cattle production is DESTRUCTIVE TO ANY ENVIRONMENT IT IS IN. Period, from the decimation of incidental growths, to the outright atmospheric assault with overly massive amounts of Methane. Yea, the Children in the crowd will laugh at that, but none of us will laugh when we are unable to venture anywhere without a artificial respirator of some type. GROW UP, do not Needlessly destroy Natural inhabitants of anywhere, so we can destroy even MORE with un-natural production of a meat source FAR WORSE than the one you are Trying to kill... You know we Could harvest these animals instead and be HEALTHIER for it? TRY LISTENING TO THE EXPENSIVE OVERPRICED SCIENTISTS YOU PAY FOR.....JUST ONCE, Please.

#3665

Name: Smith, Deidra

Correspondence: Up to 1 million species are facing extinction. Preserving elk must take precedence over farming and ranching that hurt ecosystems, pollute water, erode soil, spread invasive species and disease, and harm endangered species.

"Animal products are not only major drivers of our planet's top killers - like heart disease and obesity - but they're also major drivers of what's killing the planet itself: climate change, land use, water use, and air and water pollution," says Neal Barnard, M.D., president of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

#3666

Name: N/A, catherine

Correspondence: If they ranchers don't want to share the land with the elk than they are free to graze their cattle elsewhere .

#3667

Name: Schusler, Sylvia

Correspondence: Please do not allow the killing of elk at Point Reyes National Park. Nor should the ranching and farming leases be extended or expanded. We must protect our wild animal population and prevent further extermination of animals that should be protected.

#3668

Name: Jasicki, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities especially as grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3669

Name: Aragon, Maria

Correspondence: Keeping it short and not so sweet: It is time to leave the Elk in peace where they belong. If those leases expire, perhaps it is time to leave them that way. Remove all welfare ranchers from public lands and leave the wildlife alone at last.

#3670

Name: Courtaway, Robbi

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Sincerely, Robbi Courtaway

#3671

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: NPS, Please do not allow farming to be expanded in this park. Alternate F provides protection for the elk to be allowed to graze on this land, which is their native land. Agricultural efforts for farming would deplete the land and disrupt the natural habitat and park system. Please choose Alternate F .

#3672

Name: Armijo, Salme

Correspondence: I urge you to protect and preserve Point Reyes National Seashore by choosing Alternative F. If cattle are allowed to graze there for another 20 years, the park would not be fully accessible to the public for another 20 years or more. I favor preserving and protecting native wild species over ranching. Grazing negatively affects our ecosystem by causing water pollution and soil erosion. Grazing also spreads invasive species and diseases. As a taxpaying citizen, I do not want my tax dollars to subsidize farmers at the expense of wildlife and wild places. Please do not put our wildlife and wild places at risk. Thank you.

#3673

Name: Russak, Cynthia

Correspondence: This needs to be stopped. It's beyond awful to kill and maim.

#3674

Name: Millman, Selena

Correspondence: Protect the Elk.

#3675

Name: Arambula, Maria

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch

operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

The NPS is taking public comments on the matter until September 23. Please use this form to urge it to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3676

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I'm writing to implore you to please adopt Alternative F!

The preservation of native wild species is more important than farming and ranching activities. And no amount of money should be put above the ecosystems and endangered species that would be harmed from grazing.

Please adopt Alternative F!

#3677

Name: Vann Alstyne, Anne

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

Re: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore

We urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

As you know, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you,

Anne Van Alstyne & Family

#3678

Name: Steinberg, Arlene

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. I understand that the government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years. I also understand that a current conflict now exists because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there.

I am sending this form to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. The grazing of non-native farm animals negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. All of your other options would be detrimental to the environment, would set no limits on how many animals could be killed or would create even worse situations.

The elk BELONG there. Other interests, frankly, do not.

#3679

Name: Shepard, Robin

Correspondence: These few natural resources and animals were here long before us and if we keep pushing them toward extinction, we will lose the very biodiversity that we humans rely on, and used to rise to this powerful place we sit in the ecosystem. The powerful should not simply exterminate the weak. Killing is not a humane way to fix the problems that we humans created. I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities in areas where wildlife still lives. It's well known that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do not continue this attitude of "kill and use anything in our path", but make America better than this.

#3680

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I encourage the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I prefer the preservation of native wild species have take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#3681

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Sincerely,

Julene

#3682

Name: Jett, Lara

Correspondence: protect tule elk!! move farming elsewhere.

#3683

Name: Gingras, Brian

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Unlike the agricultural industry, Tule Elk have no where else to go.

#3684

Name: Sparks, Christine

Correspondence: I used to live in California and hold it dear to my heart. I consider it to be a smart, preservation-minded state; so when I saw this news of the consideration of killing these gorgeous native elk in favor of farming and ranching, I was appalled and in disbelief. You all are smarter than to do this. Endless studies have shown that what you're considering negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease. Not to mention that you'd be ending the lives of these beautiful creatures. I believe in the goodness of the people of California, so please work together to find options that don't result in lives lost. Thank you!

#3685

Name: Arangno, Lorraine Marie

Correspondence: Please Read

We depend on the National Park Service protect our wildlife - - you are the stopgap that must exist between what we have through nature and the greed and ignorance that would rob us and future generation of what should be our legacy throughout the ages.

Please tell farmers and Ranchers that It is essential that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Sincerely Dr Arangno

#3686

Name: Gosselin, Kathy

Correspondence: Please don't gun down these beautiful animals

#3687

Name: Caso, Mark

Correspondence: Conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

#3688

Name: Brumbaughq, Judith

Correspondence: I'm urging you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3689

Name: James, Karen

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3690

Name: Tapp, Yvette

Correspondence: Cattle ranchers are destroying this planet. Wolf and coyote kills allow rabbits and jack rabbits deer etc to eat up ground cover. Great Depression caused by farmers and cattle ranchers not only deforesting and using bad farming practices, but also due to their slaughtering of canine predators. We need to eliminate cattle ranching and allow the indigenous beings to balance our NTURE again. We can no longer wait, we can no longer be silent on the devastation that the cattle ranchers and their ranching is having and has had on American Bison, Wolf, Elk, Prairie Dog, the Rain Forrest, our forests, soils, climate, the waters that all life on Earth needs, spiritual equality so that all beings indigenous are no longer regarded as less "valuable" because they are not raised en masse and slaughtered to make a profit. We must never again give Coyote, preferential treatment to ranchers and allow them to cheat all others out of living here on Earth.

#3691

Name: Collins, Lisa

Correspondence: Please protect Elk and do not allow them to be hunted for ranching benefit.

#3692

Name: Pelton, Drew

Correspondence: I am submitting this comment to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Commercial grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3693

Name: Lechtanski, Cheryl

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F. Thank you.

#3694

Name: Zwigard, Lynn

Correspondence: I am writing in support of Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore. Since it was established as a national park in 1962, it belongs to the American people and NOT private ranchers and farmers. The purpose of national parks is the preservation of the land and the wildlife living there, and for the passive recreation and enjoyment by the people. Ranching and farming result in water

pollution, land destruction and unnecessary killing of the native wildlife who have every right to be there. Thank you.

#3695

Name: Weekley, Morgane

Correspondence: Please do not allow Plan B to take effect. Park land is specifically for preservation. When agricultural interests take priority, the slippery slope of neglecting the land and animals will slowly become the norm. Please do not stray from the intended vision for these natural spaces.

#3696

Name: Gladstone, Leslie

Correspondence: Why is the answer to everything~~a gun! Why must the elks be killed and not a 'real' solution found?

#3697

Name: Grimm, S

Correspondence: DO NOT KILL MY ANIMALS !!! THEY BELONG WHERE THEY ARE! IF YOU HAVE TO KILL SOMETHING, KILL YOUR FAMILY & YOURSELVES & DO EVERYONE A FAVOR!!! YOU FUCKING ASSHOLES!!

#3698

Name: Helms, Natalie

Correspondence: Save these elk NOW

#3699

Name: Partridge, Sally

Correspondence: Please save the Elk, they are worth saving!

#3700

Name: Dylingowski, Paula

Correspondence: I respectfully request that you leave the land to these magnificent animals and allow the farmers to farm their own acreage of which I am sure they have plenty. Expanding their farm animals is also taxing on the land. Are they going to repair and replace the damage or will that be left to the taxpayers?

Controlled tourism will bring in more revenue, save the elk and allow for families and others to view wildlife as it should be seen. Killing wildlife has never been a benefit to humankind in hindsight; let's take a moment and REALLY think this through. Who is benefiting from killing the elk herd? If killing a species is benefiting one group but not the rest of the people then you aren't doing your job that the taxpayers are paying you to do! Think about this as well. As government employees you are public servants NOT private servants or servants of the privileged few. Make no mistake, these farm families are not the little farmers down the road, they're the big farms.

Kindest Regards, Paula Dylingowski

#3701

Name: Patton, Monica

Correspondence: All I know is that all animals are important and are capable of living in peace with each other in this case. Please do not kill any of the elks! I will be keeping an eye on this issue.

#3702

Name: Higgins, Bruce

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3703

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3704

Name: Barker, Cindy

Correspondence: Stop killing the Elk.

#3705

Name: Ballinger, Katharine

Correspondence: Overall, I am concerned that some of the proposals in the Draft GMP and EIS prioritize private and commercial interests over cultural and natural resource protection and general public interest. This does not seem in keeping with the mission of the NPS.

My specific concerns are as follows:

The full impacts of agricultural diversification (which seems to be primarily to protect economic interests of the lessees) are not explored. Additionally agricultural diversification does not seem in keeping with the goal to preserve historic multigenerational ranching in the park. - -New range agricultural activities including raising sheep, pigs, chickens, etc and cultivation of crops will lead to additional conflicts with wildlife (ie predation). How will these be addressed? - -Potential damage to the scenic and historic pastures as they are converted to other uses does not seem to have been adequately explored. - -The roads in the park are already in bad shape, especially through the ranchland zones. There does not seem to be adequate analysis of potential impacts on roads and park infrastructure with increased commercial traffic.

Requesting proposals from the public to take over ranch leases once primary leaseholders are no longer able to ranch strays from the value of preserving the ranchland zones as multigenerational beef and dairy operations. What is to prevent outside commercial operations from coming in to facilitate ongoing ranching activities? Why not consider an option to allow ranching to reduce by attrition? Times change. Meat production is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Do we really want to subsidize this industry in our national park indefinitely?

The EIS does not address potential climate impacts impacts of the various alternatives. This seems like a significant oversight. Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation of climate impacts are in the public's interest as well as the park's.

Regarding the tule elk, lethal management again prioritizes the economic interests of lessees over natural resource protection and general public interest. It does not seem in keeping with the mission of the park service to prioritize commercial interests over those of native wildlife.

#3706

Name: Galord, Melissa

Correspondence: The preservation of this native wild Elk species MUST take precedence over any farming or ranching endeavors on this land.

This is land that belongs to all of the citizens of the United States. These wild Elk are a national treasure. They must be treated with dignity. Due diligence for their long term survival in the wild for future generations to enjoy must be undertaken.

Allowing private enterprise farming to take place on this land should only be considered if it is determined there is enough natural habitat for these Elk to roam freely and thrive with the cattle being there. PLEASE LEAVE THEM IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT!!! It is heartbreaking to see what big business ranching and the BLM program is doing to so many of our beautiful Mustangs. Once majestic, free range wild animals are now relegated to spend their lives imprisoned in corrals and feed lot type facilities. Please protect theses Elk from extermination, culling or inhumane relocation programs.

Thank You

#3707

Name: Ball, David

Correspondence: Please do all you can to ensure that Elk are not shot in Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

Thank you and Best wishes

David R.Ball.

#3708

Name: MARTIN, BRENDA

Correspondence: Please use option F in dealing with the Point Reyes elk. It is the most humane and reasonable solution. Thank you.

#3709

Name: Mayer, Ramona

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Sincerely, Ramona Mayer

#3710

Name: Miller, Missy

Correspondence: Please Adopt Alternative F for Point Reyes National Seashore, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3711

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities, as parks were meant to be.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. As you must be aware, grazing very negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3712

Name: Crow, Gena

Correspondence: I don't believe any private individuals or companies should be allowed to have grazing leases in public parks. Please don't kill the elk.

Thank you!

#3713

Name: Guthrie, Michelle

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I'd like to remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Having been a resident of Marin county in the the past, I am very familiar with the delicate costal ecosystem of Point Reyes and its extraordinary physical beauty. Our collective responsibility is to preserve the lands native habitat.

#3714

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching

activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3715

Name: Smith, Maureen

Correspondence: dont kill the elk!

#3716

Name: Harville, Avril

Correspondence: Please protect elk. Do not go through with this barbaric plan.

#3717

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3718

Name: Glasscock, Rita

Correspondence: I used to be a farmer but sold my land because the government FORCED me to put DANGEROUS CHEMICALS (ROUNDUP) on ground where the cotton crop never came up. Due to Trump's betrayal of Farmers and Climate Change, the last thing we need is to destroy the grasslands to make room for more farmers who can't make a living. If we keep this up we will no longer have ANY WILDLIFE. The forests and the grasslands are the only natural defenses we have left. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS !!!!

#3719

Name: PASTERNAK, JOSEPH M.

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern: The Elks that the Inuit depend on needs to be protect under the Federal Animal endangered list until their herd has stabilized to remain steady and then watched over when reasonable that their are no poachers killing of these Elks.Enough species of animals have been nearly wiped out while some have been wiped out already and their is no need to continue to wipe or deplete enough animal species for personal gain.

#3720

Name: Wheeler, Mariko

Correspondence: Save the elk at Point Reyes. Wildlife should not be killed for the sake of "ranchers" convenience; these elk are too precious!

#3721

Name: Bangs, Mary

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3722

Name: Ballinger, Ken

Correspondence: Hello Pt. Reyes National Seashore,

Thank you for considering my input.

1) I am concerned that the Draft GMP and EIS fail to support the National Park Service's goals of preserving natural and cultural assets. I am concerned these priorities are being ignored in lieu of economic or corporate interests. 2) I am also concerned about human-induced damage in areas and infrastructure that are not adequately suited to the pressures put upon them due to proposed agricultural diversification and boat-in camping (i.e. roads/Drake's Estero, etc.). 3) I am concerned that native wildlife (some of which was already extirpated once) are still failing to receive the appropriate protections, again, due to preference for profit-based motives and goals. Expanding industrial farming through the introduction of pigs, chickens, etc. in the area will only amplify conflicts with wildlife. What happens when coyotes or raptors predate upon livestock? Are we really going to kill elk and coyote so we can grow pigs in a National Park? 4) When family farm leases expire or are no longer wanted by the lessees, why not restore the farm to its natural ecology? Allowing bidding to transfer leases opens the door for any corporate interest to exploit Pt. Reyes as subsidized ranching. Do we expect someone in an out-of-state (or country) boardroom to make choices that benefit the local park or their investors' bottom dollar? Conflict of values.

There is only one Pt. Reyes. We need a plan that does more to clearly protect it against corporate interest and human impact.

Thank You.

#3723

Name: Logan, Donna

Correspondence: What is wrong with the NPS? Does Public mean killing innocent animals for the good of FEW or maintaining a diverse population of plants and animals that more people can enjoy.

We surely do not need more cows and more corn/soybeans on this earth. MONO CULTURES are bad for business and the humans that populate this planet.

Please stop the practice of cow grazing on PUBLIC LANDS as cows cause more damage to the ecosystem than any other animal.

I really can't even believe that the NPS is really considering this terrible idea of killing the Tule Elk just for cows.

STOP being greedy and stupid. You can't continue to kill all of the other animals on this planet just for cows.

#3724

Name: Caffrty, Anita

Correspondence: These beautiful animals should NOT be slaughtered in a hunt.

#3725

Name: Ferrara, Rebecca

Correspondence: NPS, please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion,

spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. When will protecting animals and the environment take precedence over the greed and avarice of man. We only have one planet. We all need clean air and water. So many animals are already extinct. We have no problem buying bottled water; that was not always the case. How long before we will have to buy a tank of Oxygen to get a good breath of fresh air?

#3726

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Given the state of climate change, protecting grazing lands for cattle and killing wildlife that encroaches on the cattle is the opposite of the tactic that should be taken. The land and wildlife need to be preserved. Cattle grazing needs to decline.

#3727

Name: Thornton, Norman

Correspondence: I am writing to express my support for Alternative F in this matter. Thank you.

#3728

Name: Rabalais, Nick

Correspondence: It is beyond despicable to put the interests of selfish ranchers and hunters over the protection of wildlife. To allow killing of Tule elk, Mountain lions and other animals so ranchers can raise cattle is basically subsidizing their livelihood on Public lands. Protect these animals and others from this despicable administration. More citizens want to see them alive in their natural habitat than who want to kill them in the name of greed

#3729

Name: Shelton, Patricia

Correspondence: While farming is important, very important it cannot be the cause of the demise of our natural resource Wildlife. Please reconsider your solution. You could well be wiping out the Tule Elk and that is not acceptable. Find another way ..

#3730

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I do not understand why you would choose to put commerce ahead of the welfare of these animals and the beauty of this public space.

#3731

Name: murrow, stacey

Correspondence: Save the elk. Stop killing animals.

#3732

Name: Caplan, Elise

Correspondence: This is wrong:

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Please protect our wildlife..

#3733

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We are already using too much precious land for humans and cattle. The Elk and other animals do not have a voice. Please provide one for them. Please.

#3734

Name: McFarland, Mary Ann

Correspondence: Please do not allow killing of any Tule Elk, a California native species, for the sake of continued farming and ranching leases at Point Reyes National Seashore (Alternative B). Instead, allow the Tule Elk to roam unmolested while discontinuing the farming and ranching leases (Alternative F). Unlike Alternative B, this plan is in harmony with the philosophy of the national park system, allowing native species to thrive in their natural habitat without interference from commercial interests. Cattle grazing is destructive to natural ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, so there are additional reasons to discontinue these leases. Please make the environmentally right choice and implement Alternative F.

#3735

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by way its animals are treated." -Mahatma Ghandi
"We should respect animals because it makes better human beings of us all." -Dr. Jane Goodall

#3736

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: RE: Tule Elk living in Point Reyes National Seashore in California. All Americans should be able to enjoy the National Seashore and all of the native species living there. Private businesses should not be allowed to benefit at the expense of native species. Please adopt Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, and causes water pollution and soil erosion, the spread of invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

#3737

Name: Ohlendorf, Richard

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I wish to remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do the right thing and adopt Alternative F.

Thank you in advance.

#3738

Name: Ohlendorf, Carol

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I wish to remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do the right thing and adopt Alternative F. This is what the people want.

Thank you in advance.

#3739

Name: alcott, kathleen

Correspondence: help the elk

#3740

Name: Adams, Julis

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone! Let them live in peace.

#3741

Name: Clark, Alice

Correspondence: Please do all possible to protect these rare elk from getting shot. IT is not right to allow them to become extinct.

#3742

Name: Fiedler, David

Correspondence: I urge NPS to adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and ranching in the park and expand visitor opportunities. In my opinion preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3743

Name: Kolb, Kathryn

Correspondence: I am writing about Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore.

There are so few places left for nature and it seems all species are dwindling, with less and less habitat particularly for large mammals like Elk.

Please select management Alternative F, and phase out farming and ranching as a primary use and focus on ecological restoration and eco-tourism and visitor use instead.

Thank you, Kathryn

#3744

Name: Gioia, Linda

Correspondence: We must protect our wildlife

#3745

Name: RN, Cynthia

Correspondence: Please do not kill elk. They are a valuable part of an ecosystem

#3746

Name: valentine, jennifer

Correspondence: please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3747

Name: Kossman , Diane

Correspondence: All Wildlife is absolutely most important to the balance of our Earth - educate yourselves to know how you are destroying all that is Beautiful and what makes Earth so very Special - Enough of the concrete and asphalt or deforestation - the Earth and all the Wildlife and Marine life are dying - quit thinking MONEY and give back all that YOU have taken away

#3748

Name: Marshall, Catherine

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F in the Point Reyes National Seashore in California. I believe that you should discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park. Preserving native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities! It is your job to take a stand against any activities that negatively affect natural ecosystems, such as grazing, water pollution, soil erosion, the spread of invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you. - - Catherine J. Marshall

#3749

Name: Grolitzer, Rita

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F which will discontinue farming/ranching opportunities and expand park visitor opportunities.

Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming/ranching. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution, soil erosion, invasive species and disease and harming endangered species.

Thank you for choosing Alternative F.

Rita Grolitzer

#3750

Name: dupont, Peter

Correspondence: how can the government consider destroying these elk there must be a way for the farmers and ranchers to share this land

#3751

Name: Albarran, Rafael

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3752

Name: N/A, Michael

Correspondence: In managing the Point Reyes National Seashore, the top priority for the NPS should be preservation and enhancement of the park's natural resources. The elk are a critical part of the environment. If ranching can be carried out without negatively impacting the environment or the elk, it makes sense to allow it to continue. But if there is an irreconcilable conflict between the ranches and the elk, the wellbeing of the elk should take priority. Stewarding and enhancing natural resources such as elk is core to the purpose of these public lands.

#3753

Name: Johnston, Judith

Correspondence: Take the long view! The benefits of park and elk preservation outweigh the grazing of farm animals in long-time good for greatest number.

#3754

Name: ghavami, iman

Correspondence: Hello

I am emailing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you

#3755

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: PLEASE ALLOW THE ELK TO SHARE PASTURES WITH OTHER GRAZERS. THE IMAGE OF THEM BEING GUNNED DOWN FOR SHARING GRASSES SOUNDS CRUEL AND UNNECESSARY.

#3756

Name: Mathis, Patricia

Correspondence: Farmers and ranchers have been leasing OUR public lands for years for practically nothing. They have NO RIGHT to dictate what wildlife shares that land. If they don't like elk or other wildlife that's on that land - let them leave!! I don't want my public lands diminished by killing off wildlife only because its competing with a tenant. Let the farmers and ranchers find somewhere else to lease! Good luck with that!

#3757

Name: Pugliani, Paul

Correspondence: This is just another blatant attempt by this corrupt administration to cater to business interests.

#3758

Name: Kenner, Kate

Correspondence: I have read of the proposed plan for Tule Elk -Plan B- and can not agree with it. The lease has run out and now the elk are there. They face enough threats as do most wildlife and are now in a allegedly safe place where they have been for a while. Ranchers and farmers do not need this land especially ranchers who seem to keep wanting more and more for a livelihood that is not even good for our environment and it is affecting all wildlife who are nearby. The plan is vague and "managed in consideration of ranche operations" leaves the door wide open to kill as many elk as they deem necessary even if it is not. It is time that wildlife take precedent over the wants of ranchers and others who feel entitled to take their habitat or kill them because they are in the way. Leave the Tule elk in peace. Humans are not special or the most important species (though clearly many disagree) but are merely the one with the power-power that is too often abused.

I ask you to skip Plan B and employ the one that allows for the welfare of the Tule elk.

#3759

Name: Orr, Carla

Correspondence: The only solution that is proper and ethical would be Alternative F. What is with humans always trying to kill animals and disrupt the natural balance of everything. These elk are native to this area and belong there. Farming should be done elsewhere and is already done in so many places.

Enough already.

#3760

Name: Lange, Florence

Correspondence: I think that the Tule Elk should be a priority at Point Reyes National Park. The name of this park confirms that it is there as a park, not a farm with grazing cows etc.

#3761

Name: Bernstein, Donna

Correspondence: please adopt Alternative F. Saving the native species/Elk has to take precedence over farming. Ecotourism can be a huge replacement in funding from business opportunities because an enormous number of people would come to see the amazing native species.

#3762

Name: Butler, Dr. William

Correspondence: I side with Nature over special interests. And my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren do too. Leave the elk alone. Dr. W.C. Butler, scientist.

#3763

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: please protect the tule elks

#3764

Name: Swank, Carrie

Correspondence: Please DO NOT adopt Alternative B, which involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Instead, please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes National Seashore park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3765

Name: Bernhardt, Deborah

Correspondence: There are plenty of cattle in the world, leave the wildlife alone!

#3766

Name: RICKEY, SUZAN

Correspondence: Do not allow Tule Elk to be hunted!

#3767

Name: Hicks, Heather

Correspondence: preservation of native wild species(tule elk) must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#3768

Name: Balgemann, Elaine

Correspondence: NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3769

Name: Franklin, John

Correspondence: I understand you are considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

That is very short-sighted and does not place appropriate value on the elk as part of a larger ecosystem. Farmers and ranchers have been using land that belongs to all U.S. citizens for a nominal "rent" for many, many years. And

now a relatively small number of people/companies want more regardless of the overall effect on a balanced environment. It is within your power and obligation not to allow this.

#3770

Name: McLean, Debra

Correspondence: I am in support of Alternative F to discontinue ranching operations and leave the elk herds alone.

#3771

Name: Amodeo, Danielle

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3772

Name: Greenhouse , Bobby

Correspondence: Strongly encouraging the federal government to adopt alternative F that would allow these animals too roam free and utilize tourist dollars too sightseeing deer which numbers are very low and worth a lot more alive than dead

#3773

Name: Fostel, Karen

Correspondence: Protect these elk! DO NOT destroy them. All species are entitled to live unmolested and in peace. They are ALL part of a delicately balanced system. All species are needed for our planet!

#3774

Name: Putrich, Steve

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please adopt Alternative F so that native species are not secondary considerations to farming and ranching operations.

#3775

Name: Brown, Paul

Correspondence: I support alternative F. Farming should be prohibited in favor of the preservation of native species of animals and plants. Thank you.

#3776

Name: Hilliard, Corey

Correspondence: Don't shoot elk

#3777

Name: Ruud, Dave

Correspondence: Please do not allow culling of the tule elk at Point Reyes or increase agricultural use. Neither is needed, and the elk should be preserved. Thank you.

#3778

Name: Camelio , Chris

Correspondence: Save the elk!!!!!!! Damm it

#3779

Name: Malo, Karin

Correspondence: I am writing at this time to ask The National Park Service to protect the Tule Elk from being killed needlessly. What is everyone so scared of? There is enough land for everyone. Why is the solution always to eradicate everything?

#3780

Name: Rodriguez, Sylvia

Correspondence: The tule elk must be saved. They are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops. This cannot happen!

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

I Remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Adopt Alternative F now. Please do the humane thing. Save the elk and all other animal species that might also be affected. save them all! Thank you.

#3781

Name: Mastandrea , Karen

Correspondence: This "plan" should not even be considered within a National Park! I have visited Point Reyes many times. The majestic elk are a part of the land! This is their territory, they are at peace in this beautiful wilderness they call home. You cannot allow them to be culled to accommodate ranchers. ALL the wildlife in the park will suffer if this proposal is approved!

Elk Culling: 6,000 cows compete with 125 tule elk for grass inside the National Park. This has caused the lease holders to push for the removal of the tule elk.

Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The killing of elk to mitigate a conflict with cows is incomprehensible and against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources.

Row Crops: Today row crops are not allowed in the park. Why is the NPS allowing this new land use? How does this provide maximum protection for our wildlife? This land is home to bobcats, coyotes, badgers, long tailed weasels, grey fox, tule elk and black tailed deer. It is home to mice, gophers, snakes, lizards and countless insects. It is home to ground nesting birds such as northern harriers, red winged blackbirds and sparrows. It is hunting grounds for red tailed hawks, white tailed kites, great horned owls, barn owls and dozens of other species. The conversion of this land will have a devastating impact on the park's native species, let alone the environmental impact of pesticide use, new fencing, rodent and rabbit conflicts, commercial vehicle traffic and all else that comes with commercial farming.

New Farm Animals

Look what has happened with the conflict between grass eating cows and tule elk. It ends with the killing of tule elk. What is going to happen when a bobcat takes a chicken or a coyote takes a pig? The introduction of new domestic animals will MOST CERTAINLY create conflict with native wildlife. Major habitat loss will also happen for native animals from this new land use. This must not be allowed.

The current proposal by the National Park Service will have a massive negative impact to the park's native wildlife. I am absolutely devastated by this news.

Sincerely

#3782

Name: DeMartin, Renee

Correspondence: Why are farmers and ranchers allowed to graze livestock in a national park?? And I don't care if it's grandfathered in from the 1800's or whenever. Absolutely disgraceful! DO NOT destroy the elk who actually belong in a national park. What are you thinking??

#3783

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Don't kill the elks. It isn't right to try to protect one thing by killing another. The elks were there first and they should be able to stay. Why was the land leased in the first place. I think we need to have parks that preserve the natural environment. Thank You.

#3784

Name: Bradley, Sharon

Correspondence: Hi, I am urging you to adopt Alternative F which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for reading.

#3785

Name: DeMartin, Renee

Correspondence: I'm commenting again because I re-read the email. Adopt Alternative F and get the ranchers and farmers and their destructive livestock out of the park. It is your job to protect native WILD species, not for profit livestock. It's a national park for the benefit of all Americans to enjoy, NOT a private preserve for farmers and ranchers.

#3786

Name: Johnson, Susan

Correspondence: The Elk are being removed from the Park where they belong, this is unreal. I want the ranchers to remove their animals from the Park, they do not belong there. Our wildlife is more important than these ranchers/farmers. I am a public owner of these animals and the Park and believe the ranchers/farmers need to go. To all who think they have a right to wipe these ELK off the Park land:

Your father the Devil is calling you all home to Hell where you will Burn & Suffer for all ETERNITY!

We know who you are and where you are. Think long and hard.

#3787

Name: Osborne, Pamela

Correspondence: Save the elk.

#3788

Name: D'Amour, R.

Correspondence: I would like to see government focus more on preserving the land, rather than excessive ranching and farming. Keeping places wild and intact (nature-wise), will benefit us much more, in the long run. Perhaps have more trails and conservation areas, for the public to enjoy and enrich/educate their young (our future).

#3789

Name: Rogers, Dirk

Correspondence: I want to see as much of the natural world intact as is possible. Mankind has a pathological drive to destroy the Earth we depend on and are comforted by thoughts of a Mars settlement or oil money. Sick.

#3790

Name: Strong, Ava

Correspondence: These some have the right to be on that land stop taking from the animals they have rights stop the human. Greed

#3791

Name: Page, C

Correspondence: I wish to submit this public comment in support of Alternative F for visitor opportunities. I frequently travel west and enjoy visits to Pt Reyes National Seashore. I enjoy seeing the elk the natural environment. There are other areas for me to go and see ranches, but the native landscapes of Pt Reyes are unique.

Thank you.

#3792

Name: Dodd, Belinda

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. These elk have more right to this land than farmers/ranchers who are profiting from this business.

#3793

Name: Waltman, Karen

Correspondence: It is very disheartening to read that you are going to consider killing wild, native elk, of which there are only a few, in order to allow cattle grazing, at Point Reyes. I encourage you to please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching, and expand opportunities for visitors. The preservation of native wild animals should always take precedence over the raising of livestock, which often causes environmental degradation, like erosion, depletion of native plants, overgrazing, etc.... A few ranching and farming families should not take precedence over the rest of the U.S. population. Why are they allowed to control the fate of these elk, because they want to raise livestock?? This seems unfair, and contradictory to what our national parks and monuments are for. Please adopt alternative F, and let the elk live. Thank you!

#3794

Name: Simpson, Kathy

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Herds grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. We must be stewards of this land, our earth and all of it's wildlife. Please protect for future generations. Thank you.

#3795

Name: Wingate , James

Correspondence: I strongly suggest you leave the elk alone and remove the cattle from the national park land. Treat it like the treasure it is.

#3796

Name: Davidowitz, Paul

Correspondence: Help Elk! Do not kill.

#3797

Name: Anderson, Lynn

Correspondence: I have been to Point Reyes, and these gorgeous creatures are the big draw ! Killing them is economically and environmentally self-destructive....not to mention cruel.

Don't rob society !

#3798

Name: Seltzer, Bruce

Correspondence: Re: Comment to the NPS re. preserving the tule elk herd in Point Reyes

September 14, 2019 Dear National Park Service, Melanie Gunn, Outreach Coordinator, Re. the pending decisions regarding the tule elk herd at Point Reyes: I would hope any action or new or revised regulation would serve to protect and support the tule elk herd, their habitat, their environment, and their health. Their herd is so small relative to their restricted habitat, and including their restricted habitat, that supporting them should be easy and extremely economical. As a 52 year resident of California and 40 year resident of Marin County, I have taken my children when they were young and many out of state visitors to Point Reyes and Tomales Bay to see the elk. I have also advised many local friends and visitors to the area to drive to see the elk herd. Seeing the elk in a natural habitat rather than in a zoo or relatively restricted enclosure is extremely gratifying. It brings all of us to respect

the land further and to understand that our stewardship of this species in our County is 100% justified. The elk herd is not abusing or damaging the environment in their restricted range. In fact, their acreage could support a larger herd through natural annual herd growth. I request of those in a position to act upon the tule elk herds welfare and local existence to decide to preserve and support fully the size of the herd, their health, and their habitat. Anything less would be a step in the direction of eliminating the herd from Point Reyes and Tomales Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Seltzer

#3799

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am urging you to adopt Alternative F, which means discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I am reminding that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3800

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Elk are beautiful creatures who deserve a place to call home. Save them from death and protect these awesome elk.

#3801

Name: leonard, DVM, shirley

Correspondence: This is RIDICULOUS! The elk deserve to keep their territory: there are many places already ruined by cattle farming, not to mention the pollution and climate effects of the cattle industry. Not only is beef harmful to the environment , but it is also to our health. There is TOO much beef on the table already: SPARE the elk and save the environment and our health.

#3802

Name: West, April

Correspondence: I am a tax payer and a VOTER. I want to protect our wildlife and reduce cattle farming on public land. I am AGAINST CATTLE at Point Reyes and PRO TULE ELK. I want you, public officials, to do the following:

Alternative E: Phase out dairy ranches Dairy farms have more impacts to the park than beef ranches. The six dairy farms would be phased out over 5 years and allowed to convert to beef ranching, eligible for 20-year leases. The Drakes Bay elk herd would be managed at a threshold population of 120. Alternative F: No ranching. Under Alternative F, land dedicated to ranching would be repurposed for "visitor opportunities." The Tule elk would be allowed to expand their range in the park.

The public is not in support of subsidizing the cattle industry. We are watching you.

April West

#3803

Name: Meskill, Lisa

Correspondence: I don't think it's right to kill these helpless animals - put up fences to keep them away - DON'T KILL THEM!

#3804

Name: Porter, Eva

Correspondence: I am opposed to killing the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in CA.

#3805

Name: Fujita, Sandra

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and discontinue farming and ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. The Tule Elk should not be sacrificed for farms and ranches.

#3806

Name: Stoll, Roger

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which will phase out ranching as originally intended when the park was established, and manage the seashore's land, water, wildlife to favor wildlife over livestock. Thank you.

#3807

Name: Holmes, Carolyn

Correspondence: The land is all of ours, including the wildlife. Do not allow the elk to be hunted for the benefit of a few.

#3808

Name: Mallow, Ann

Correspondence: There is no excuse for destroying this herd, it should be protected.

#3809

Name: Maxwell , Miriam

Correspondence: I believe alternative A is the only viable way to preserve the wonderful organic free-range dairy operations and also preserve the tule elk herds. Please look into non-lethal mechanisms for controlling the numbers of the herd, i.e., some form of birth control, or sterilization.

#3810

Name: Menendian , Cathy

Correspondence: This is so sad please save them from being removed

#3811

Name: Osland, Rhea

Correspondence: Protect the elk - NOT rich farmers and ranchers. Absolutely NO KILLING these beautiful innocent animals.

#3812

Name: Richman, Ron and Dorene

Correspondence: We urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching

opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Keep in view that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3813

Name: Danner, Eve

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F! The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you, sincerely, Eve Danner

#3814

Name: DeFlurin, Robert

Correspondence: I oppose this amendment to the plan. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3815

Name: Levy, John

Correspondence: While there seem to be adequate enumeration of the impacts of the Alternatives on water quality, I believe there is inadequate emphasis on remediation of the ranching-caused water quality impairment in the Tomales Bay watershed.

page 147: " However, alternative F would contribute a meaningful beneficial increment to water resources, and the overall condition of water resources would improve compared to existing conditions. "

Since the existing conditions include water quality that is substantially substandard (for example, by fecal coliform count), I believe additional emphasis should be given to remediation of the water quality.

Furthermore, it seems clear that the analysis does not include less-tangible impacts on visitors of manure-spreading on the active dairy ranches, and the continuing existence of public notices of substandard water-quality in the area.

As a local resident and staunch supporter of the NPS park system, I request that these considerations be given more weight.

- -John V. Levy

#3816

Name: Sherwood , L

Correspondence: Hi The elk deserve and need the land. Do not shoot the elk.

#3817

Name: Stenross, Barbara

Correspondence: I ask that you choose alternative F, restricting ranching and farming in the park area where the elk roam. Grazing and farming undermine the ecological services the park and elk provide.

#3818

Name: Wrasse, Gary

Correspondence: The Tule Elk is an iconic native California species that should be saved from culling. There has to be a better plan.

#3819

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please protect the Tule elk herds in Point Reyes National Seashore; these herds are an important part of the eco culture and must be preserved as part of our national heritage. Keep our National Parks open to the public and with a balanced ecology - please do not let private interests destroy this balance.

#3820

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities; grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. PLEASE adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3821

Name: Fernandez, Chris

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Point Reyes National Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and convert historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#3822

Name: Weiden, Cheryl

Correspondence: Do not kill the elk at Point Reyes for ranching and money-making tourist activities!!!!

There must be a better way to let the elk live. It is inhumane to continue to destroy wildlife for the sake of money.

#3823

Name: kelley, dorinda

Correspondence: I travel to the Oregon coast to see the Elk that roam freely there. It's a gift to be able to be so close to them. They belong to the land that we have stolen from them. It is important for our mental health to see the natural world. Let them stay. Go be with them yourself. It will clear your mind.

#3824

Name: Carranco, Nora
Correspondence: jjkjkjkjk

#3825

Name: O'Brien, Joan

Correspondence: These comments are in response to the National Park Service's proposed alternatives for managing the native Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3826

Name: Hand, Tracy

Correspondence: Please do not allow the elk to be killed! It is obvious somebody has not done their research about the impact grazing cattle are causing to our planet. Nature put the elk there, not the cattle. Nature knows best. Please save the elk.

#3827

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please respect all animals under the responsibility of the park service.

#3828

Name: Vetma, Sue

Correspondence: Protect the elk, please don't shoot them

#3829

Name: Anderson, Mike

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. PLEASE adopt Alternative F and do not continue to allow farming or ranching!

#3830

Name: Wilson, Deborah

Correspondence: Please do not kill elk. Do not allow cattle to graze at all. Meat is responsible for pollution and illness.

#3831

Name: Schram, Tory

Correspondence: Just want to pipe in that i am heavily opposed to lethal action against these animals. While these animals may not have developed the mental capability of humans, i have no doubt they developed the capacity to care for those they have relationships with, especially their offspring, in a way similar to humans. Which would make killing them highly disruptive and disturbing, a huge impact on their lives. As i get older i have gradually lost reverence for smarter and smarter human achievements, compartmentalizing general intelligent actions and separating them from the characteristics of happiness and well-being, which in my opinion may be all that is of

any real value in the final analysis. Therefore, i feel feel the lives of the Elk should be respected as much as possible and the we humans should take up the task of building a habitat that works for all, putting up barriers where needed and deciding to get a little less income for the sake of sharing lands we had no part in making. Thank you for reading.

#3832

Name: Thompson, Cindy

Correspondence: As a person who lives near the Rocky Mountain National Park, where there are many elk, I am extremely disgusted by the plan to execute elk . Bowing lowly, ever so lowly to the cattle and oil industry in doing so. Here, in Estes Park, we ALSO have a historic cattle ranch that cohesively operates it's patures, shared with cattle and elk and deer populations. There is never a DEMAND for removal of the elk by these operators, simply because they think the elk are grazing too much what they feel is their grass. I also believe that because this incidence mentioned is on national \ public lands, the ranchers DO NOT have the right to demand removal, since the land their cattle graze on is not theirs to begin with. I understand there are other places where the demand for removal SPECIFICALLY for what is labeled welfare ranching is significant and problematic for other animals, such as thousands of wild horses for the same reasoning. Removal by execution, or round up for purpose of slaughter is un-natural, unhealthy for the quality of the order of natural selection by nature, since inevitably the genetically sound animals are often killed one way or another. All for what? Practically free grazing. If these ranchers can not afford to run and operate their stock with their own resources, then they should reduce their herds or get out of the business. Either way, it shows that these people have found loopholes for cheap stock management via cheap grazing rights. (Why pay for good feed that costs there times as much, when I can pay pennies on the dollar for grazing on public lands?). Photographic evidences of before and after removals of other species in certain areas, clearly show the horrific decimation to these very same lands and waterways that the cattle cause. It is a complete farce to waste more tax payer monies for more slabs of overpriced beef.

#3833

Name: Bello, D

Correspondence: No animal in a park should be killed to make space for cattle or an agricultural operation. We want a park tasty with its original fauna without interference which will bring disease and spread invasive species. This is why I strongly support ALTERNATIVE F which will discontinue farming and make and leave the park to its resident animals and make it more attractive to visitors.

#3834

Name: Bowman, Wendy

Correspondence: do not kill the elk

#3835

Name: Smith, Narelle

Correspondence: DO YOU NOT REALISE that this type actions are exactly why our world is going to hell in a hand basket. Irresponsible over-farming, wiping out of creatures, why are you even considering this action. More space is needed due to ignorant farming and agricultural actions, education NOT eradication. Money is nothing when the soil can no longer produce and humans and animals can no longer be fed.

Any one who permits this or is involved in it, are knowingly destroying the world. Even if you don't believe in climate change. Educate yourselves and others, scientific fact are readily available re.depletion of soils etc.

Ignorance and greed are no excuse.

Narelle Smith

#3836

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It is time for cattle to take the back seat, so to speak. They are not nearly as important as the various species of wildlife that they are displacing.

It is imperative that the ecosystem is maintained in a balanced state. It won't take much disturbance to cause everything to collapse.

There should be no culling of elk at any time for any reason. Their population will be maintained and controlled by nature. It doesn't require man to interfere.

#3837

Name: Henderson, Maureen

Correspondence: This is a step too far. Farmers, if it's raining, it's too wet. Not raining, it's too dry. They want it all. This planet does not revolve around them. They need to face up to the fact that the elk has been there for thousands of years. It is their home for God's sake. Tell farmers that other species are important, as important as they are. Selfish, callous, ignorant human beings. Do NOT allow the slaughter of elks.

#3838

Name: Sansone, Ellen

Correspondence: It is becoming more and more appalling what this administration is trying to do to the environment/ wildlife. As a taxpayer and a person who believes in our national treasures I urge you to stop any form of eradicating our wildlife. Thank You. Ellen M. Sansone

#3839

Name: Ramundo, Sara

Correspondence: Please, protect tule elk, don't permit elk to be killed. Thank you. Best regards. Sara Ramundo.

#3840

Name: Bonini, Mauro

Correspondence: Please, protect tule elk, don't permit elk to be killed. Thank you. Best regards. Mauro Bonini.

#3841

Name: Cowden, Sheila

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Herd numbers are already at a minimum for survival. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for considering this option.

#3842

Name: ashraf, fozia

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3843

Name: Connors, Tom

Correspondence: IT'S WRONG! DON'T DO IT!!

#3844

Name: N/A, Lesley

Correspondence: I refer to the Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California who are at risk of being killed.

I understand that you are, in deference to the interests of ranchers and farmers, considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed, while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

Would you please reflect on this cruel plan?

I am appealing to you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Surely in these times when wildlife is so threatened, and biodiversity being lost to human activity, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing also negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Surely these effects are so detrimental in so many ways that you must take urgent action to preserve the habitat and the creatures who have a legitimate right to try to live in it?

Please adopt Alternative F.

#3845

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: please leave the elk alone

#3846

Name: Motz, Tina

Correspondence: there is plenty of grazing space for all. Stop the bull shit, it's a proven fact

#3847

Name: Anderson, Stacey

Correspondence: This is insane to consider killing off the native population of elk to graze cattle or livestock of any kind. Beef leads to all sorts of health consequences as well as significant environmental damage. It would be careless and unwise to replace any native ungulate with cattle!!!

#3848

Name: Stewart, Betty

Correspondence: Parks are for wildlife and visitors, not for grazing cattle. Those ranchers have had their time there and now it's time for them to move on.

#3849

Name: Vargas , Karin

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Services to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remember grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3850

Name: N/A, Laura

Correspondence: I find it very disturbing that you are planning to kill the animals that are native to the park's land and have a 100% right to exist, breed and graze on the park's territory. This reminds me of history lesson about native Americans and how they were treated when white men decided to take over the land. It really is a shame that all you care, is money. I say no to culling. You must come up with alternative.

#3851

Name: Tiittula, Paivi

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Please adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must be a priority. Farming has many negative effects on nature, and should therefore not be allowed in national parks.

#3852

Name: Pieterse, Edwin

Correspondence: Respect the life of animals please!!!

#3853

Name: Werding, Barbara

Correspondence: Please protect these amazing animals - to give hope and a positive sign to our kids and grand kids!

#3854

Name: williams, kim

Correspondence: please help save the Tule elk thank you

#3855

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: In this present climate, you should be protecting the land and acting responsibly. Please protect and not cause damage and bad management of land and species.

#3856

Name: Austin, Michelle

Correspondence: Please save the elks

#3857

Name: Oldfield, Jane

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to the killing of elk and that Point Reyes should remain non-agricultural

land. I know this area well and its wild environment should be kept and farming should be excluded. Too many parks in the US are under threat. I urge you to protect Point Reyes.

#3858

Name: Jordan , Debbie

Correspondence: This is just so very horrible and wrong to do to those innocent animals that belong in their natural habitat. This senseless act needs to be stopped immediately!

#3859

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3860

Name: Ramirez Garcia, Amalia

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please remember that razing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3861

Name: whittemire, deanna

Correspondence: **!**regarding the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in CA. the preservation of native wild species **MUST** take **PRECEDENCE** over agricultural activities. cows, sheep, etc. **ALWAYS** over-graze & any and all farming negatively affects ecosystems. **!ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F!**

#3862

Name: Sidor, Joe

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3863

Name: Austin-Puccio, Patricia

Correspondence: RE: Tule Elk, Point Reyes National Park Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Animal ag grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. The US government has ushered in climate catastrophe due to its animal ag policies, primarily implemented by wildlife serves (aka slaughtering departments), wiping out essential ecosystems throughout our nation. I am tired of my tax dollars paying for this destruction

#3864

Name: bridge, susan

Correspondence: With regards to the killing of the Tule Elk in Reyes Nat'l Park, I am asking that "Alternative B" is not implemented and that Alternative F is. These beautiful animals deserve to live their lives in peace and the citizens should be allowed to continue to view this park knowing these animals are still free to roam. Please don't allow the animals to lose this debate.

#3865

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Also, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities because grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3866

Name: Hoffman, Peter

Correspondence: Please do not implement this plan.

#3867

Name: Young, Lillian

Correspondence: This cruelty is unacceptable! Please stop ● this inhuman practice!

#3868

Name: Downs, Maureen

Correspondence: These animals were there first and their territory should be respected the farmers should stop complaining and learn to share. It would appear that certain humans don't care if they drive animals to the brink of extinction for their own monetary gain.

#3869

Name: Conerly, Adriann

Correspondence: Please protect the Tule Elk herd!

#3870

Name: Gardner, Ben

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Please adopt Alternative F in Point Reyes National Seashore, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you!

#3871

Name: Cobrin, Audrey

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3872

Name: Jueds, Katherine

Correspondence: I was distressed to learn that the NPS is considering killing Tule Elk that live at Point Reyes National Seashore. I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F instead. My understanding is that Alternative F would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I strongly believe that the preservation of native wild species, including the Tule Elk, is more important than farming and ranching activities in this very special place. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Farming and ranching go on across the country - they are not necessary in Point Reyes, but preserving the Tule Elk and other native wild species of this special place, is.

#3873

Name: Barrios, Enzo

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I urge you to to adopt Alternative F which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The reason is, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. In addition, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your time.

#3874

Name: Gallo, Gina

Correspondence: Let the wildlife in National parks alone!

#3875

Name: Walker, Susan

Correspondence: What's the advantage of killing these Elk? What is gained? Are you even trying to find a work around? Your actions are blind stupidity. Figure something else out!

#3876

Name: DeGrazio, Jamie

Correspondence: Stop this ridiculous idea of killing elk at National Seashore in California.

#3877

Name: Curtis, Janell

Correspondence: The elk have a right to be there! Leave them alone!

#3878

Name: Ruby, Kenneth

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F.

Alternative F would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

I remind NPS that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3879

Name: Barbezat , Mary

Correspondence: Regarding the issue involving the protection of the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California, I strongly urge the National Park Service to discontinue farming and ranching there. I think the wise choice is Alternative F, the course of action which would instead protect an endangered species, the tule elk, and preserve the ecosystem. We must not lose the precious refuges for wildlife which we have thoughtfully previously established. There is too much at stake here. We simply must think of the future, not immediate profit/financial gain. Supporting the tule elk and avoiding water pollution, disease, soil erosion and the spread of invasive species should and must take precedence.

#3880

Name: Pfost, Frank

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

#3881

Name: M, M

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing affects ecosystems negatively, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. I urge you to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#3882

Name: rojas, claudia

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3883

Name: Kiff, Lynne

Correspondence: Why can these elk not be moved to another part of the country. Why kill them needlessly??

#3884

Name: Hunt, Bill

Correspondence: Please do not allow hunting of the Point Reyes elk. We share our planet with animals and they have every right to be here. Tell the ranchers using our public lands that they can learn to live with the elk or find another place to graze.

#3885

Name: Castillo, Maritza

Correspondence: Please reconsider the options to handle the elk population. We can't keep destroying, killing and abusing our fellow species.

#3886

Name: Oberlin, Rebecca

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please protect the Point Reyes Tule Elk.

#3887

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am concerned about the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. I understand that farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities. I urge the National Park Service to protect tule elk.

#3888

Name: Hermann, Mai

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3889

Name: Klein-Loetterle, Candace

Correspondence: Please don't let the Elk at Point Reyes be shot by the cattle grazers. They say the Elk are eating too much grass, but, perhaps, it is us who are eating too much beef. The Elk are beautiful animals. This area I have visited is a beautiful place. It is one of the wild lovely places still close to the metropolis of San Francisco. As such, the people who live in the cities and need to take a Sunday drive to see nature untouched, have this gift of Elk within hours. The cattle, for sure, also need to eat. But surely we could raise some funds and bring them corn to nibble on when the Elk seem to be eating more. Please keep the Elk. Thank you for your consideration.

#3890

Name: Perry, Tracey

Correspondence: The earth does not belong to any man. It is for all

#3891

Name: Cadierno, Raquel

Correspondence: Hello:

I write to you to please ask you to adopt alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Please notice that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please know that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please act in consideration to this.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Raquel Cadierno

#3892

Name: Riley, Dylan

Correspondence: I would like to support the idea of an improved public use network of trails and loops throughout the point Reyes national seashore.

#3893

Name: Wharton, Ronald

Correspondence: Killing wildlife to cater to agribusinesses is wrong-headed and dangerous. Greed has led to the extinction and near extinction of far too many species. Once they are gone, they are gone. These are public lands and no small special interest group should have control over them. These lands were set aside for the common good and that is the way they should remain.

#3894

Name: Pettersen, Monika

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3895

Name: Anirudh, Sabi

Correspondence: the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thanks, Sabi

#3896

Name: Richardson, Alice

Correspondence: Let the elk live in their home!!!

#3897

Name: hoffman, andrew

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to any killing of these native elk. Please protect our lands, not sell them off. Thank you.

#3898

Name: Boas, Milca Da Silva Cunha

Correspondence: Dear sir/madam,

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3899

Name: Williams, Muriel

Correspondence: Please use common sense regarding the tule elk.

adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3900

Name: Grant, simone

Correspondence: I beg you to save and preserve all wild life as it is rapidly disappearing everywhere. All animals are precious and deserve to live and have a place on this earth. Tule elk have an important role to play in biodiversity.

#3901

Name: Paxton, G.

Correspondence: I am urging the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The NPS should stick to preservation, native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3902

Name: Lofstrom, Gunilla

Correspondence: Protect Tule Elk

#3903

Name: Potempa, Linda

Correspondence: The Tule is a majestic animal. This plan is heinous, destructive and irresponsible!!!

#3904

Name: BOOT, patrick

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

The NPS is taking public comments on the matter until September 23. Please use this form to urge it to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3905

Name: Marchbanks, Mary

Correspondence: Stop these cattlemen from killing off innocent protected animals. They are doing this to horses, boros , elk...anything they want...

This is wrong!!!!

#3906

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I believe that wildlife should always take precedence over domestic animals.

#3907

Name: King, Linda

Correspondence: Leave the Elks alone. They did nothing to deserve this horrible killing off you want to happen. Every animal is innocent and deserves to live in peace. You can put up fence barriers so they don't migrate to the farms. Killing them is wrong.

#3908

Name: Lawton, Georganne

Correspondence: I come to the Seashore because I want see the wildlife, especially the elk herd. I come for the beauty and serentiy of a wild and natural place. For me, this is an annual or bi annual event. We need to preserve/expand our wild and natural places in California. The mission of national parks is to protect native plants and animals. More than a century of ceaseless cattle grazing has altered and diminished the natural ecosystems of

the park. The elk were there before the cattle industry and have a right to remain and even expand their territory. The Environmental Impact Statement says that the land, water, and wildlife of the national seashore are being harmed by the cattle. Cattle are the leading source of greenhouse gases at the Seashore. Methane, produced by cattle, is a greenhouse gas 25x-100x worse than carbon dioxide. Do we want to lose our National Seashore to industry? Industry that is actually harmful the whole planet? Please do not support option B - - Please consider alternatives E and F. Thank you

#3909

Name: Morgan , Anita

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F. This will preserve the area and it's wildlife, plus encourage more visitors. These lands belong to all of us, not just ranchers and farmers. Thank you for reading my comments.

#3910

Name: Neifer, Patricia

Correspondence: The generations long agreement to allow the land to be used for dairies and agriculture should no be terminated. Work with the farmers to add more trails and public access, but do not take away their rights to use the land.

#3911

Name: Perer, Nathan

Correspondence: If this land was set aside for these and other wild animals the wild animals should have some priority in the decision making of the use of this land. You can't just keep taking away the land from wild animals and expect to stop the mass extinction event that is occurring on this planet. We should be setting a precedent for other countries, like Brazil, to stop relegating wild animals and forests to death and destruction. I'm sympathetic to farmers but if this land was dedicated to these animals, based on what I know of the situation, I believe they should be a priority. Is there not any other land the farmers can graze their cattle on? There's a really good co-op dairy farming company called Organic Valley that treats their cows well and keeps the land free from pesticides and GMO's. Perhaps those farmers would have some idea of how to ameliorate this situation? Consultation from a caring dairy farmer would probably be beneficial to figuring out how to solve this problem.

#3912

Name: Seyfarth, Gordon

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. With so much of the world's wildlife already gone and so many species becoming extinct, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3913

Name: Urias, Victoria

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3914

Name: Huston , Lyn

Correspondence: I am a strong supporter of our National Parks. Our parks have much to be proud of. So it breaks my heart to learn that our rangers are considering killing these beautiful elk to appease cattle ranchers. WHY. It is our national parks obligation to PROTECT our unique wildlife. Please reconsider this action. These ELK need to be protected. Thank you.

#3915

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Crack down on ranchers who break the rules, stop messing with the elk. Land (in its natural state)and surrounding oceans are the priority - above all else

#3916

Name: Whaley, Carol

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3917

Name: Dunham, Susan

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service - - Regarding the question of the Tule Elk herds versus the cattle ranchers at Point Reyes National Seashore in California, I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and would expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, and you already realize that cattle grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please adopt Alternative F - - protect the elk and protect the Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you.

#3918

Name: Lovell, Victoria

Correspondence: Please Stop culling Elk

#3919

Name: N/A, Tameka

Correspondence: DO NOT MURDER TULE ELK!!!!

#3920

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am commenting to make sure you take a stand to protect wildlife. Point Reyes National Seashore's preferred alternative hands over our public land to 24 ranching families. I visit the park to see wildlife, NOT the cows. I am AGAINST ranching in the seashore and want you to support Alternative F- - the only true alternative that will protect the land, the water, the biodiversity and the Tule Elk.

#3921

Name: Diaz, Yelina

Correspondence: STOP THE KILLING OF ANIMALS KILL THEM DOES NOT SOLVED ANY PROBLEMS
THERE IS ALWAYS A BETTER WAY

#3922

Name: Flores, Jynette

Correspondence: Please don't senseless kill.

#3923

Name: Sanghavi, Shruti

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F which limits ranching and encourages expanding visitor opportunities. Tule Elk should not have to be killed at the behest of ranchers and farmers. Killing Elk is not the answer.

thank you.

#3924

Name: Ayala , Jeanette

Correspondence: Please don't kill the helpless and the weak

#3925

Name: Lazzareschi , Kathleen

Correspondence: I support proposal F. More equestrian trail and overnight facilities. Keep bikes on separate trails and no e-bikes.

#3926

Name: Gobely, Michelle

Correspondence: Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

#3927

Name: Flahavan , Fiona

Correspondence: Please help Tule Elk to live happy healthy lives. Any mistreatment of Elk is not acceptable. I received an email from PETA to speak on behalf of Elks, a beautiful animal. I hope that you will help these animals live their lives in a natural and safe environment, thank you. - Fiona Flahavan

#3928

Name: McPherson Tracy, Anne

Correspondence: I am the Grand daughter of Stephen T. Mather, Founder and first Director of the National Park Service. I have visited Pt Reyes and seen the Tule Elk. They deserve to stay on this land. I urge you to take Plan F and to work out an arrangement with the farmers and ranchers to allow the elk to remain on this property without any killing, they are part of the Pt. Reyes experience and very special.

I look forward to your positive outcome for the land and the elk. Sincerely, Anne McPherson Tracy

#3929

Name: Elliott, Lynette

Correspondence: I am writing as an animal advocate and environmental conservationist to respectfully request that you adopt Alternative F. Doing so would discontinue farming and ranching in the Point Reyes National Seashore and would help expand visitor opportunities, which not only would generate additional revenue to the state and the areas that surround the park, but would also bring greater value to the individuals who visit the park.

Nature relies on balance- -if humans unbalance an ecosystem, nature will work to rebalance it, which results in extreme conditions (witness increasingly severe or uncharacteristic weather patterns, overpopulation of certain animal or plant species, etc.). Preservation of native wild species is vital to supporting a healthy, balanced environment and must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, which destroy natural, native habitats. Free grazing has a profoundly negative impact on an already struggling ecosystem. It also causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and diseases, and harms endangered species, all of which are harmful to the humans that visit and occupy the surrounding areas. Killing endangered native tule elk to appease a few greedy commercial farmers (who, may I remind you, do not represent the majority and who do not work for me, but you do) whose sole intent is clearly to make more money. I am vehemently against this.

By ignoring these issues, you will be doing a disservice to constituents, residents and park visitors, but to the environment at large, not just the park land but the water and habitats that surround it. This problem is not limited to that acreage- -pollution and disease spread far and wide, and they do so quickly.

I implore you to adopt Alternative F and to dismiss Alternate B. You are morally, politically and financially responsible for representing and doing what is right and what is best for the majority, which is the public, not your own interests or the interests of a small group of farmers and ranchers. If you adopt Alternate B, you will have proven that your own interests are reprehensible, foolish, and more important than the environment, its future state, and the future of the humans who will come after us. I expect you to be better than that.

Thank you for your consideration and appropriate action in this matter.

#3930

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Hi, thank you for your consideration on the disposition of mountain biking status in PRNS. I've lived in west Marin my entire life. I used to ride in the seashore before there were any signs disallowing them. When it became "illegal" it forced me to commute on Hwy 1 (that has no shoulder & is all double yellow lines, with no accommodations for bicycles. I do not want to see the seashore become a mountain bike "park" My view would be to allow (some) trails with at least 1 north- south route being allowed to commute from Bolinas to Pt. Reyes. I believe the park could make reasonable access for bikes without upsetting the balance of other activities by hikers or equestrians. We're all tax payers and fair use of the park seems an equitable solution. The image perpetrated by some; that we are carelessly speeding & destroying trails & delicate habitat, is frankly nonsense. We are respectful of others & the environment, and have a right to share in the national park. We are citizens, and the time for the moratorium and demonizing of bicyclists should end. Thank you again for your open mindedness and consideration. Sincerely Rollin

#3931

Name: Abbondante, Jim

Correspondence: Stop the insanity & greed now.

#3932

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please, don't kill Tule Elke ! cattle are not sustainable for the national park and the elke are native animals, it's their home, not home for ranchers and cows. Cattle = meat = slaughter = torture !

#3933

Name: lohli, arline

Correspondence: protect the elk

#3934

Name: Dumser, N.

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do not kill the elk nor offer another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families.

Preserve the elk and Point Reyes National Seashore.

#3935

Name: Koenig, Karen

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

#3936

Name: Klein, Philip

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962.

I urge you to adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint and opinion on this important matter of using PUBLIC lands.

Sincerely,

Philip Klein Fort Lauderdale, Florida

#3937

Name: Trajanovska, Michelle

Correspondence: Please help protect and preserve native wild species. They are important to the ecosystem and

should take precedence over farming and ranching. These native species ensure less invasive species and disease are spread, allow natural grazing. Please keep them safe.

#3938

Name: mcgrath, barbara

Correspondence: could you take a few elk and have them transported to another park? it is not necessary to kill the herd or any number of elk in the herd.

#3939

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and allow native wildlife to be free and safe.

#3940

Name: Woodward, Carolyn

Correspondence: This proposed destruction of wildlife for economic growth e.g cattle production which we now know is harmful for the planet should not even be considered. Once these wild creatures have gone our Earth will be much poorer in real terms. Please do not allow the killing of these wild beasts for profit.

#3941

Name: McPherson, Stephen

Correspondence: I am writing to urge the NPS to spare the Tule Elk at Pt Reyes National Seashore. These beautiful animals have been an integral part of the Park for Decades. If a small culling of the herd is required because the herd is too big to sustain itself I can understand but I certainly think that is all that is necessary. The farmers and ranchers can't be threatened by these lovely animals. There are so Many other treats that are far more serious. Protect this herd. Do not destroy it. Thank you.

#3942

Name: Sachdev, Shubra

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3943

Name: ARNAY, Céline

Correspondence: Hello, I think the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I Remind your organisation that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Regards, C Arnay

#3944

Name: Flack, Robin

Correspondence: Two years ago, my husband and I walked the Point Reyes National Seashore where the rare tule elk herds are. I can truly say that this was one of the most amazing experiences that we have had in our 70 plus years. Not since we had viewed elephants, cheetahs, lions and other wildlife in their natural habitat in Tanzania

some years ago, did we feel that we were having the privilege of experiencing animals in their natural habitat as we did with the tule elk herds. Walking on top of the cliffs, with the expansive ocean on our left, and the inlet water sparkling to our right, we stopped frequently to watch some of the males bugling at competitors as they kept their harems and their young closely herded, and we felt privileged to be able to view it all. In our opinion, selling this land to farmers and ranchers and killing ANY of these rare animals, who are native to California and were ALREADY nearly wiped out and are still close to extinction (!), would be a terrible blow to the integrity of our National Park Service who are entrusted to preserving special places for the public to experience. With an equal amount of sadness and anger, Robin and Marvin Fogel

#3945

Name: Szoges Schwartz, Celine

Correspondence: Hello, You may want to look into similar situations with their ensuing legislations from Canada. Thank you. <http://parkscanadahistory.com/publications/history/lothian/eng/vol2/chap5.htm>
<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/agence-agency/bib-lib/rapports-reports/immobiliers-realestate>
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/buy-or-rent-crown-land>

#3946

Name: Imhoff, Rachel

Correspondence: Make room for the elk!!! They are the only native species after all on those 26,000 acres.

#3947

Name: Foley, Marti

Correspondence: The wildlife is one of the main reason for National Parks owned by all. The fact that private people have been allowed to use the land for their own profit is bad enough but to expand their use by destroying the population of elk found there is unexcusable.

#3948

Name: reynolds, monica

Correspondence: I am so sick of hearing about land being taken away for livestock we do not need to consume animal flesh it is time that we stop taking natural habitat away from the elk this is really sickening !

#3949

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I feel that parks should benefit the majority, not the minority. As I am not a meat eater and care for our lands I recommend you stop leading the land to cattle farmers and leave it to the animals who are native. Thank you!

#3950

Name: Hoffman, Marc

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

Now conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there.

You have proposed Alternative B, which involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows. The Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbers 174 animals, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed. Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops. This makes absolutely no sense!

I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3951

Name: Henry, Grayson

Correspondence: Are you INSANE! Killing off an irreplaceable wild species so that greedy cattle barons can graze for free. No one needs beef, Go Vegan !

#3952

Name: Mayo, Donna

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. This is a national park and so the priority should be for preservation of native habitat and providing more wild places for Americans to visit. Therefore I believe that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Also we know from the science that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please do the right thing for the native elk and let them remain in the area to which the NPS has worked so hard to bring them back.

Thank you for your consideration, Donna Mayo

#3953

Name: Messina, Richard

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#3954

Name: Bugely, Faith

Correspondence: As a citizen who has visited Pt Reyes many times, I am appalled that the National PARK Service Is placing the agriculture community before the health of the PARK, the health of the environment, and the wildlife that make the PARK so special. I favor Alternative F, the only alternative that reflects the original intentions of the PARK - to maintain and protect the environment and the wildlife. There is overwhelming data,

including NPS data, that show the cattle are degrading the environment and polluting the land and the water with its runoff. The only reasonable thing to do is to phase out the cattle and begin the work of restoring the land. And allowing the Tule elk to expand their range.

Tourists go to Pt Reyes for its beauty and its wildlife, especially the Tule elk. They don't go to look at cows and fields of manure. Tourists also bring more money into the PARK service and the local economy than agriculture does. I know agriculture is a big and powerful political force but it is time for the NPS to stand up to them and to the current slash and destroy mentality. Your own data show you what needs to be done. How can you do otherwise?

If you choose Alternative B in the face of all the evidence arguing against it, I will be there with thousands of others to protest and, I hope, shame you. Say it out loud to yourself so you can't hide from it. "We will kill Tule elk who belong here and do no harm to the environment to protect cattle who do not belong here and are despoiling the land. We will do this in the name of the PARK service" Please, please look at the data and do the right thing.

Respectfully. Faith L. Bugely

#3955

Name: Salas, Carla

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

The NPS is taking public comments on the matter until September 23. Please use this form to urge it to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3956

Name: Stiles, Sarah

Correspondence: It's meant to be a park !!!!

- Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

- Tule elk are an important part of the landscape at Point Reyes. Their recovery is a result of successful native ecosystem restoration, which is a key element of the Park Service's mission. It's taken a lot of time, money and

effort to restore tule elk to Point Reyes, the only national park where they live. Tule elk should be allowed to roam free and forage in the park - not shot, removed, fenced or treated as problem animals.

- Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

- The Park Service shouldn't allow any new agricultural activities at Point Reyes. Planting artichokes or other row crops will attract birds. And introducing sheep, goats, pigs or chickens will attract native predators such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. Expanded ranching would only create new wildlife conflicts.

- Cattle ranching should only be allowed if it's consistent with preserving the natural environment. And agricultural activities such as mowing shouldn't be allowed in park areas where they harm endangered species or wildlife habitat, impair water quality, cause excessive erosion or spread invasive plants/diseases.

- Cattle are the seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases. So the Park Service's preferred alternative is inconsistent with its own "Climate Friendly Parks" plan.

#3957

Name: Haaga, Dianne

Correspondence: I was very concerned to hear of the possible killing of some of the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. The national parks are America's treasures and should be for the enjoyment of the people and the protection of native species, not for private interests. I implore you not to kill the elk.

#3958

Name: Lourekas, Peter

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F. This would discontinue farming and ranching operations in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species needs to take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#3959

Name: maurone, nicole

Correspondence: Save elk

#3960

Name: Chichester, Carolyn

Correspondence: While I am sympathetic with the cattle farmers and ranchers who have leased the Point Reyes National Park for grazing, I find it hard to believe that the land cannot also accommodate a few hundred Tule Elk.

Please look into this carefully.

Best regards,

Carolyn

#3961

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Hello,

I have learned that there is a proposal to cull the Tule elk herds at the Point Reyes National Park in order to favor the cattle ranchers who are grazing their animals in the National Park. These parks should not be used for private enterprises, in my opinion, and especially at the risk of endangering native animals which were there long before invasive species such as domestic cattle were introduced. Grazing by cattle and sheep causes terrible soil erosion, as well as water pollution, and harm to native species of plants and animals. I urge you to please consider, and enact, Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching in the National Park, and to expand visitor opportunities. Thank you.

#3962

Name: Paclawskyj, Theodosia

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3963

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I would be agreeable to farmers and ranchers Sharing the land as long as they don't kill the elk who are on the land. They don't deserve their cheap land rental at the expense of other species who need to use the land also.

#3964

Name: Whelan, Charles

Correspondence: Please choose to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3965

Name: Wall, Debbie

Correspondence: Our poor, poor planet is much too close to her tipping point for us to be enacting policies that will only serve to push her over the edge. We need to preserve whatever pristine wilderness remains and re-wild much of that stolen from the animal nations. Animal agriculture is one of the most destructive forces on earth. It is responsible for not only unimaginable suffering, but produces more green-house gases than all forms of transportation combined, causes environmental degradation, ocean acidification, habitat loss, species extinction and has huge human health implications. We see what is happening to the Amazon as a result of animal agriculture. Please don't let the elk and park at Point Reyes suffer the same fate.

#3966

Name: McMichael, Jan

Correspondence: I respectfully urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil

erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. It is not in our country's best interest and preservation to allow farming and ranching practices to trump wild species survival!

#3967

Name: Zabecki, Dorothy

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. As you know, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3968

Name: O'donnell, Sue

Correspondence: Please save the Tule Elk. Send them to a sanctuary. Thank you.

#3969

Name: Anderson, Kevin

Correspondence: This really is outrageous - the sheer selfishness of the human race. In brief, elk were there first - they have priority or should have if any kind of principle applied to the behaviour of cattlemen. Thousands of cattle and a few hundred elk - and this is a 'problem'?? Elk have more right there than cattle. The USA is developing an appalling record when it comes to conservation/the environment and it's down to the abysmal anti-environment attitudes of this egregious administration. You are supposed to protect the environment not go along with every retrograde policy that it produces. Shame on you. You seem to protect nothing these days - simply buckle to Trump and his cronies.

#3970

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please prevent hunting in the Point Reyes National Park area. I always understood that the purpose of the national parks is to allow all flora and fauna to flourish without the interference of human activity. To allow hunting of Tulle Elk, or any other animal, will set a terrible precedent and defeat the intended goals of the National Park Service. Thank you, Katherine Ames

#3971

Name: Kern, Caroline

Correspondence: Protect Tule Elk

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3972

Name: Walker, Donna

Correspondence: Please don't allow elk to be killed or allowed to suffer at the hands of humans.

#3973

Name: janssen, hermanda

Correspondence: Hello, I urge you to adopt Alternative F and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over

farming and ranching activities. Besides this grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. This does not belong in a national park. Kind regards, Hermanda

#3974

Name: N/A, Paul

Correspondence: The National Park - Point Reyes National Seashore in California the home to two herds of tule elk. In regard to their future:

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3975

Name: Quilter, Vanessa

Correspondence: Save the elks

#3976

Name: Kelm, Kasey

Correspondence: I am opposed to the Alternative B proposed in the NPS's General Management Plan Amendment to the Point Reyes National Seashore. This alternative would allow leasees to continue their leases of national land solely to graze thousands of beef and dairy cattle, while proposing limitations on the number of elk allowed to graze the same lands. The Tule Elk were reintroduced after previously having been killed off in the area, and now the NPS is proposing killing more of them.

Alternative B also proposes rezoning the Point Reyes National Seashore area and considers allowing "diversification", which could include bringing in other livestock such as sheep and pigs, as well as planting row crops. Point Reyes is protected shoreline and should not be used for private farming and ranching which would lead to devastation of the natural habitat.

Alternative F would discontinue farming in the area and would allow the elk to continue living in their natural area. This alternative also has an option to increase visitor opportunities and use the existing buildings from ranching for park use or visitor use.

In Alternative F, impacts from visitor and elk usage are minimal to the soil, while Alternative B would cause erosion, compaction, and alteration of the soil fertility in the area. Alternative F would increase water quality and quantity in both the short- and long-term; Alternative B would continue to negatively affect water quantity and quality. Air quality would also improve under Alternative F while Alternative B would continue to emit ammonia, VOCs, CO₂, and dust and particulates into the air.

Please consider Alternative F!

#3977

Name: Dalemo, Carl

Correspondence: Please save the elk and the integrity of Point Reyes. I have been there to witness the natural beauty. Limit the extent of farming and ranching otherwise the point of the park is lost.

#3978

Name: Artoon, Maria

Correspondence: Regarding future plans for Point Reyes:

Point Reyes is the only national park where tule elk are visible and the two million visitors to the national park each year are a benefit to the local economy. Any negative effects of agriculture on the elk could reduce the number of visitors.

The park was established by the government in the 1960s with the aim of restoring elk numbers, which had been decimated by human activity. This project has been successful, and to suggest culling the elk seems counterintuitive.

The long-term effects of allowing human activity to take precedence over the interests of the natural environment and its wildlife are seen in other parts of the world, for example the South American rain forests, where ecosystems are negatively impacted by land clearance.

I believe that the wildlife of Point Reyes should be the focal point of planning the future of the park, with agriculture permitted at an unobtrusive level where appropriate.

#3979

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Stop this madness and protect tule elk.

#3980

Name: Martin, C

Correspondence: STOP THE KILLING OF ALL WILDLIFE FOR FARMING AND RANCH EXPANSION. THIS IS WRONG AS IT IS ELIMINATING OUR EARTH ECOSYSTEMS.

#3981

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Protect the Elk!

#3982

Name: walsh, alison

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease and harming endangered species.

#3983

Name: Eldridge, Chantal

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities because we are facing wildlife extinction at an accelerated and irreversible rate. I want my children to be able to experience wildlife in their life times. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3984

Name: Cosgrave, Sean
Correspondence: Do the right thing

#3985

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#3986

Name: Marquardt, Lynda

Correspondence: To Whom Mat Concern;

Please take a moment to adopt alternative F and do not allow any of the Tule Elk to be slaughtered like they don't matter at all. Slaughtering the Elk is barbaric and unnecessary. We need to encourage people to adopt a different way of eating that does not include the slaughter of other innocent animals, such as cows. Before you know it, we humans, who by the way are supposed to be intelligent, will kill off every animal on this planet. We will only be able to see animals in picture books. It will be such a shame to have that happen. Thank you for your time, Lynda Marquardt

#3987

Name: Dosch, Mary

Correspondence: Please abandon any plans to slaughter the priceless tule elk of Pt. Reyes! They have a right to live and we humans have a right to co-exist with them into the future. It's not right that creatures who belong in a certain ecosystem should be slaughtered to benefit the financial interests of some private ranchers at the expense of the elk themselves plus the caring of millions of citizens who value life over profit.

#3988

Name: Rowland, Corey

Correspondence: I am commenting on this Management Plan because I enjoy coming to Point Reyes for personal and work-related trips. I care about the conservation and regeneration of the land and its non-human inhabitants.

I propose the selection of "Alternative E", which would result in all cattle ranches to be phased out, and the land be reserved for visitor opportunities. This would also allow the Tule elk to remain where they belong, where they have been for hundreds of years.

It is concerning to be that the NPS would be potentially supporting an expansion or even a prolonging of the dairy and beef farming on Point Reyes, given animal agriculture's horrendous impacts on the environment. Cattle produce methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25x-100x worse than carbon dioxide. Cattle grazing and other proposed animal farming also would most likely lead to manure runoff into water systems and the gradual destruction of the land.

Lastly, the Tule elk have lived here for hundred of years and their displacement is unjustified. It is not in the interest of Bay Area residents or the wildlife in Point Reyes to expand animal farming here, and it is not in alignment with the mission of the NPS.

#3989

Name: Haroche, Kim

Correspondence: I love Pointe Res and frequent it when in CA. Please do protect the elk! Thank you Kim

#3990

Name: Bernstein, Laura

Correspondence: Re the Pt. Reyes National Seashore: I support Alternative F. I am in favor of protecting wildlife, not subsidizing ranches and not killing the Tulle elk. Laura L Bernstein

#3991

Name: BENSON, REBECCA

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern Please reconsider the plan to kill defenseless Elk in favor of ranchers and farmers and their profits. We are judged by our treatment of creatures- compassion is not hard.

Sincerely Rebecca Benson, DNP

#3992

Name: Behr, Peter

Correspondence: The history as I remember it from my father, who was highly instrumental in the funding of the Point Reyes National Seashore, is that the ranchers were allowed to remain and continue ranching. My father was also, as a State Senator, highly instrumental in having the Tule Elk reestablished in a limited area of the Park. (This was done to help maintain the threatened species, although the Tule Elk had not been native to the park for about 100 years.

I would favor letting the ranchers remain and continue with their historical ranching. I would also favor keeping the Tule Elk herd at its present size, either through culling the herd or, preferably, by finding another area where the excess elk can be located to increase the number of these beautiful, and limited animals. That comes closest to Plan B of the plans I read about on the internet.

#3993

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not do this. There's room for everyone. This is simply bloodlust.

#3994

Name: Sanders, Robert

Correspondence: Please allow native species to live and graze on the area in question. Introducing species for grazing destroys the eco-system and uses much needed resources. Native species maintains the systems and does not allow for over erosion. Please do not allow for special interests to upset the balance and health of this land.

#3995

Name: Kanter, Fred

Correspondence: I agree in general with the proposal, but I would hope that all possible options for the Tule Elk be tried so that they are not killed. I would also suggest that the farmers and ranchers be required to utilize every possible technique to reduce their air and water negative impact. Point Reyes is a wonderful treasure for all of us and I appreciate the efforts of the people that established it and those of the park service and volunteers that maintain it. Thank you, Fred Kanter

#3996

Name: Scott, Cheri

Correspondence: Please protect the Elk in the national parks.

#3997

Name: Rathwell, C

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

Please choose to protect wild species in your park. Please choose alternative f, which would discontinue farming and ranching, focusing instead on tourism. It is a national park, which is a designation meant for wilderness not agriculture. Your priority as park wardens needs to be the denizens of your wild spaces and not the incursions of ranchers or farmers.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you, C Rathwell Canada

#3998

Name: Saunders, John

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Pt Reyes National Park. Please preserve native wild species over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you!

John Saunders

#3999

Name: Roth, Doug

Correspondence: The ranching in the park should continue, all the elk herds should continue to exist and the park should continue to offer all its opportunity for the public to enjoy all the beauty the park has to offer. They can all exist together with the proper management. We as a species have altered what Mother Nature and god created. Now we must take care and manage it. The tule elk are a success story in California, and will continue to be if properly managed. Natural conditions no longer exists in the park due to urban sprawl, park activities and agriculture production. None of this is bad. However a natural balance can no longer exist. My area of expertises is wildlife management, primarily tule elk in Monterey and San Luis Obispo county. Most of our enhancement projects are funded by income generated from the elk themselves. The same could and should be implemented in the park. With the small harvest suggested by the study income in the six figures could be achieved. Through selective harvest of older animals the overall health of the herd would be increased. That income could be used to to finance park projects that could benefit the entire park. If one of the management options are chosen that include lethal removal why wouldn't we use this as a means to generate income for the benefit of the park as apposed to just killing them. When there is a value placed on a wildlife species intense management will occurs. Like it or not. In our management area private landowners are spending thousands of dollars to enhance elk habitat because of the financial benefit they receive. These projects not only benefit elk but all wildlife. It's not rocket science. There needs to be a more common sense approach to addressing these issues.

#4000

Name: krishnan, meera

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing a land for tule elks for 25 years.

In the conflict that has arisen a solution, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

This is an absolute outrage to the shrinking population of tule elks that needs our continued protection in a land that was allocated for their protection!

Please take the time to make the humane choice and not contribute to the slow death spiral of yet another species.

thank you dr. meera krishnan

#4001

Name: Fausey, Linda

Correspondence: Please refrain from using the Tule Elk as something to kill. Keep them safe so that we can enjoy them as another part of nature that belongs on the Earth without having to fear those who would simply exploit them without regard for their welfare.

#4002

Name: Cremin, Mallory

Correspondence: Point Reyes management plan The park needs to close the cattle ranches The native species are endangered by the cows Seal pups, the plover, other nesting birds, Elk calves are dying when they mow the grasses in late spring. Water is polluted. The thousands of head of cattle Vs 650 elk which are also 1400 pounds per adult cow, and 600 pound per elk, pooping and eating 1/3 the amount of grass.

The cow population is too dense for the well being of the land. Land is trampled, native plants eaten out and invasive species thrive instead

The land use needs to be restricted to wildlife therein, and tourists on trails.

The tourist industry provides 10x the amount of income for the area, supporting many more jobs than the ranches.

Alternative F is the only positive management solution supporting our wild lands, plants and animals.

#4003

Name: Williams, Angie

Correspondence: Conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes

Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4004

Name: Ham, Michele

Correspondence: DO NOT Kill the ELK! They are not hurting anyone, or anything. Any "problems" that these so-called farmers are having because a small herd of Elk is simply part of doing business.

Tell farmers to suck it up! Killing off animals is NOT THE ANSWER!

#4005

Name: Millward, Fiona

Correspondence: I request that you do not move forwards with the plan to permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities in Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

Please adopt Alternative F, which discontinues farming and ranching opportunities in the park and the expands visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must absolutely take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

You must be aware that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Again, I ask you to adopt Alternative F.

Thank you. Fiona Millward

#4006

Name: Stewart, Sarah

Correspondence: My family and I spend every Christmas at Point Reyes and go there partly because we love seeing the wild elk. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. We believe, particularly the two branches of our family who live in SF, that preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities and that domestic animal grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk and they should either accept the elk or accept Alternative F. Thank you for your attention to our comments.

#4007

Name: Stewart, Diana

Correspondence: My family and I spend every Christmas at Point Reyes and go there partly because we love

seeing the wild elk. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. We believe, particularly the two branches of our family who live in SF, that preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities and that domestic animal grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk and they should either accept the elk or accept Alternative F. Thank you for your attention to our comments.

#4008

Name: Stewart, Chris

Correspondence: My family and I spend every Christmas at Point Reyes and go there partly because we love seeing the wild elk. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. We believe, particularly the two branches of our family who live in SF, that preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities and that domestic animal grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk and they should either accept the elk or accept Alternative F. Thank you for your attention to our comments.

#4009

Name: Stewart, Mary

Correspondence: My family and I spend every Christmas at Point Reyes and go there partly because we love seeing the wild elk. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. We believe, particularly the two branches of our family who live in SF, that preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities and that domestic animal grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk and they should either accept the elk or accept Alternative F. Thank you for your attention to our comments.

#4010

Name: Lawrence, Daniel

Correspondence: Alternative B involves killing some of the tule elk herd and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows while, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be NO LIMIT to how many could be killed! In addition, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops. This proposal is completely contrary to the principles and purpose of a national park/preserve. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities on preserved land. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Dump this outrageous proposal!

#4011

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4012

Name: Lieber, Leo

Correspondence: I feel that the general management plan should prioritize the protection of wildlife and habitat. Regarding the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle don't want to share these grasslands with elk. The National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agriculture. Negative impacts to endangered species, water pollution, invasive species, soil erosion and conflicts with native wildlife are already enough from ranchers grazing in the park that the government should take that privilege away if higher standards aren't met.

#4013

Name: Lang, Patricia

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4014

Name: y, D

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I would like to remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do your part to preserve animals and the ecosystem.

Thanks

#4015

Name: Platil, Kurtney

Correspondence: plz don't kill the elks. have them transferred to a suitable sanctuary for the next generation to see them.

#4016

Name: Doherty, Barbra

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I never voted to allow my tax dollars to be spent on destroying parks that belong to ALL Americans, not just the farmers and ranchers! I am sorry I voted for Trump. I will not be voting for him again in 2020.

#4017

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I'm writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F of the General Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

This alternative would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Think about this - park visitors bring money, and can take away good memories which they pass on to others, who'll bring more money and take away ... well, you get my drift, I'm sure.

#4018

Name: Martini, Alexia

Correspondence: I've hiked Tomales point and I've driven through Sir Francis Drake blvd many times.

What have you let the ranches do? You see fences, you smell cows where there should only be native plants and wildlife. IT'S A NATIONAL SEASHORE!

The 25 years delay window is over. Do what you said. Ranches need to leave and let nature be. No more hand shaking over passing agreements and nature protection.

#4019

Name: Martyniuk, Brent

Correspondence: I support the no ranching alternative because I love the elk and national protected parks.

#4020

Name: IURO, MARGARET

Correspondence: Why is this country so quick to slaughter native animals in their habitats to make room for more livestock that has become the biggest polluter! There has to be more dialogue, more compassion, more 'thinking outside the box'! And especially more cooperation!

#4021

Name: Atlas, Debra

Correspondence: Tule Elk are iconic to the region and are responsible for both tourism and successful conservation. To remove them would be a travesty in so many ways.

Ranchers have been given too much leeway when it comes to cattle grazing on public lands and native or semi-native wild animals such as the Tule Elk are paying the price for this irresponsibility. It's time for the Park Service to not only hold ranchers accountable but to come to an agreement that puts wildlife first, not second to ranchers wants. Preservation of wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching. Grazing indiscriminately harms ecosystems, creates water pollution and soil erosion, as well as spreading invasive species and diseases and causes harm to endangered species.

PLEASE adopt Alternative F and expand visitor opportunities. For the sake of the animals and for proper conservation practices.

Thank you.

#4022

Name: Patterson, Carol

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative F because it would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Discontinuing the farming and ranching will help Point Reyes National Seashore, and that will benefit the public. Preserving the elk is far more urgent than protecting ill-advised farms and ranches.

#4023

Name: Williams, Angie

Correspondence: President Trump's National Park Service has put out a shocking plan to kill native tule elk in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where these rare animals live.

The agency would shoot up to 15 elk every year to appease private livestock owners who enjoy subsidized grazing of their cows on this precious public land. Its plan would enshrine private, for-profit cattle-growing as the park's main use - while doing little to rein in the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion.

But that's not all. The plan would allow conversion of park grasslands to artichoke farms and row crops and let ranchers introduce sheep, goats, chickens and pigs - a recipe for even more conflict with native wildlife.

Do the right thing and YOUR JOB! Protect the wild spaces we have left

#4024

Name: Allen, Miira

Correspondence: Elk are a national treasure. I am strongly opposed to giving over the land to ranchers. If we want to preserve our elk, we need to leave them their land.

#4025

Name: Walls, Pam

Correspondence: I am urging you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you!

#4026

Name: Criddle, Laura

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I grew up in Northern California in the 1960s-70's and my family made frequent use of the "new" Point Reyes park. It is a beautiful and precious natural resource that should be available to all Americans and all native species. The 25 year ranching lease agreement expired (or should have) long ago. Please support the need for natural habitat restoration for the Tule elk. THEY are the species that belong in this park, not cattle, which not only damage the local environment but contribute to global warming.

#4027

Name: dos santos, jamie

Correspondence: Im writing regarding the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities. This is repulsive to US citizens, we paid 50m to buy the land and leased it back for 25 years, but the wildlife has a right to use the land also. PLEASE select Option F, allow the wildlife, ELK to stay and pull back on the cattle and ranchers pressure. We do not them killed for special interests, its our land.

#4028

Name: Freeman, Karen

Correspondence: The cows don't belong there. The elk do. Do what is right. Leave some places undisturbed.

#4029

Name: Mcdonagh, Janet

Correspondence: AN ABSOLUTE NO TO THE CULLING OF THE ELK IN THIS PR NATIONAL PARK SPECIFICALLY TO MAKE THIS LAND AVAILABLE TO RANCHERS AND FARMERS TO USE FOR PERSONAL GAIN. IT MAKES ME WONDER WHO WITHIN THE NPS IS ALSO PERSONALLY PROFITING OFF OF THE KILLING OF ELK HERE.

I URGE THE NPS TO ADHERE TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F WHICH PROTECTS THE WILDLIFE AND DISCOURAGES PRIVATE CITIZENS FROM TAKING IMPROPER ADVANTAGE OF NATIONAL PARK PROPERTY - WHICH IN CASE YOU FORGOT BELONGS TO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS.

#4030

Name: Finton, Deb

Correspondence: Please STOP THE MADNESS!!!!!!

#4031

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4032

Name: Rosenfeld , Robert

Correspondence: Which alternative takes most into consideration the impact of dairy farming on water quality?

#4033

Name: Wark, Cathrine

Correspondence: Wildlife does not belong to these environment damaging ranchers! Wildlife is in the park for WE THE PEOPLE's enjoyment and for the wildlife to live in peace n enjoy their lives free of HARASSMENT! Leave our wildlife alone!!!! Humans consume way too much meat and this is the result- greed!!!! Most ppl are obese n therefore, VERY UNHEALTHY!!! Greed and gluttony are destroying our planet and wildlife. DO NOT LET THESE GREEDY RANCHERS GRAZE IN OUR PARKS!!!

#4034

Name: Banis, Elena

Correspondence: Save the elk!!

#4035

Name: Murillo, Sandra

Correspondence: It's a disgrace what you're doing with these elks. Instead of protecting them you're killing them. That's a shame. Isn't it your job to protect animals?

#4036

Name: Novak, Sharran and Gary

Correspondence: The national parks belong to all Americans, not just the over privileged ranchers. The cattle they raise are not indigenous to our continent and create many environmental problems. Their cattle endure cruel treatment from their owners and the meat industry. We do not need more cattle or other domestic animals on our public lands. The parks were created for our citizens to enjoy and to allow the native animals to thrive and survive for posterity. We are sick and tired of everything our government officials in Washington do to line the pockets of themselves and the money hungry companies (including factory farms and large ranches) that want to bleed every dollar out of our country and leave it ruined. Allow the wilderness to be wild and not ruined by big agriculture and the meat industry.

#4037

Name: Nigro, Larry

Correspondence: Hi,

I strongly oppose the alternative chosen by the Park Service. Point Reyes National Seashore was formed to preserve a biodiverse world of mammals, reptiles, insects, amphibians, birds, and fauna.

The current proposal puts this very biodiversity at risk. By allowing ranches to be permanently zoned, regardless of ownership, and with no chance of being reintroduced as wild land negates the very heart of the park

I support the historic relationship of West Marin ranch families and the park. As a 30 year West Marin teacher I feel this link and its importance. But the park option throws this to the wind by turning historic family beef and dairy ranches into agribusiness that includes row crops, husbandry of a variety of different animals, and, even hotel services.

This will inevitably lead to conflicts between the agribusiness and the wild world. I attended the Shoreline meeting where the ranger described to me a current situation where many ranches already keep goats, chickens, sheep, etc. regardless of current regulations.

I have no faith that current park staff can insure that future ranchers will not murder natural predators when they have a commercial interest to do so. In fact the report does not address this issue. It does, however, call the immediate killing of four elk.

I also strongly oppose camping on Drakes Estero, one of the few pristine watershed areas left in our nation.

Please revisit this plan to allow for the gradual phasing out of some ranches when the historic family no longer chooses or is able to continue. Please do not allow any new agribusiness.

I am a member of Marin Malt and strongly support our local farms. The park is not Malt. The park is 500 bird species, spotted skunks skulking, elk rutting, pygmy owls hunting, elephant seals hauling out, warblers resting on migration.

We are at a crossroads. The park plan should be preserving its uniqueness. The park plan should be limiting cars. The park plan should be prioritizing the animals and plants that historically and at present live there. The park plan should acknowledge and prioritize the threat of climate change. This plan does not attempt to do these things.

Probably as much as any teacher in Marin I take my students to camp and walk in the park. What kind of park will be leaving to their children? The Park plan should be changed.

#4038

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: MY QUALIFICATIONS. These are my qualifications for typing my comments: (1) I am familiar with dairy science and nutrition. My doctoral work was in the Department of Nutrition at U.C. Berkeley, and my post-doctoral work was in the field of nutrition at University of Wisconsin-Madison. While in Madison, I subscribed to a trade journal for the dairy industry, called, "Hoard's Dairyman." I am the author of two editions of a college-level nutrition textbook (1000-pages) which includes info on dairy science; (2) I have explored America's national parks many times (Joshua Tree N.P. on thirty occasions, Death Valley N.P. on seven occasions, Crater Lake N.P. on three occasions, Glacier N.P. on two occasions, etc., etc.) and I have explored Regional Parks in the San Francisco Bay area on at least 100 different occasions (typically, taking a six mile hike each time); (3) I have read Alternatives A to F.

LIMITATIONS IN MY QUALIFICATIONS. (1) I do not have sufficient legal background in property law or in environmental law to provide an authoritative recommendations. My background is in intellectual property law, but this is not the same as property law that applies to farmlands; (2) The other limitation is that I have only read the Alternatives A to F, and not the other parts of your documents.

MY RECOMMENDATION. I recommend ALTERNATIVE A, because there is not any mention of reducing the population of Elk. I am AGAINST Alternative B, because it requires killing elk. I am against killing elk for the following reason. Anybody who has been in the Visitor's Center at Point Reyes, can see that these elk are a symbol of this National Seashore. I am AGAINST Alternative D, because it requires what is set forth by Alternative B (that is, killing elk). I am against killing elk for the following reason. Anybody who has been in the Visitor's Center at Point Reyes, can see that these elk are a symbol of this National Seashore. I am also against Alternative C, because it requires removing elk from Drakes Beach area. As I stated above, anybody who has been in the Visitor's Center at Point Reyes, can see that these elk are a symbol of this National Seashore. On the other hand, I am also against Alternative E and against Alternative F, because these alternatives include undue tampering and undue interference with the business models of the dairy farmers and the beef cattle farmers. I do not like the idea of government regulations putting people out of work. Taken together, I am under the impression that Alternative A is the best choice (this, being a matter of first impression for me).

DISCLAIMER. It is possible that upon a second reading, and that upon reading your full disclosure, I could change my recommendations.

PARTING THOUGHTS. The notion that tule elk should be killed to keep their population at a defined level, seems pretty gross. If I knew that guns were being used to maintain the population of elk in the Point Reyes area, it would remind me of the frequent mass murders of school children that have been occurring in the United States for the past couple of decades. When I visit Point Reyes, I do not want anything to remind me of the constant "gun news" that we are forced to read, year after year after year after year.

#4039

Name: Tolerico, Joseph

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and discontinue ranching activities in our National Parks. Wildlife takes precedence over ranching activities and is for the public use not private use. Plus ranching upsets the ecosystems and pollutes our natural areas.

#4040

Name: Ochs, Robert

Correspondence: I have read about the park service plans to possibly kill elk in point Reyes national seashore in favor of farming and ranching on public land. I would like to take this opportunity to remind the park service of its responsibility to native species and also to remind the park service of its obligation to protect these lands that have come under their jurisdiction. I don't believe that leasing these lands to farmers and ranchers are what is best for the environment or the native animals. Please take this into consideration in your decision making process. We should be preserving this land and these elk not further polluting this PARK by raising cattle on it. Thank you and please try to remember what the park service is supposed to be about.

#4041

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#4042

Name: Weaver, Michael

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4043

Name: Tennant, Allie

Correspondence: With climate change being so out of control, I think it would be wiser to limit the amount of land livestock has access to. The elk aren't the problem so they should be left alone.

#4044

Name: Hayashi, Nina

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt alternative F, discontinuing farming and ranching and preserving the habitat and native wild species. Farming and ranching degrades the environment in many ways. I would favor increasing opportunities for visitors to the Point Reyes area.

thank you.

#4045

Name: Broome, Claire

Correspondence: The Point Reyes National Seashore was created to preserve the unique ecology of the seashore. As the Foundation document states, "Legislation authorizing the establishment of Point Reyes National Seashore was enacted on September 13, 1962 (Public Law 87-657) for the purpose of preserving "a portion of the

diminishing seashore of the United States that remains undeveloped." Today, this geologically unique peninsula encompasses more than 71,000 acres of beaches, coastal cliffs and headlands, marine terraces, coastal uplands, and forests and includes all tide and submerged lands to 0.25 miles offshore." At the time the park was created, ranch owners received financial compensation and 25 year leases, so that there could be an orderly transition back to the native habitat. It is past time for the National Park Service to implement the intent of the National Seashore's authorizing legislation and phase out the destructive effects of dairy and cattle ranching on more than one third of the park. I strongly urge the Park service to implement alternative F and phase out ranching.

The environmental impact of over 5000 head of cattle, with the attendant accumulation of 133 million pounds of manure annually has been devastating for water quality, and soil has suffered from compaction. Cattle have been responsible for well-documented damage to grasslands, birds, native plants, and wildlife. California has many acres dedicated to cattle ranching; it is inappropriate to continue to restrict public access to one third of a National Seashore for the benefit of private ranchers who were never intended to be on the park in perpetuity.

Alternative F is also preferable because it increase land available to the herds of native tule elk, which are compatible with the ecology and do not have a destructive impact on water quality or soil. In contrast, alternative B permits the killing of tule elk for the perpetuation of destructive cattle ranching. This is inconsistent with the interests of the millions of tourists who come to see Point Reyes with its natural geology and ecosystems, including the elk, not dairy and cattle ranches.

#4046

Name: Hagedorn, Lin

Correspondence: Please allow the Elk native species to roam the land unharmed and increase opportunities for visitors to the Park. We have a developing climate crisis and moving away from a meat-based diet is a move in the right direction. Thank you so much, Lin H.

#4047

Name: Mathews, Don

Correspondence: I strongly support management of the Point Reyes National Seashore with no ranching operations at some point in the not distant future. The negative impacts of dairy ranching are well known, and they should be phased out. Public lands and National Parks are becoming more crowded, and their use should not be given over to private interests in perpetuity.

#4048

Name: Dezelak, Ferdinand

Correspondence: There are to much farmers in CA. This land belong to nature, that mean to elks too, but not to farmers, who are not willing to accept nature laws.

#4049

Name: Morin, Louise

Correspondence: I support Alternative F because ranching has no place in a national park. In 1962, each ranching family was paid \$57 million (the equivalent of \$380 million today) and given very generous benefits such as not having to pay property taxes and having our Federal tax dollars pay for the maintenance of these ranches.

Now, it is time for them to hold their end of the deal. We need to restore the land use and preserve the environment for the majestic elks to roam as it was designed originally. thank you

Louise Morin

#4050

Name: Tobin, Maryanne

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. There are plenty of places for cows out there but NOT ELK! Also, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. PLEASE adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#4051

Name: khalaf, Yvonne

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F.

#4052

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Don't kill elk . All people who murder gods animals will go to hell. Veangance is mine says the Lord.

#4053

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Prioritizing cattle grazing in a state that recently experienced a massive drought is unconscionable. Imagine justifying saving water for ranchers when the next huge wildfire hits. As soon as the government stops effectively subsidizing cattle ranching, the public will realize the true environmental cost of raising beef.

#4054

Name: PAPPALARDO, MASSIMO

Correspondence: PROTECT ELKS AND THEIR HABITAT. BE HUMAN

THANK

MASSIMO PAPPALARDO

#4055

Name: Hansen, Mary-Louise

Correspondence: I want to add my voice of protest against any deliberate killing of wild animals, including Tule Elk, to make room for still more cows (which are known to create a lot of pollution). At this time, when our natural world is being rapidly destroyed by over-development, industrialization, wildfires, and global warming, it is essential that our parks continue to provide a safe haven for wild animals. Please reconsider this project and leave the elk in peace, as they cannot speak for themselves.

#4056

Name: costa, cristina

Correspondence: adopt alternative F

#4057

Name: Bracke, Rudi
Correspondence: Please Spare Elk

#4058

Name: Gathing, Nancy

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing cattle negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4059

Name: Zirngast, Julie

Correspondence: Please reconsider your plan to kill the elk. There are other ways to monitor and manage levels of these magnificent creatures. We have wild red deer in Richmond Park in London and manage these without killing them. I have seen elk in North America and they are beautiful, magical animals which on many occasions were there before human habitats encroached on their world. Relocation might be an option or population control through medical methods. Killing shouldn't be the answer when we seem to be culling everything in sight. Here we have the misguided badger culling which scientists have proven to be a waste of time and urge the government to look into vaccination against the Bovine TB threat. There is always another option than more animal blood on our hands. Thank you. Julie

Julie Zirngast UK

#4060

Name: Dyson, Natasha

Correspondence: Please save the Elk.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please reconsider your options and save the Elk.

Thank you,

Natasha

#4061

Name: Hope, Kerry

Correspondence: Please continue to protect tule elk. Thank you

#4062

Name: CRAWFORD, L

Correspondence: Save The Lives & Habitat Of ELK , And All Other Animals Too !!! ...

#4063

Name: Ferros, Alex

Correspondence: I'm saddened and disgusted that these poor elk are being considered to be killed to make way for profit. Have some decency and compassion for these poor creatures that have had their land rights taken from them. Give them a piece of land or shared rights too!

#4064

Name: Allender, Julia

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Please decide that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Also please bear in mind that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you. Sincerely, Julia Allender

#4065

Name: Wacket, Simone

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4066

Name: Stewart, Lisa

Correspondence: Please leave the elk alone. Let them live in peace. Thank you

#4067

Name: Pesko, Pat

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F..as it pertains to the elk management in Pt. Reyes National Park.

Thank you.

#4068

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4069

Name: Lumachini, Laura

Correspondence: Dear Sirs I join PETA in urging to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Infact, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, reminding that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thanks for the attention. Yours sincerely Laura Lumachini

#4070

Name: Guy, matty

Correspondence: We were enchanted to see these elk when we visited this beautiful area,and have told so many friends and family about our amazing experience.

As a tourist, these elk definitely help your economy, the magic of seeing them, in such an amazing setting, was astounding.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Jennifer Guy John Brennan June Guy Matty Guy Meli Guy Martin Guy Lorna Guy

#4071

Name: Alafouzos, Iakovos

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, that is discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4072

Name: Iannuzzi, Linda

Correspondence: Protect the Elk. We do not need expansion of grazing areas for ranchers, as meat and dairy consumption is in serious decline in the U.S. It would be criminal to kill the elk for grazing on lands they have been occupying for centuries only to support an industry in such decline that prices are plummeting and product is being thrown away to artificially boost prices.

Our Wild lands and creatures are the REAL treasures. Protect them at all costs! Nobody NEEDS to drink milk or eat meat. WE DO NEED NATURE, in all its abundance, and must immediately protect it from terrible losses from greed and industry.

#4073

Name: Robinson, David

Correspondence: As a lover of nature I am writing to you to ask that you consider alternative F in your considerations for the Point Reyes National Park in California. A national park is for everyone to enjoy and should never be used for ranching & farming. And, most importantly, you should most certainly not be considering culling the tule elk in the Drakes Beach herd or the Limantour herd. You must put the well-being of national park wildlife before commercial interests. Thank you, D Paul Robinson, Poland.

#4074

Name: N/A, Laura

Correspondence: Please do not allow the killing of the Elk. Preserve the land as is. Elk are part of the natural cycle. Grazing cattle are not. Removing the Elk entirely will destroy another part of the ecosystem.

#4075

Name: Lincoln, Julie

Correspondence: It saddens me that native animals are valued less and less all over the world as more and more of their homes are prioritised for farming and grazing. Please save these beautiful animals. Thank you.

#4076

Name: Simmons, Catherine

Correspondence: I am both angry and upset that there is a proposal to harm the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Please do NOT do that !! They are a wonderful part of our heritage. Please do the decent and right thing and leave them alone !!!! They have a right to be here. Mankind has no decent right to harm them.

#4077

Name: Chadwell, Kathy

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#4078

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone. Why do humans always have to destroy.

#4079

Name: Marsh, Karen

Correspondence: I have just heard about your plan to cull the population of elk in Point Reyes National Seashore National Park in California in favor of expanding farmland. This plan confirms my belief that your organization is not focused on preserving wildlife its habitat and would rather appease farmers by taking the easy and inhumane route.

I will never visit one of your national parks again. We have been travelling in the US for many years as outdoor enthusiasts but we are withdrawing our support of the National Park Service and will spread the word far and wide if this plan goes forward.

Sincerely, Karen Marsh

#4080

Name: O'Donnell, Robert

Correspondence: Culling is cruel and unnecessary.

#4081

Name: Harriman, Frances

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4082

Name: MERCIER, SYLVIE

Correspondence: The National Park Service must protect the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California and not allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

#4083

Name: Hocevar, Renee

Correspondence: Please protect the animals that call the parks their home.

#4084

Name: Nelson, Eloise

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk. They are beautiful living creatures that deserve to live too! Thank you!

#4085

Name: Magnin, Didi

Correspondence: SHAMEFUL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#4086

Name: Suazo, Mark

Correspondence: Regarding Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4087

Name: Robinson, Angela

Correspondence: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4088

Name: palotas, zsuzsa

Correspondence: Hello, I am commenting as a tax paying citizen - and I pay more than 95% of private citizens in income tax plus own small businesses that create jobs and pay further taxes.

This is regarding the Point Reyes National Seashore elk population 'management' plan.

Encourage you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. This is a National Seashore not unlimited farming land! This boggles my mind that we are even talking about this - cows on National Park lands? Subsidized leases from MY and OTHERS' tax dollars?? Have we all gone mad?

This is an extremely dangerous precedent you're setting. This land and its ecosystem is to be protected and not given away to special interests. You of all people know well that grazing negatively affects the water, the soil, and pushes native species out of their own habitat.

Thank you.

#4089

Name: Hadjsalem, Jamila

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative F regarding the Tule Elk on Point Reyes National Seashore, which would discontinue farming and ranching there while promoting visitor opportunities instead. The Tule Elk are native species and the ranchers introduced cows are now. Ecology always does better with native species, and with climate change happening, willfully destroying more habitat for ranchers is counterproductive and counterintuitive. Overuse of land results in soil erosion, water pollution, uncontrollable invasive species moving in, the spread of disease, and the endangerment of endangered species. Not to mention the subsidies the taxpayers

give ranchers on federal lands, which is a corrupt program in itself, and one that should be phased out. The Tule Elk have as much of a right to live there as any native species and killing them to afford ranchers cheap lands to graze on is not the American way; that is not true capitalism/commerce/competition. Please reject all Alternatives except Alternative F. Thank you, Jamila HadjSalem

#4090

Name: Chandrappa, Venkata

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities

#4091

Name: Pate, Jessica

Correspondence: I oppose "Alternative B" which involves killing Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. Please adopt an alternative, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4092

Name: Sellers, Lynn

Correspondence: No permits should be granted for the killing of the Tule Elk. This is a terrible idea. Additional "grazing areas" are not needed when less and less people are eating meat.

#4093

Name: OKEEFFE, EVELYN

Correspondence: leave the elk alone.

#4094

Name: Pennell, connie

Correspondence: the plan your are considering that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities . Please do not eliminate the Elk using the grasslands. Thank you Connie Pennell

#4095

Name: Junge, Deborah

Correspondence: The Elk should be on the park land not Cattle.

#4096

Name: Bergeron, Brenda

Correspondence: dont kill the tule Elk at Point Reyes. NO expansion of agricultural activities.

#4097

Name: Shields, Michael

Correspondence: Please do not relocate or kill these elk. This is their natural range. Do not give in to the cattle and sheep barrons in this region. There are more important things than money.

#4098

Name: Ribeiro, Patricia

Correspondence: Parem de matar os indefesos animais!! Quer matar alguem, vai caçar estuprador, assassino, ladrão, traficante !!! Deixe os animais em paz !!!

#4099

Name: Enger, Erin

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#4100

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Let the elk live there

#4101

Name: MACHADO, MARIA

Correspondence: On Point Reyes national Sea Shores, please use Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Please help our beautiful animals.

#4102

Name: Thamer, Mae

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please be mindful that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration.

#4103

Name: Kammer, Cathy

Correspondence: I live in a natural wooded area that I share with many species of wildlife. We must preserve what we have. The wildlife have a hard enough time without being slaughtered for simply trying to find food, and live the way they have always lived throughout the centuries. We are the intruders. Please don't kill wildlife.

#4104

Name: Dunn, Christine

Correspondence: Please, please take Alternative F as the wisest, most humane way to proceed. These Elk are peaceful animals who are justified in living on their land. Please do not brutalize them. We have more than enough examples of cruelty for our children to follow.

Respectfully,

Christine Dunn

#4105

Name: Hartman, Nancy

Correspondence: I am submitting these comments to tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I would like to remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

This issue is fundamentally important to me as well as to millions of our fellow Americans. Therefore I trust that my comments regarding this critically important issue will be addressed and thoughtfully considered. Thank you for your time.

#4106

Name: Bugliarelli, Diane

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4107

Name: Eisler, Julia

Correspondence: Dear NPS specialists and authorities,

Please, adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please, let our nature a chance to manage itself without human harsh invasion. Our population has enough food sources and just need to better manage them addressing problems of over consumerism and waist of food and resources.

Sincerely, Julia Eisler

#4108

Name: stremlau, jackie

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4109

Name: fowler, judi

Correspondence: let the elk live. they are the natural first residents. why not all live respecting the elk. work together not against God's creatures.

#4110

Name: Gray, Kristin

Correspondence: Please stop ruining animal habitats. They have as much of a right to be here as we do and we need to protect land for them. Humans have become too greedy. Animals shouldn't have to suffer because of a lack of human compassion.

#4111

Name: Just, Leslie

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species and is one of the leading causes of climate change worldwide.

#4112

Name: Bell, Stephanie

Correspondence: I vacationed in stunning Point Reyes in July and was outraged by the countless beef/dairy farms polluting this otherwise pristine landscape. It was deeply upsetting to see (and smell) the huge piles of manure, veal calves languishing in the hot sun in small plastic crates, disgusting muck-filled barns, and suffering animals dotting this landscape that should be protected from such horrors. In our Earth's increasingly fragile state, this is really unacceptable anywhere but especially in a place that claims to call itself "protected." Even more unacceptable is the notion that these farmers want to grab ADDITIONAL land to despoil and kill the elk here in the process. Please, don't let this happen. Big Ag has done enough damage to our world- -it's time to stop them in their tracks.

#4113

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: What the heck is wrong with you dumb people - if you has a healthy wolf population would not by in this mess - you idiots!

#4114

Name: sisk, sidney

Correspondence: Let wildlife live as they will do less damage than cattle grazing on the land. Stop killing everything!

#4115

Name: Freeman, Amy

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4116

Name: Probyn, Sharron

Correspondence: UH, pardon me? Ryes National Seashore is a NATIONAL PARK. It is NOT private land that farmers and ranchers have purchased for use of their own profit. They may have signed lease agreements to graze cattle but that does not mean that the natural flow of nature should be stopped. If ANYTHING has a right of

access, it is the ELK and only the ELK and other wildlife that live within the confines of this NATIONAL PARK! If ANYTHING should be done here, it is to allow the ELK to flourish and decrease the number of cattle that are allowed to graze in the NATIONAL PARK! Preservation of the WILD species should always take precedence of domesticated cattle or pigs or whatever else these farmers/ranchers seem to think they have a right to graze in the this NATIONAL PARK. The park is NOT the farmers and ranchers. It belongs to ALL the American people to enjoy - not just to the ranchers. The preservation of this park and its NATURAL WILD INHABITANTS must take precedence over the Farmers/Ranchers. This land is not theirs to use as they wish. They may share parts of it with leases or whatever, but they CANNOT and should not inhibit the wildlife in any way, shape or form. IN A NATIONAL PARK, WILDLIFE SHOULD HAVE THE UPPER HAND IN DECISION MAKING! Thank you.

#4117

Name: Campbell, Donna

Correspondence: As a member of the California-based international animal protection nonprofit organization In Defense of Animals with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#4118

Name: LOUCKS, LISA

Correspondence: Please reconsider killing the elk and allowing these ranchers to add even more livestock to graze on the lands the elk currently use. Ranch land seems to be encroaching on public land more and more these days. I believe you are going to see a real shift away from meat eating as people realize the environmental and health risks meat eating poses. Please keep the elk and the lands they graze on for the public to enjoy and not for large agricultural companies to farm and ruin. Thank you.

#4119

Name: Menden, Sandy

Correspondence: Please no hunting

The elk need this preserve

#4120

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Thank you.

#4121

Name: CONNOLLY, APRIL
Correspondence: Protect the Tule Elk.

#4122

Name: LEONCINI, CYNTHIA
Correspondence: Please select Alternative F, and discontinue farming and ranching in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I feel the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my feelings on this most important matter.

Cynthia Leoncini

#4123

Name: DiBernardo, Debbie
Correspondence: Tule elk, who are native to California should be considered. It is there home and it is the responsibility of humans to do the right thing. Especially that have the power to do so.

#4124

Name: Ostaszewski, John
Correspondence: With respect to the Point Reyes National Seashore in California, I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4125

Name: O'Donnell, Linda
Correspondence: STOP THE KILLING!!!

#4126

Name: Castro-Vega, Patricia
Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F related to the tule elk, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4127

Name: Hill, Jennifer
Correspondence: I am writing to request that you adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

The ill-conceived Alternative B would decimate the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, limiting it to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

It's time to do the responsible thing and keep the Point Reyes National Seashore in California for the people of our country, as it was intended when established in 1962.

#4128

Name: Kropp, Katy

Correspondence: For our future, please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4129

Name: Efimova, Valeriya

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please note that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4130

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not allow the Elk to be tragically killed because they are eating too much grass and taking away from cattle. That's just a heartless and cruel reason to potentially kill off these majestic beings that help to make Point Reyes what it is and to increase the number of people who visit the park. There are alternatives to controlling the population, such as contraceptives. I understand that some say it is too expensive, but the cost is way more to tragically end the life of another being who is just trying to stay alive in their natural habitat. Look into your soul and toward your heart. Killing them is not right. Lead the way with Love & Compassion.

#4131

Name: Williams, Sabine

Correspondence: fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California

Humans do not have the right to hurt or kill any animal incl.elk that was already there before they decided to make the land their own for their own profit!!!! Have some respect for nature and it's natural habitat/animals.

Thank you

#4132

Name: Gadouas, Teresa

Correspondence: Killing is not an option. Rethink the situation for a symbiotic decision.

#4133

Name: Burnette, James

Correspondence: Please get rid of cattle ranching at Point Reyes. That sort of non-sense doesn't belong there. Use of public lands for ranching is a subsidy, a handout, that the earth can no longer afford. It's time to end this practice.

#4134

Name: Lagerstam, Todd

Correspondence: The elk should be left alone.

#4135

Name: Buckley, Robin

Correspondence: I was quite dismayed to learn of the intentions of the NPS with regard to the fate of the tule elk. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. It is a known fact that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Thank you

#4136

Name: Puca, Robert

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4137

Name: Zipp, Jim

Correspondence: I have visited and enjoyed visits to Pt Reyes several times over the last 35 years. I travel all the way from the east coast to do do. I find the killing of Tule Elk and the expansion of farming to be a huge mistake. This is a unique place that is very special and it should be preserved for the enjoyment of all citizens and not more development in the way of ranching/farming. Respectfully, Jim Zipp

#4138

Name: Collins, Christine

Correspondence: "Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing cattle negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species and is one of the leading causes of climate change worldwide."

#4139

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4140

Name: Subramanyan , Vishal

Correspondence: Point Reyes is public land. In addition, it is one of the last strongholds of tule elk. Their population is already very limited, so I strongly speak out against this elk massacres you plan. As I already stated, Point Reyes is public land and cattle should NOT be given priority over the native tule elk. If there are issues between the elk and cattle, remove the cattle. Protect the land and it's native species instead of promoting ranching and killing on public land. This decision to kill elk is disgraceful, as it is their native home and we are all just visitors.

#4141

Name: Siedentopf, Amanda

Correspondence: I came here to remind you of what has already been said in your 'History of the Tule Elk' on the PT Reyes National Seashore website.

"The tule elk (*Cervus canadensis nannodes*) is one of two subspecies of elk native to California. Its numbers were severely reduced in the mid-1800s, primarily due to uncontrolled market hunting and displacement by cattle."

The Tule Elk' are native. The cattle are not. I come from a ranching family and the concept of culling herds is not lost on me. That being said, remind yourself why state and national parks exist. It is certainly not for the benefit of non indigenous and invasive species. In this scenario, cattle are an invasive species as they threaten the food source and habitat of the Tule Elk.

Cull the cattle, not the Elk.

#4142

Name: Iskra, David

Correspondence: I find this plan abhorrent and unacceptable. I will do everything I can to bring awareness and draw attention in order to prevent these animals from being killed. They were here first. The ranchers are guests here. There is plenty of space to grow cattle elsewhere if they can't coexist here. In fact I'd rather see the ranches removed and return the park to its natural state.

#4143

Name: Talhami, Michelle

Correspondence: Alternative B is a huge threat to the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018. If Alternative B is approved, it will also limit the population of the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018. These tule elk are native to California, and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970's after they were previously killed off there. Please do not prioritize agriculture over our native species and their welfare. We need our native species to thrive, yet we continue to limit their wild land.

#4144

Name: Hertz, Ilene

Correspondence: PLEASE leave the natural beauty of Point Reyes National Seashore intact. No killing of animals. No row crops. Leave the grasslands.

#4145

Name: magyar, linda

Correspondence: please PROTECT the Elk!

#4146

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please save the elk. You have the whole rest of the state to farm and ranch.

There are no elk in Elk Grove, and other places anymore.

SAVE THE ELK

#4147

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: "I am writing to urge the adoption of Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species". Statement provided by PETA.

#4148

Name: Boslet, Hilary

Correspondence: Hello, The Point Reyes area is one of my favorite places in the world. Please do not change the policy regarding allowing domesticated/commodity animals to graze on this beautiful land, especially to the detriment of the wild creatures living here. Please allow the apex predators to live their lives and do what comes naturally to them: preying on weak, old, or sick animals. This is how nature works without humans interfering.

Please do NOT institute these changes. Leave Pt Reyes alone.

Thanks,

Hilary Boslet

#4149

Name: Rossi, Emily

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading evasive species and disease, harming endangered species, and is one of the leading causes of climate change worldwide.

#4150

Name: Ald, Steven

Correspondence: They sold this land to the U.S. Government. The people of the United States. No take backs! No more sweetheart deals for wealthy ranchers and farmers to desecrate land that belongs to all of us.

#4151

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Introduction of, and maintenance of, non-native species such as cow, pigs and goats while systematically eliminating native wildlife and habitat for monetary gain is selfish and horrifically short-sighted. Just as the exploitation of the natural wonders of this majestic land by throngs of tourists you encourage, with no thought to how to manage them in the event of a large scale catastrophe, such as an inevitable earthquake, with the extremely limited resources here. Your back patting society is very proud of your numbers, but has no actual

science or moral compass driving a single decision. You reject the user groups that do not bring you money in favor of those who do, despite the damage to the environment they bring with their activities from equestrians to cattle farmers to mono-croppers. There is no honoring of the Miwok, who once thoughtfully cared for this land, and their management plans, which included controlled burns to minimize the threat of larger conflagrations. With no consideration to carrying capacity, tolerance for overuse and overpopulation will come back to bite us all in time. The locals are being pitted against one another as environmentalists and ranchers butt heads in this nasty battle, while oversight is swayed simply by the financial gains to be had by yielding to the highest bidder. Do you have enough fire crews, medical crews, and facilities with food, clothes, and shelter to support the vast numbers of tourists you bring into this small area in the event of a major catastrophe? The local fire departments and emergency shelters will be overwhelmed with the population that is here full-time, and will not have the capacity to upgrade to that volume of need. Set aside your greed for just a moment, and reflect on the Natural wonders of this land. This is an opportunity to begin the return of restoration to natural habitats by minimizing the impact by tourism and ranching practices. The original intent of creation of this National Park was that it be kept as a Natural space for future generations to enjoy. Those who drafted the original plan would be aghast at the wanton destruction that has occurred in the name of numbers. Having grown up here for my whole life, I am appalled by the transformation taking place. There is not one single person in the oversight committee that has any longevity here whatsoever, so the practice of selling to the highest bidder is the unfortunate demise I expect to continue to witness unless some real science and morals are applied to the process.

#4152

Name: Jones, Sian

Correspondence: I would be interested to hear if an independent Environmental impact study has been conducted. If so I find it impossible to believe it recommends killing native wildlife in order to provide grazing for non native animals probably at a nominal cost to the commercial rancher. The issue with a healthy eco system is balance and non native invasive animals such as cattle do not bring balance, just a cheap option for ranchers to feed their animals. I thought California was a forward thinking State, sadly, if this goes ahead, I guess that's not the case.

#4153

Name: Lutz, Heather

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4154

Name: Samuels, Maurice

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone in Point Reyes National Seashore in California! Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4155

Name: Bisignani , Lisa

Correspondence: This is out outrageously egregious in a horrifying way. There is far too much grazing land in our west county and this park is precious to us for the very fact it is natural and filled with the wildlife you plan to exterminate. This is unacceptable, especially today as the rainforest is rapidly burning down, the Great Barrier Reef is dead, wildfires have decimated not only our county but many in our state. We are suffering extreme environmental anxiety and need to see these spaces protected by you. We need some hope to survive into the future and these last untouched, ungrazed Wild spaces are it! STOP THIS MADNESS NOW. Please, we beg you,

and remind you that you do your work not for corporations or big ranchers, but for us. Serve us now and protect our wild spaces.

#4156

Name: Sanguin, MariaGrazia

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thanks

MariaGraziaSanguin ITALY

#4157

Name: Verduin, Rene

Correspondence: I have traveled the world and the Point Reyes sea shore and parks are one of the most beautiful on the Planet. We are seeing how cattle farming is destroying the Amazon and other pristine areas. Our native animals and lands are our gift to be held in responsible stewardship. Cattle ranching is only a small part of this area. It should not overrule all others well being, especially the treasured elk and other wildlife. Hopefully for our future, cows will become a less important "commodity" and we will learn from past mistakes.

I have decided to no longer partake of dairy products or red meats and I know many people who are following their moral obligation to eliminate these from thier diets. I personally miss the fallow deer that were removed for being non native. Cows are also non native. We all need a better plan for land management and special interests should not trump nature or the communities interests. Thank you for reading, Rene Verduin

#4158

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I would like to see Point Reyes seashore be kept as close to it's natural state as possible. This means reducing the ranching, allowing tulle elk to roam, and keeping agriculture away from the coastal lands.

#4159

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I was upset to hear that the wild elk populations in Point Reyes National Seashore are under threat and may be partially or completely eliminated to allow cattle or other animals to graze in these areas under the current proposal, "Alternative B". I am strongly opposed to seeing our wildlife pushed out by commercial farming, and urge you to support "Alternative F", which would eliminate grazing in these areas and allow expanded visitor opportunities.

Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Expanded tourism in these areas would allow people to enjoy these wild areas while still bringing consumer dollars to the local economy. Please protect our environment and the wildlife there!

Thank you! Dr. Michele Clark

#4160

Name: Lehman, Tabitha

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F at Point Reyes National Seashore, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Cattle grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please protect the California-native Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore instead of allowing profit-seekers to harm the park's ecosystem. Thank you for your consideration.

#4161

Name: Thomson, Cassandra

Correspondence: The farmers/ranchers can buy feed for their cattle etc. It's not in the best interest of the Elk or the people to further the profits of the cattle owners! Let them profit off their own land and feed. I say remove the cattle so the Elk, deer, and whatever else is out there that eats the grass!

#4162

Name: Khoury, Cecile

Correspondence: Please don't consider a permitting elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities. The elk didn't ask to be there. That's murder!

#4163

Name: McDaniel, Allison

Correspondence: This comment regards the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I support alternative F

I think the elk, a native species, should be allowed to remain in the park as a protected species. This is a National Park, so get rid of the ranching and farming and adopt a more natural setting. Better yet, if possible, bring back some of the redwoods trees if they use to grow there. People destroyed 95% of the Redwood forests and we should bring them back.

Have you tried the Impossible burger? We don't need to give up our land to cattle grazing because there are better ways for us to live and eat. We are destroying everything. We have killed 50% of all animal life on this planet in the last 40 years. We are headed for destruction. The best choice is to support natural species and natural places.

Thank you!

#4164

Name: Griffith, John

Correspondence: The proposal is a reversal of a conservation trend that needs to continue. Please do not change the National Seashore by killing elk and clearing land. Instead, look for ways to expand it. Thanks, John Griffith

#4165

Name: gonzalez, kristin

Correspondence: preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4166

Name: Tierney , Jill

Correspondence: There is absolutely no excuse to kill the native elk. People come to that park to be able to see wildlife, not farm animals. There is a special area just for the elk, farm animals can go elsewhere. Do not kill the wildlife, there are enough cattle farms already.

#4167

Name: Kashuba, David

Correspondence: I would like to see NO meat farming in the park.

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#4168

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

Please consider Alternative F regarding Point Reyes National Seashore. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Many thanks

Kind regards,

Vasco Menezes

#4169

Name: Bandes, Michael

Correspondence: I have been to Point Reyes National Seashore many times (while living in San Francisco and while visiting from the East Coast). The magnificence of the region is due in a large part to the flora and fauna. It's great the original ranches have been allowed to remain with a National Park / Seashore area and to coexist with the wildlife, but there is no need to expand the size / scope / environmental impact of those ranches on an area that is treasured by so many Americans. Please do not remove or cull the Tule Elk herds that have called this place home.

#4170

Name: spiller, john

Correspondence: Keep THE CATTLE OFF leave the elk alone.

#4171

Name: Herrmann, Jordan

Correspondence: Cattle manure should not be allowed on the lands of Point Reyes. The environmentally detrimental effects of cattle manure are well documented. The harm to water, insect infestation and dangers of virus, algae and bacterial contamination are well known. To allow this to occur in a rare biologically diverse area does not make sense. As well as a much used public place exposing visitors to the dangers that cattle manure promotes. Adding to the land available for hiking, biking and viewing flowers, plants, trees, landscape views and wildlife that ending ranching would allow makes sense for the land and the public. I see no benefit to the public recreational user from ranching, only great negatives. How can taking away land from the public use and polluting it serve any public recreational purpose? Not to mention the killing of Elk to promote ranching profits. For what

public purpose? Killing a rare species for the profit of a very small group of profit making ranchers on public recreational land is ludicrous. Is the additional work for Park staff that managing these lands would require a reason for having the ranches? Increase volunteers, add profit making hostels for the public, to acquire additional management funds. I see no benefits to the recreational user of cattle ranching only great harm to the lands of Pt.Reyes. In this era of severe climate change, where we are witnessing the beginning of the end of the Earth's sustainability why would a use that greatly increases climate change be allowed in a public park, when it could so easily be ended. This issue has become an anachronism in the light of climate change. End cattle ranching as soon as possible on Pt.Reyes lands.

#4172

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: First off what's wrong with the cow in the picture with the big red sore on its hind end and why don't we just leave our nature alone it's not the animals fault that we introduced everything else to their grazing area. I've seen the elk grazing before I've seen the cows grazing before why don't we just leave them all alone.

#4173

Name: Crivelli, Anthony

Correspondence: To whom it may concern, I hope you stick with the plan that works for both the ranchers and elk. The ranchers were promised from the parks inception that they would be able to stay and continue their livelihood on their land. Long term leases and culling/maintaining the elk herd is the only realistic way to create a healthy environment for both those providing food for our area and the elk that were planted here in the 70's. The environmentalists don't seem to understand how to maintain a healthy herd in an area that lacks predators or allows hunting. Something needs to be done to control the elk population not only for the ranchers sake but for the health of the elk herd. Thank you for your time. Anthony C. 5th generation West Marin Resident.

#4174

Name: N/A, Antonia

Correspondence: Please protect the Tule Elk!

#4175

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: PLEASE DONT MAKE A HUGE MISTAKE IN RUINING POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE, MURDERING THE NATIVE ELK POPULATION WILL PERMENANTLY CHANGE THE ECOSYSTEM THST SHOULD BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY

#4176

Name: Harrington, Eileen

Correspondence: Absolutely no killing of the Tule Elk. The Amazon lesson about destroying ecosystems to accommodate cattle and other farmed animal grazing should be met with horror. Ecosystems need to stay what they were originally intended to be. Our human desires for farmed animals as food needs to become seen for what it is - a simple human desire that is not needed for an ecosystem to survive and in fact is extremely harmful for the Climate right now. See United Nations Report Livestock's Long Shadow and IPCC's latest reports.

#4177

Name: Hogan, Lisa

Correspondence: Please do not allow expanded use of the Point Reyes National Seashore to allow more non-native animals for ranching or plant cultivation/farming. Please do not allow the killing of any native animals.

Thank you. Lisa Hogan

#4178

Name: McClish, Treja

Correspondence: Herds are native and should be allowed to roam and graze, without restricting population size out expanding current ranching. I think thre No Action option is the best. There is no reason to kill the Elk.

#4179

Name: Weinberg, Rebecca

Correspondence: I strongly urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and grazing in order to encourage more visitors coming to the Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Grazing and farming are inefficient uses of land, increase pollution and have a negative effect on the ecosystem.

#4180

Name: Long, Denise

Correspondence: We are all the time pushing wildlife more and more towards the margins until there's nowhere left for it to go. Hence the frightening rate of extinctions. Please allow these elk space in an environment to which they have every bit as much entitlement as we do.... possibility more! They should not be harassed and killed to satisfy our insatiable demands for more and more farming land. We have to find a humane, non destructive means of sharing this planet with other species. Please don't destroy these elm

#4181

Name: Conna, Edward

Correspondence: Killing off of the elk in this park is a STUPID idea... When will we humans learn that NATURE works the way it's supposed to?

STOP turning our parks into farmland, or amusement parks. LEAVE NATURE ALONE!!!

#4182

Name: Jenkins, Sandy

Correspondence: While I understand that the farms/ranches have a long history in this area, they should not take priority over the wildlife and habitat of such a unique natural habitat.

The grassland should be used for grazing of both existing cattle and elk. That should be manageable with boundary fencing and the commitment to keep row farming out of the area. There must be a compromise that doesn't require the killing of the elk and the conversion of existing grassland.

Why the Park Service has so willingly given up our natural treasures the last few years is beyond my comprehension. Please do not destroy this National Seashore. If a compromise cannot be reached, please consider relocation of the elk rather than killing them. If you say there is nowhere to relocate them, then that in itself would be an argument for maintaining this unique and very special habitat.

#4183

Name: Webb, Maureen

Correspondence: As a National Park supporter, I've signed many petitions to protect the Park system and it's wildlife. I am totally against killing wildlife so that ranchers can use the public lands for cattle grazing! You should

focus on keeping our public lands and wildlife safe instead of allowing the ranchers to influence your decisions.
Thank You, Maureen Webb

#4184

Name: Mundy, Paul

Correspondence: The General management plan amendment draft environmental impact statement, is The worst thing that could happen to this beautiful environment . Removing the elk and replacing with cows goats sheep chickens it's only a ploy for profiteers and not the environment of which people go to see at point Reyes. The plan is ludicrous it's wrong and I'm sure there is a group behind pushing this I can't imagine the Park service wanting such actions .

I am not in favor of this and I think it's wrong .

#4185

Name: Miller, Neil

Correspondence: Manage Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore to become the natural ecosystem that it was prior to 'white man's' intervention. Don't allow any crop farming, or animal husbandry, period. I would like to see it become a wildlands park, so culling the elk population should be left to natural predators. As I always like to say: Manage PEOPLE, not the natural flora and fauna that would be so wonderful to see returned. Thank you.

#4186

Name: Hammer, Catherine

Correspondence: Please do not enact this terrible plan. It will destroy this beautiful park and the natural ecosystem. We visited Pt. Reyes last summer. The majestic beauty of the place and its native inhabitants is beyond measure. This plan is a complete and utter mistake.

#4187

Name: Braun, Matthew

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. Ranches should be managed according to elk populations, not the other way around.

#4188

Name: Speel, Richard

Correspondence: Dairyman have more \$ pull than the preservation of elk, unfortunately!

#4189

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I had the pleasure of visiting Point Reyes this summer and one of the highlights was seeing the Tule elk. I was told that this park was one that happily had been set up to coexist with ranchers. What a terrible sadness to find out that this park is set to be ruined along with so many other of our national treasures. Why are ranchers and cows more important than nature-loving citizens and elk? Every day the country seems to diminish itself.

#4190

Name: de Almeida Moura, Denise

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

So, I ask you please to do the right thing: Please to protect tule elk!!!

Best Regards,

Denise de Almeida Moura

#4191

Name: Schopp, Shae

Correspondence: I support: Improved trails and trail-based recreation. Access to public lands on multi use roads and trails, especially bike access. Creation of loop road and trail systems. Recreational use of existing dirt roads would have little or no environmental impacts

#4192

Name: Enright, Elizabeth

Correspondence: I urge the adoption of Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4193

Name: Conroy, Beverly Ann

Correspondence: Do not destroy elk for ranchers!

#4194

Name: Bender, Donna

Correspondence: we must try to protect what we can for future generations. please stop the carnage that this white house is advocating before its too late.

#4195

Name: Crossen, Cynthia

Correspondence: This desired amendment seems to have no benefit to anyone but ranchers and the state. Killing native species to make room for nonnative is immoral and purely for financial gain. Fences are hardly a price to pay considering this herd would pay with their lives. Also without the elk predators would just feed on the cattle and then the ranchers would want to kill those to. This is a state park, the priority should be preserving the ecosystem and wildlife, not to sell to the highest bidder to house nonnative species that are raised for profit.

#4196

Name: Marie, Ann

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California

Please save the grasslands for the elks and other animals who depend on it for survival. Please adopt Alternative F.

#4197

Name: Rubel, Scott

Correspondence: This should not have to be something we have to ask for. Protect the Tule Elk.

#4198

Name: mcafee, nico

Correspondence: Pls leave the elk @ Point Reyes alone for future generations to enjoy and not succumb to greed !

#4199

Name: Eastwood, Maria

Correspondence: Save the asks. End the hunting.

#4200

Name: Linder, Cheri

Correspondence: We must protect our wildlife!

#4201

Name: Jaeger, Mary

Correspondence: Please do not cull the Tule elk to provide land for cattle. These elk are a critical part of the ecosystem. They also hold a place in the hearts of North Bay residents. Visitors come from the entire North Bay and beyond to enjoy a hike and the elk.

#4202

Name: Conforti, Susan

Correspondence: I don't want elk killed for ranchers or any other reason. Choose option F. Thank you.

#4203

Name: Perkins, Donna

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4204

Name: Pinneo, Dorothy

Correspondence: Help the Ek.

#4205

Name: Morales, Stephanie

Correspondence: Please do not let the tule elk suffer for this plan - they deserve a safe, protected environment.

#4206

Name: Kritzer, Sherry

Correspondence: Please do not slaughter the elk. Hmmm....Climate change. We humans need to consume less beef. So we do not need more cattle. Please allow nature to maintain its own balance. Leave the elk alone. Thank you.

#4207

Name: Cayton, Amy

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F.

#4208

Name: Leonardini, Barry

Correspondence: Too many flora and fauna disappears in the name of progress. Help the hapless who are older than humans.

#4209

Name: aurin, Trina

Correspondence: Please save our world for our kids and grandkids! Don't you have any???????

#4210

Name: Ambrosch-Ashton, Cornelia

Correspondence: That our government would even consider allowing the murder of our precious wildlife, in this case Tule Elk, in our National Parks is mind-boggling! National Parks are there to preserve the land, with its flora and fauna, for future generations. As much as I love cows, I do not visit National Parks hoping for a sighting of them. How about the farmers limit grazing their cattle to their own land or BLM and leave the National Parks to the wildlife? And if the argument is that they don't have enough of their own grazing land or BLM in the area then maybe they should consider moving or reducing the size of their herd. Please do not allow the murder of any of our precious wildlife, keep our National Parks as the safe haven they should be. Thank you.

#4211

Name: Baum, Miriam

Correspondence: What the hell are you stupid brain dead idiots doing to disrupt elk migration. jackasses.how about if the taxpayers disrupt your paychecks and then you dumb asses will get a clue!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#4212

Name: McCann, Jordan

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4213

Name: Monroe, James R

Correspondence: The dairy cattle are NOT more historic than the tule elk on Point Reyes. Drake's bay Oyster Farm was shuttered because it was a private business in a national park. The same holds true for these dairy farms. To add insult to injury, you are proposing to cull the tule elk? If anything needs to be culled it is the cattle, who historically DO NOT BELONG on Point Reyes!

#4214

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4215

Name: Nemirow, David

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4216

Name: Hasson-Snell, Melissa

Correspondence: I do not think that the Park Services should allow killing of Tule Elk on these lands in Point Reyes. This land is leased for crazing iof cattle and not for killing of our wildlife. Wildlife should be able to be wild and not killed just because some rancher wants the entire land for its cattle. This is not agricultural land. It is wild and as a citizen of California I want to keep it that way. So no to the ranchers and yes to keeping wildlife safe.

#4217

Name: Sherman, Elisabeth

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. At this time of climate crisis, we need to consider our local & all ecosystems, & we know that ranching is destructive to them & us. These Tule Elk are part of what makes our area so wonderful, please protect them.

#4218

Name: Reynolds, Jacqueline

Correspondence: This is Park Land! Farmers should not be allowed to harm the natural animal inhabitants for their own gain. Please stop this!

#4219

Name: Gupta, Vivek

Correspondence: Sir/ Madame, 'Tule Elk Management for agricultural permit land' is mentioned. Killing Tule Elk and introduction of cattle in the region may disturb the delicate ecosystem of the area. It might also impact the Whale migration system in the sea adjutant to the coast (more research needs to be done to guage the proper impact on Whale migration by the introduction of new cattles and farms in the area).

There are abundant examples from around the world how imposing new animals and killing existing fauna do the irreversible damage to the ecosystem of a regions.

I strongly urge the authorities to not to disturb the regions delicate ecosystem by killing Tule Elks for providing new grazing pastures for the newly permitted cattle permits in order to preserve the area intact for the future generations.

#4220

Name: Stannard, Mark

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F for the Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Specifically, to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park, provide increased protections for the wildlife, and expand visitor opportunities.

#4221

Name: Bartlett, Linda

Correspondence: Do NOT allow cows to occupy this land. The Elk are a beautiful natural animal to this habitat. NO RANCHING!! It adds to pollution and a devastation to this peaceful ground.

#4222

Name: Tlustos, Margaret

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities and expand visitor opportunities at Point Reyes National Seashore. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4223

Name: Bleha, Patricia

Correspondence: Wild Animals on our public land, a national park in fact, have the right to always be protected. We should not be letting ranchers and farmets use it for their own profits at the expense of the public's right to enjoy this area in its natural state. This is outrageous. No shooting and get the domestic animals off this land!

#4224

Name: Strauss, Paula

Correspondence: The elk play an important part of the natural systems at Point Reyes. They should be cared for, maintained and encouraged as an important key to the nature of Point Reyes. We go to the parks to experience animals, plants. Their territories have been reduced so much that we need to do more expansion of land and preservation of the elk. Thank you.

#4225

Name: Pacheco, Kathy-Lyn

Correspondence: Please make the right decisions to permanently save - not destroy - the habitat and lives of these elk.

#4226

Name: Sheu, Jessica

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Having farm animals grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you,

Jessica Sheu

#4227

Name: Knecht, Thomas

Correspondence: Please put wildlife welfare and habitat above the laziness and greed of ranchers! The Point Reyes elk population is a treasure! Protect them and their habitat from ranchers and their cattle! Get rid of the cattle on NPS land - NOT THE ELK!

#4228

Name: Forbes, Rose

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

#4229

Name: Kahl, Robert

Correspondence: Elk should be allowed to graze on public lands. If ranchers cannot share the area with elk, then do not renew their leases.

#4230

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please be compassionate and stop the potential killing of these animals.

Thank you,

Ken Cerra

#4231

Name: Cooper, Ray

Correspondence: Hello National Park Service

I would like to urge you to consider option "F" which will provide for the removal of the private ranching interests from Pt Reyes Seashore over time. I believe the well-being of the ranchers is important and they should be given viable transition options. Livestock however has no business in a National Park, which is a treasured resource for so many people living in the area now and more importantly, future generations. Keep in mind that priceless and rare ecosystems like Pt Reyes belong to the unborn. Look at the rarity of intact rainforests in North America. Pt Reyes is one of 4 that I know of, and it's the southernmost example. Think of Yosemite or Olympic National Park, would they allow cattle grazing there? Do you know what cattle would do to the Hoh Rainforest in Washington? Talk about a bull in a china shop?

Unfortunately cattle and dairy production in Pt. Reyes Seashore benefits very few at the expense of all of us. You have to think of the external costs that will be felt down the road.

Most importantly, what is the will of the people? There's plenty of other organic dairy producers in the area.

We need to be good ancestors, let's not leave our children with a messy, dying business. Please find the common ground and charge forward with option "F".

Thank you Ray Cooper

#4232

Name: womack, tomi

Correspondence: These beautiful beasts deserve a safe place in this world to flourish. It is not a humans right to destroy them. Leave them be.

#4233

Name: Nunez, Carlos

Correspondence: Adopt alternative F!

#4234

Name: Zandvakili, Katayoon

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for not harming the sacred elk.

Respectfully, Katayoon Zandvakili

#4235

Name: Justus-Rusconi, Valerie

Correspondence: I encourage Option F; Wild species should not be killed for rancher's profit! They sold the land, their 25 years are over, it is time for the ranchers to leave, NOT ELK!

#4236

Name: Barnett, Curtis

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#4237

Name: Ruffer, Dennis

Correspondence: Why do we continue to discriminate, among ourselves and worse, among those who cannot

speak for themselves? Stop this! All of God's creatures deserve equal respect and commerce should not be a deciding factor.

#4238

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am strongly against culling the Tule elk population of Point Reyes National Seashore. Please do not authorize this proposed action.

#4239

Name: Wilkins, Paul

Correspondence: You have the responsibility to protect National Parks for the benefit of all people. Allowing cattle ranchers to displace natural wildlife would be irresponsible and completely against the purpose of the National Parks system. Please terminate the cattle leases once and for all, and preserve OUR parks, not their park.

#4240

Name: Koessel, Karl

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Take this opportunity to end these problems by adopting Alternative F.

Thank you for your attention to my opinion.

Sincerely,

Karl Koessel

#4241

Name: Elliott, Bruce

Correspondence: The Parks Service needs to avoid harming these animals. That is their environment and we have no right to kill them.

#4242

Name: B, Jeffrey

Correspondence: Please drop this plan to allow these elk to be killed. We should be decreasing grazing area for cattle, not INCREASING it!

#4243

Name: Parsons, Ron

Correspondence: Dear Sirs; This is a National Seashore and should be preserved as such. I visit there at least once if not twice a year and it always disturbs me to see the amount of agriculture allowed there. To now hear that the Tule Elk herds may be thinned sickens and angers me. The elk should be allowed to live freely without the fear of being killed because of ranchers there. Please do not kill off portions of these still relatively small herds. Sincerely,
Ron Parsons

#4244

Name: Tanaka, Janice

Correspondence: Dear NPS;

Greed and destruction is gripping the land and ruining the climate in the name of money. Once giving in begins there is no stopping it. Look what has happened to the our air, land and water, since the new administration has taken hold. Please do not become part of it. Cattle men are already responsible for the cruel chasing down, and sterilizing wild horses and burros. It is so important to the planet, and our children and our children's future that we act judicially in protecting what we have now before it has all been lost. Do not please I beg you do not become part of this heinous destruction and preserve all native wild species. This must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. If you have driven North through California, you have smelled the dirt and manured filled feed lots that were once grassy plains. Please do not turn what little is left of our once endless grassy plains stretching through so many states, into this disaster to our ecosystem causing soil erosion and water pollution that spreads invasive species and disease. It is the elks that are natures stewards to the land that is left. Do not please do not harm this endangered species and all that they protect by their existence.

Respectfully yours, Janice Tanaka

#4245

Name: O'DOHERTY, KIT

Correspondence: Lets move out of the "if it doesn't serve human's purposes, shoot them" mentality. We are no longer cave dwellers, lets stop acting like them.

Ask those that don't appreciate the Elk to come up with humane, intelligent and equitable solutions.

Sincerely,

Kit O'Doherty

#4246

Name: Rhodes, Stacy

Correspondence: I do not support the killing native animals in our national parks to make room for cows and other live stock. The walk were here first and human greed has never done anything positive. The more you take away the more we loose of our beautiful country. To kill an animal because its in "the way" very very wrong. Someone stand up for these animals and tell the rich rancwrs to go to hell.

#4247

Name: Harris, Pam

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I believe preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4248

Name: Clark, Cypress

Correspondence: To remove Native Tule Elk would be a travesty! How many animals must die?..for the sake of so called progress. Like the Giant Redwoods these animals are a rare and wonderful gift to California. Something that should be protected! Farmers and developers have wiped out and changed the face of this state for too long.

When does the madness stop. When do you start protecting the rare beauty and asserts of this beautiful county. And if you can't bring yourselves to consider this, then find place to relocate, a sanctuary, or govt lands, or preserved lands.....Invest some money and time to do the right thing!!! This is beyond belief...that you would wipe out another species !!! Make money making this a tourist attraction. One of the Wonders of this State/ county. This is just wrong. I look up to you as the protectors of our Wildlife...please please don't kill them.

#4249

Name: Harvey, Sarah

Correspondence: I used to ride my horse at the Point Reyes National Seashore, and we were always happy to share the beautiful hills with the native creatures. If we cannot find a way to coexist with the creatures who have a birthright to their native habitat, then we humans will not survive as a species.

#4250

Name: Williamson , Kiyoshi

Correspondence: Elk are natural inhabitants of Marin county/Pt Reyes headlands, cattle are not.

Nature over ag onterests

#4251

Name: Klipfel II, George

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4252

Name: Desmond, Sheila

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,

Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops. This is unacceptable!

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Cattle grazing has been shown to negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please adopt Alternative F and save the elk.

Thank you.

#4253

Name: Velez-Mitchell, Jane

Correspondence: Please do NOT kill the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Park! Dear god, we cannot kill our way out of every situation! We are decimating wildlife. We are the taxpayers. You work work us. WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE THESE ELK SLAUGHTERED!

PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS!

#4254

Name: C, Manna

Correspondence: We can't let the cattle industry ruin our eco system like it has done in many other areas. Point Reys is one of the last few untouched areas in this part of the state. I really hope that you decide to protect the natural habitat instead of letting the cattle industry control your every move like the oil industry does. This makes me sick thinking that Point reys would no longer be a sanctuary and instead be overrun by cattle and farming. SHAME ON YOU!

#4255

Name: bennett, tami

Correspondence: Leave the Elk alone.

#4256

Name: Dee, Diana

Correspondence: Please select Alternative F. Leave public lands alone.

#4257

Name: Gavilanes, Diego

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4258

Name: Levin, Maria

Correspondence: This is an outrage to be even considering the killing of these elk, or any other animals for that matter. They belong there, not the cattle. The cattle are causing a lot of damage to the environment, especially when there have become so many there now. The soil is eroded away and native plants trampled and killed. California should be a leader for doing the right thing environmentally not the opposite.

Please save the elk!

#4259

Name: Gross, Kurt

Correspondence: Wildlife needs to take precedence over the grazing rights of cattle. The park has been designated as a place where people can go and "take in nature", not a cheap place for ranchers to exercise the fattening their bottom line. Kindly DO NOT kill these elk; it would be morally wrong and would only benefit a few ranchers at the cost of eradicating yet another safe harbor for what is obviously an iconic species that has a necessary place in the chain of life, not to mention forever changing another of our fast vanishing natural resources.

#4260

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I would like to see the point Reyes seashore kept natural and unadulterated just the way it is. Most definitely did not want it converted into more cattle graze lands nor would I like it to see it planted with the rows of artichokes!

#4261

Name: N/A, Jeff

Correspondence: I believe it is inconceivable that you would allow the killing of elk in our backyard National Seashore for the continuation of cattle ranching. The ranches are somewhat historical, but the wilds of the peninsula should be preserved. Cattle trample native flora in a way that a small heard of elk will not.

As a hiker and photographer I would much rather see elk on the horizon than herds of methane producing cattle.

Make the right choice for the future. We have only one seashore park in the area and only one planet.

#4262

Name: Iyer, Ram

Correspondence: This management plan is neither in the best interest of the native fauna nor for the benefit of Point Reyes National Seashore. Tuly elk are a native species that have been brought back from the brink of extinction and need to be protected instead of culled to promote development. I will do everything in my voting power to deny office to representatives that agree with or stand by and do nothing to stop this management plan. Protected lands must be maintained for the benefit of native flora and fauna in order to preserve them for future generations.

#4263

Name: Beasley, Dale

Correspondence: As plant based "meat" becomes more and more widely available and simulates beef and other animal meat accurately, the need for limiting natural species' numbers; only to serve business interests is needless and shameful.

As Big Business continues to destroy the habitats of endangered animals world wide to satisfy the greed of shareholders and upper management's need to increase their quarterly bonuses, entire species are threatened with extinction in the near future.

And, despite the philosophy of many Americans that profits must be placed above all else, and that "God will provide", once the number of any animal population is reduced to zero, there is NO bringing them back.

Why not cut these few elk some slack, and protect the land that was theirs long before farmers stole it from them.

Thank you, Dale

#4264

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing in defense of the Tule Elk and the Park Service's plan to shoot them to protect cattle as well as open the Point Reyes coast to more farming and grazing. The park service should be defending our parks and wild spaces and not handing them over to ranching and farming interests thereby diminishing our wild lands and putting native species like the elk at risk. As a frequent visitor of Point Reyes and neighbor, I do not support this plan.

#4265

Name: Petit, Patricia

Correspondence: Slaughtering native species is a wrongful and foolish attempt to make extra dollar off of public lands. The Lessees must accept the fact the leases were finite and did not include wiping out native populations. Furthermore, allowing pigs into the area is environmental suicide. These animals root for food. They will breed and reproduce rapidly and make natural restoration of their feeding grounds nearly impossible. Further they are quick to go wild and threaten ground nesting animals and eventually, if not checked threaten all populations. STOP this here and now while you are able.

#4266

Name: Duon, Nicolas

Correspondence: I strongly urge NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

PROTECT our precious, iconic and essential wildlife, NOT greedy ranchers!!!!

#4267

Name: Carnovale, Bruno

Correspondence: Pt Reyes was purchased with public funds to be a national park NOT grazing land for private enterprise. The cattle/dairy businesses who owned that land made a deal that included a lease which is about to expire. Now the business interests want an extension on the lease and to kill off wildlife that competes with their cattle. Nice deal. The public buys the land and they get to keep using it without having all that pesky wildlife eating the grass and part of their profit margin.

There is also the issue about the federal subsidies already being given to the dairy industry due largely to the milk oversupply.

So basically, businesses want a sweetheart renegotiation to help continue producing a product in oversupply that they get additional subsidies for.

#4268

Name: Dunn, Kelly

Correspondence: I strongly urge NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

PROTECT our precious, iconic and essential wildlife, NOT greedy ranchers!!!!

#4269

Name: Fromberg, Jeff

Correspondence: Protect the Tule Elk.

#4270

Name: Morton, Dennis

Correspondence: I strongly urge you to use every means possible to protect the elk. They were here first. Cattle ranchers should not be allowed to encroach upon territory that has long been home to our dwindling population of native animals. ELK YES. CATTLE, NO !!

#4271

Name: Duonn, Nico

Correspondence: I strongly urge NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. I remind you that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

PROTECT our precious, iconic and essential wildlife, NOT greedy ranchers!!!!

#4272

Name: Henderlight, Jill

Correspondence: Dear sir or madam,

I would urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. As hopefully you already know, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. We should not be killing off native animals on their land to make way for farming.

Respectfully,

Jill Henderlight

#4273

Name: vernikovskiy, dalia

Correspondence: stop killing animals- we have no rights to do taht!

#4274

Name: Wheeler, Janet

Correspondence: Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore, California

I strongly oppose the slaughter of tule elk in this national park. Alternative B is not an option that can be considered. Killing these elk to allow for additional cattle and other animals to graze is not a solution. Based on signed lease agreements cattle were permitted to graze on the park lands for 25 years. The agreement did not allow the slaughter of elk in favor of expanding farming and ranching activities.

Native wildlife species have the right to maintain their territory in peace. Humans are consistently and systematically destroying our ecosystem. Maintaining native wildlife is essential to the preservation of California and our planet in general. Grazing only serves to result in water pollution, soil erosion and the spread of disease in addition to the destruction of wildlife. Alternative F should be adopted instead. It would retain our natural habitats and expand visitor opportunities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

#4275

Name: Potter, Doris

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Also, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#4276

Name: Degga, Dr d

Correspondence: Leave the Elk's be, this plan is horrendous! The Tule Elk must be protected!

#4277

Name: Olsson, Ann-Marie

Correspondence: Please do no harm to the elk - this is their home and cattle don't belong grazing there.

#4278

Name: Crow Esq., Alana

Correspondence: Dear Gentleperson: I am writing to you as a wife, mother, entertainment lawyer and animal rights activist asking that you please save the precious elk and adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The world is counting on your kindness ~ Best regards, Alana Crow Esq.

#4279

Name: Granlund, Fred

Correspondence: I am writing to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F for Point Reyes National Seashore, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, because grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Agricultural "diversification" must be done on private land, not in our precious national preserves.

#4280

Name: Elston, Crystal

Correspondence: Tulee Elk are native to California and after having been killed off were reintroduced there and only have small numbers. Now, in order to satisfy ranchers, The National Park Service is considering killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE! The

Drakes Beach elk herd's population only numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018 and the conditions upon which this new agreement would set means that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops. The NPS< whether it is wolves, coyotes, elks, or the like **NEEDS TO STOP PUTTING RANCHERS FIRST!!!!!!** Find another way to make money. You continue to upset the balance of nature and destroy the ecosystems and the beautiful creatures we want to watch and see thrive, and who create a healthy biodiverse ecosystem so you can help farmers! ?! Why ?? Destroying wildlife and land so farmers can raise animals for slaughter, which is a further pollutant to the world. Sick of it!! Just sick of it. So corrupt, so backwards. The NPS needs to put our natural world first and actually protect our parks. I don't eat meat so their farming serves NO interest for me. I do love the planet and natural spaces however and believe they need to be preserved and protected over the income interests of farmers. These are public lands to all the public people who should all have a say.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. As a citizen I can tell you firmly that I am sick and tired of Ranchers and Hunters being catered to over and above 1) Other People/Citizens 2) Over Wildlife that have been there and have every right to continue to be there and that make these spaces **WORTH VISITING!**

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. These farm animals being allowed to constantly graze negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Protect our wildlife. It's time that farmers find another way to maintain their business and its time NPS protect our beautiful wild spaces and wildlife for all of the public, not cater to special interest groups.

#4281

Name: Eaton, Lucy

Correspondence: Please do not kill any of these elk. They are indigenous animals to the area and should be preserved.

#4282

Name: Brockman, Blaise

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk!

#4283

Name: Hubberd, Michael

Correspondence: As a taxpayer, I'm appalled at the prospect of these native elk herds being killed off to support ranching and other commercial efforts. I want these elk protected, not slaughtered! Do the right thing! These elk are native to this land and need protection and conservation, not managed killings. I want to see tax dollars on these public lands spent wisely and for proper purposes- not the killing of innocent herds.

#4284

Name: Neiman, Jordan

Correspondence: the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4285

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4286

Name: Humrich, Gilia

Correspondence: Leave the ELK in peace

#4287

Name: Kauffman, Amy

Correspondence: To whom it may concern: I am writing in favor of Alternative F in the proposed management plan. In our national parks, it is essential that native wild species take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Animal grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. National parks are deeply important to all Americans, and every effort should be made to encourage use of the parks for recreation as wildlife habitat, not animal grazing.

#4288

Name: heavyrunner, mia

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone! There were here way before cattle.

#4289

Name: Erwin, Sheila

Correspondence: These beautiful animals who have roamed the park for decades deserve a better fate than being shot down and murdered. I can imagine any justification for killing them.

Sheila Erwin

#4290

Name: Lemtorp, Bibi

Correspondence: It is of my understanding that farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities. Please do not consider such a cruel act, eliminating wildlife in lieu of profits. Very sad, I truly hope that the support will be in lieu of the Elks.

Bibi

#4291

Name: Ouellette, Tracy

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F which protects our national parks and their native ecosystems from the limited use of special interests. I respectfully request that the National Park Service prioritize park resources for the enjoyment and biodiversity that benefits all Americans rather than for the benefit of special interests such

as ranchers. Please do not kill elk so that ranchers can graze their livestock on public lands. Ranchers should not receive subsidized animal habitat at the expense of our national park biodiversity and ecological health. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do not favor the special interests of the few over the benefit of parks for all. Thank you for your attention.,

#4292

Name: de Nijs, Sacha

Correspondence: Please protect the Rule Elk... They are beautiful animals and are vital to the health of the environment! They are a precious resource and deserve to exist without the threat of trophy hunters!

#4293

Name: Stonich, Tobi

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please adopt Alternative F.

#4294

Name: Nash, Thomas

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk. They can and should be able to continue sharing the land with grazing cattle.

#4295

Name: Garcia, Erin

Correspondence: Not only should you not let the grassland be eaten by new cows bulls pigs chickens for ranchers to move into the land that has been protected by many including the forest service, and to kill off the wild life here is a crime. The reason protected animals should stay protected is for our future generations to be able to enjoy endangered animals and learn by our choices to not take over and put domesticated animals in their place. Its wrong. Our conversation should be the biggest impact we show all future generations to come.. I hope you know how much of a global problem this is making. All the free land my grandfather's fought for is being used improperly! Let wildlife and future generations be able to see and enjoy it! I pay my fee every time i go to a state park.. Once a month or more! I appreciate the wildlife and so do my 5 children! Lets stand and make a difference for all people to love our earth land and animals! ESG

#4296

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: This is an outrageous proposal and I pray for the love of the environment it is NOT approved. We must protect our land and the indigenous animals that live on it.

#4297

Name: Jessler, Darynne

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4298

Name: AKERLUND, SANDA

Correspondence: it is not fair to kill this animals in the favor of the people who make money raising other animals who they kill for money please reconsider it

#4299

Name: Gomez, Melissa

Correspondence: How disgusting to move these animals from the only home they know, for what? beef cattle. Why is killing some of these elk even an option? This is supposed to be a park, not a farm, why take this away from park visitors?

#4300

Name: Kotlyar , Sofia

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do not allow killing of the elk to offer another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. Thank you.

#4301

Name: Sidelnikova , Julia

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do not allow killing of the elk to offer another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. Thank you.

#4302

Name: Volgamore, Katrina

Correspondence: Please stop the plan to eradicate the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Park. There is plenty of land for farmers and ranchers without imposing on the elk natural habitat. This is purely a land grab by greedy ranchers.

#4303

Name: Otero, Julia

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do not allow killing of the elk to offer another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. Thank you.

#4304

Name: Armstrong, Laura

Correspondence: There are other ways to control population growth.

#4305

Name: Armbruster, Nora

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species should take precedence over farming and ranching

activities. Please consider preserving the elk at Point Reyes. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please adopt Alternative F.

Thank you for your consideration!

#4306

Name: Garcia, Armando

Correspondence: I urge you to please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please note that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harm endangered species.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and cooperation.

#4307

Name: Corona, Emily

Correspondence: Please protect the elk. They help with the echo system.

#4308

Name: Rocheleau, Sophie

Correspondence: There are so many alternatives to "Alternative B" - -don't do it!!

#4309

Name: Gibb, Karen

Correspondence: Trump administration awful

#4310

Name: Snaveley, Irene

Correspondence: It is disgusting that the National Park Service would even consider such a plan. We the taxpayers demand that National Park Service not implement this plan.

#4311

Name: Clark Warnisher, Jude

Correspondence: I am wondering how and why the National Park Service is considering killing elk in the name of meat production? It would seem a poor choice except for the fact that it probably means profit for the Park Service and ranchers. But wait, that seems a poor choice period!

I realize that the National Parks are a full service organization and that there are multiple land uses in our National Parks. However, it would seem that the the animals who live in this natural environment are the ones who should be getting priority in their own environment not domesticated livestock who devastate land with their grazing.

Meat production is harming the planet in so many ways. The Amazon is burning for meat and we continue to prioritize meat production to the detriment of environment. This seems to be adding further insult to injury in terms of our natural environment and the species who reside in our National Parks.

I have seen videos and pictures of the animals of Yellowstone who have had enough of stupid humans in their environment. I know we are not talking about Yellowstone but I feel these are fantastic examples of who really deserves to be in the park. We continue to think we are going to Disney Land when we enter a National Park; that the true residents of the parks are there for OUR enjoyment when it is the human population who is invading their space and their home without due respect and distance.

These elk in Point Reyes deserve similar respect and distance and the right to not have to give up their lives for cattle. This just seems wrong and poorly thought out on the part of the Park Services.

The natural world keeps losing everyday because of our insufferable ignorance and greed. When does it stop? Will it stop? When will the human species actually realize that it is NOT the most important species on the planet and that if we continue to degrade our natural places for things like meat production and oil we are truly the biggest losers. We will lose a rich heritage of natural places populated by the animals and plants and people who depend on these natural places for life. And in the long run, we, as well, depend on these wild places and their inhabitants for life as well.

Please consider other options at Point Reyes and choose elk over cattle!!

Sincerely, Jude Clark Warnisher

#4312

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: so sad. please protect them and all animals for our future

#4313

Name: Groome, Malcolm

Correspondence: I was horrified to learn that the National Park Service is considering killing the tule elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore. This plan is abhorrent to all of us who support this native species and its reintroduction to this area after being killed off previously.

I condemn Plan Alternative Plan B which would kill elk so that famers and ranchers can expand their activities in this parkland. Parks should instead focus on eco-visitors for this region. Please do not let greed and lobbies allow these destructive human activities to intrude on what should be natural and protected.

As you well know, catle grazing degrades native ecosystems, cause pollution and soil erosion. It also spreads disease and causes invasive species to enter, which further harms endangered species.

Your title is National Parks Service. Please live up to your mission and protect this parkland and endangered species. You are not in existence to serve ranchers and agricultural interests! These leases should be discontinued!

I therefore support Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in our national park and and instead allow for a more natural ecosystem, and even regulated tourism. Let the tule elk thrive!

Thank you for considering my views, and I suspect these are in line with the majority of Americans.

#4314

Name: Davis, Lisa

Correspondence: Please stop these ruthless acts

#4315

Name: Lewis, Ashley

Correspondence: NPS,

As a longtime Marin resident, I strongly oppose the plan Alternative B, which includes killing a portion of the Drakes Beach and Limantour elk herds and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families of over 26,000 acres, allowing over 5,500 cows.

The Drakes Beach elk herd's population was only 124 animals in 2018, and the Limantour herd only 174. Alternative B would limit the Drakes herd to 120 animals maximum, and the Limantour herd would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," essentially meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed, which is completely unacceptable!

Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep to raise for meat onto this land. Killing the iconic elk of Drakes Beach and Limantour in order to allow animal farmers to raise animals for profit and slaughter, while degrading this beautiful ecosystem is NOT acceptable in this community who so highly values nature and the animals in it. The Point Reyes National Seashore was originally bought from ranchers to protect a piece of nature for nature lovers to enjoy and to allow nature to flourish, it would be ridiculous to go backwards on this now!

I strongly urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, it is well documented that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

Please adopt Alternative F in this decision.

Thank you for your time, Ashley Lewis

#4316

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Dear National Parks Service, Please discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Park, and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. We need to do everything we can to cut back on pollution caused by cattle ranching, and the leasing of the Park for such a purpose is destructive.

Thank you for reading my comment.

#4317

Name: Esposito , Dan

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternate F, thank you.

#4318

Name: Adams, Ashley

Correspondence: Absolutely not!!!! Protect our wildlife at all costs. They are what makes this state beautiful. My only suggestion is to put a limit on the amount one person can kill. It also shouldn't be open to just anyone either. Please don't kill these beautiful creatures!!

#4319

Name: Hutchins, Sarah

Correspondence: The preferred Alternative must prioritize wildlife not private profiteers, cows, or other livestock, as is the job of the NPS : to preserve biodiversity and the public's opportunities to see wildlife. Do not kill the Tule Elk for any reason, but especially not for for-profit ranchers.

#4320

Name: Buddes, Shannon

Correspondence: Can we please not kill elk? Can we come to some sort of compromise or the best thing would be not to graze cattle there any longer!

Thank You, Shannon Buddes

#4321

Name: Andrew, Karen

Correspondence: I'd not want to see elk or any other animal needlessly killed. Barbaric. How about neuter and spay programs??

#4322

Name: Keyser , Ruth

Correspondence: These elk have lived their entire lives on this land & are not encroaching on these farmers land. If these cattle ranchers cannot share what land they are "stealing" renting for their cattle to graze on that is their personal problem. These elk were here first & if that these ranchers cannot handle having their cattle eating the same grass as the elk too damn bad. This is their home not your cattle's home.

#4323

Name: Blakely , Karen

Correspondence: Point Reyes, and all national park areas, should encourage wildlife! The Tule Elk are an important part of that wildlife and are appreciated by those who come to enjoy one of the few protected areas on the coast. There are many reasons why cattle should not be expanded anywhere (i.e. methane, the growing interest in meat replacements), but certainly not in a national park area! I have no problem with the existing agreements. But the Tule Elk are something I treasure seeing each time I make the drive to Point Reyes. I find the suggestion that they should be removed from a national park area appalling!

#4324

Name: Wright, Katherine

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

We must do all we can to protect animals and our environment.

#4325

Name: Gilbert, Rachelle

Correspondence: This is sufficient I disturbing and disgusting. Stop allowing money to win. These animals have the rights to graze and live undisturbed. Don't let Farmers ruin our land, animals or use our tax payer money to profit! No to allowing tule elk to be killed!!!

#4326

Name: Brown, Lisi

Correspondence: Have we learned nothing about the errors of turning all land into ranching and agricultural property??? So tired of hearing about selfish, ignorant human behavior!

#4327

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: PLEASE REVERSE THIS INCREDIBLY IRRESPONSIBLE DECISION. It is unbelievable that our native elk, on OUR national seashore, would be culled for the benefit of the few ranchers who benefit from using OUR land. This is absolutely unethical, environmentally insane, and I beg you, as a very concerned citizen, to reverse this decision.

#4328

Name: green, christian

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4329

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Do not harm the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, or any animals, for they also have the right to life. Man, ranchers and cattle are not the only ones that should benefit from Mother Nature. The earth is for all. We are not given great power and knowledge to do harm, but to create solutions despite challenges to better our world. Harming animals is a weak argument and is never a solution; it never contributes to making any environment "better". It only encourages normalizing killing of precious creatures that belong in the same place as us. Place your conscience where it should be.

#4330

Name: Kingaard, Ingrid

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Randomly killing wildlife to provide additional space for grazing is irresponsible and unsustainable in terms of balancing our ecosystem. Ranchers have all they need to graze their cattle, which ultimately end up in slaughter regardless. It is insensitive and wholly unacceptable to simply kill off the relatively few elk who make their home at Point Reyes. For simply living their lives where they are intended to be they are killed. This is arbitrary, egotistic and unnecessary.

Point Reyes is one of the prettiest parts of California, drawing tourists year round. People who come there love to see nature at its best and this includes the presence of Elk.

Please don't tip the scale in favor of ranchers. These elk deserve their homes and their lives every bit as much as you do. It simply is not our call as human beings to decide which ones live and which ones don't.

Sincerely, Ingrid Kingaard

#4331

Name: Coleman, Cayla

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk Find a different solution

#4332

Name: Deproost, Antoine

Correspondence: As people lease from the government they should at least respect the present wildlife. If that isn't possible I feel that preserving nature and wildlife is in the long-term much more important than short term gains. Therefore I urge you to go with alternative F, i.e. stopping farming in these areas all together if respectful cohabitation between farmers and wildlife wouldn't work.

Thanks, Antoine Deproost

#4333

Name: Wang, Rebecca

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4334

Name: Chan, Chungsze

Correspondence: Please protect Elk and all animals and not to let any one any business any departments to do anything yo hurt animals

#4335

Name: Travis, Alan

Correspondence: We have no need for more cattle grazing in this country. The very idea that you would harm the native, I REPEAT, NATIVE Tule Elk in favor of an invasive and environmentally destructive species of cattle is ridiculous. Please refrain from harming the Elk which is a major draw to the seashore and will impact tourist interest if harmed.

#4336

Name: Harris, Christine

Correspondence: Hello National Park Service,

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please preserve wildlife, nature, the ecosystems, and our planet. It's all we have.

Best Regards, Christine Harris

#4337

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park, and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4338

Name: Saei, Ada

Correspondence: STOP KILLING WILDLIFE. Enough killing, it's enough! We are losing species and our environment is at stake. Let's preserve what we have and cherish it! No more re murder

#4339

Name: Edgington, Tonya

Correspondence: I don't see any reason for hunting these animals.

#4340

Name: Fodich, Lenka

Correspondence: There is enough land in use already all over the country for cattle. I am very concern about the huge amount of waste that is involve in rising cattle, pigs and poultry. How all this waste is properly manage? It would be interesting to know all these details before making a decision of killing the elks. Have you considered everyone opinion before taking these decisions?

Now are the elks, later on will be the rest of the animals besides cattle, pigs and poultry?

#4341

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It seems the NPS is hell bent on destroying public lands in favor of private interests. There's growing evidence that livestock production is a major factor contributing to our climate crisis, and that keeping nature in balance is critical to helping our planet heal. Therefore, it would seem logical to move toward protecting our wild spaces, not divvying them up for further destruction. This is a really bad plan and I am commenting to express my strong objections to it.

#4342

Name: Felkins, Erika

Correspondence: After extensive reading on these proposed plans and alternatives, measure F seems undoubtedly like the best option. Environmentally, it makes the most sense. Regarding the watershed, the soil, and the air quality, measure F is a must. If we don't have a healthy environment, then what do we have? More meat? It would be for the benefit of most of measure F were to be implemented. Tourism would increase as well as the natural diversity of the grasslands. I understand the implications this may have for the beef and dairy ranchers, but nonetheless I think that is a small price to pay for the environmental quality that Point Reyes deserves.

#4343

Name: Menendez, Gabrielle

Correspondence: Tule Elk are natural habitants. Cows are not. Let the Tule Elk live in peace and have to cows graze elsewhere.

#4344

Name: Boltz, Randall

Correspondence: DO NOT allow domesticated stock here, WILDLIFE ONLY

#4345

Name: Johnson, shawn

Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore in California and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Domestic grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading of invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species.

#4346

Name: Kreider, Paula

Correspondence: NO NO NO NO!!!!

#4347

Name: Correa, Manuel

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#4348

Name: Luban, Holly

Correspondence: The very fact I'm reading this is disgusting! Good lord, figure something out.

#4349

Name: N/A, Marlana

Correspondence: Animal agriculture is a violent industry and 100% unnecessary. We SHARE this earth with other beings. We have no moral right to cause impose our will in animals for such trivial things as taste cravings. We all know eating animals is not a biological requirement for human animals. This is 2019. We have a myriad of options that do not mess up the earth and destroy animals. As moral beings we should always chose less harm

Wild animals have a right to exist. And the sooner we stop breeding animals and using their bodies...the better off we will all be.

We share this earth.

#4350

Name: Albert, Susan

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. I know you have seen this happen before, please take into consideration fixing the problem after it happens is so much harder to correct.

#4351

Name: Jaramillo Gonzalez, Natalia

Correspondence: This is absurd, guys. The preferred alternative must prioritize wildlife, not private profiteers, cows, or other livestock, as is the job of the NPS: to preserve biodiversity and the public's opportunities to see wildlife. Please and thank you.

#4352

Name: Weissmann, George

Correspondence: How outrageous! You are shills for Big Ag instead of guardians of wildlife, which is your duty and obligation.

Do your damned job and tell those cow murderers to get off the park, and preserve the elk and other wildlife, the natural beauty that Big Ag has destroyed in a big way.

Dr. George Weissmann

#4353

Name: p, j

Correspondence: Discontinue farming and ranching immediately and allow this land to be used as it should be - as national park land.

Alternative F is the appropriate decision.

This would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

These elk, and other native species, need and deserve this land as it is their home.

#4354

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please reconsider your policy on the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Park. I had the honor of visiting this historic seaside park two years ago and was fortunate enough to view some of these graceful creatures. This is their home and they are part of what makes this National Park worth visiting. Killing these animals in the name of ranching is antithetical to the existence of state and national parks and reserves. I hope that you realize the Tule Elk should be allowed to thrive in their native area without fear of execution.

Sincerely, Zoe

#4355

Name: O., L.

Correspondence: This plan ignores Indigenous species. Destroys the natural state of the ecosystem for monetary gain. This plan is shameful and in direct conflict with the taxpayers understanding of the purpose of the NPS. NPS is intended to be a STEWARD not a Perpetrator of our NATURAL resources!

#4356

Name: Hennebury, Wayne

Correspondence: Please leave these Elk alone to live and roam where they belong and stop killing everything at the request of people that just want more money and have no conscience about how or what is done to get it.

#4357

Name: Perryman, Heidi

Correspondence: Public use of an ungated expansive national park is a difficult thing to quantify. Over the years, my husband and I have visited Point Reyes National Seashore hundreds of times, even though we have only come to the visitors center only two or three. In our years of hiking the trails, exploring the beaches or canoeing the bays we have encountered a ranger only once. So maybe the story of our use of the park will come as a surprise.

Ours is an east bay family. We live in Martinez California in Contra Costa County. My husband and father were both powerplant operators which means they both worked rotating shifts. During my long years of graduate school my husband and I were rarely off at the same time because of his shift work. However, one Wednesday a month would fall on his long change and my break between classes. We called this our Special Wednesday and would without fail pack a picnic lunch and navigate the 60 miles to PRNS, where we would spend the day exploring what the park had to offer.

Whether it was hiking muddy hollow to Limitour beach, canoeing past the seals and leopard sharks at Drakes bay, delighting in wildlife flowers at chimney rock, counting the Tule elk along the Tomales point trail, or searching the copse along the Estero Trail for owls, this park in every season never ever disappointed. Whether we ended the day barbecuing at Tomales state park or, when we could afford it, having dinner in Inverness, PRNS was a magically wrapped present that we could open up again and again. Many times we brought visitors from outside California and from out of the country. They were always enchanted and couldnt wait to return.

There are two categories of memories I treasure in our decades of adventure. Wildlife encounters and Wilderness encounters. The ability to leave the crowd and hike into territory that can be discovered anew. Whether it was finding out when the fog lifted we were completely surrounded by Tule Elk, or stopping mid-wade in the shallow limitour bay because we suddenly realize that arrow-shaped shadow was a resting sting ray: PRNS was our secret garden, we could visit again and again and be transported every single time.

It is ridiculous to imagine Point Reyes could be improved by boat camping, expanded farming, or fewer Tule Elk. Never did a single visit make a visitor wish fondly for those things. PRNS is an wild oasis in a Bay Area churning with use and urbanity. It could never exist if it had to be created now in the current capital thirst for land. Its a veritable miracle it ever survived and should be treated as more precious than gold.

The proposed changes do not reflect the value of why the land was set aside in the first place. No one ever fondly remembers the cows after their visit, but I will always remember the magical feeling I would have every time wed approach on special Wednesday, deciding whether to revisit some preciously discovered treasure or explore a path that was totally new.

Heidi Perryman, Ph.D.

#4358

Name: Varni, Matthew

Correspondence: Please do not allow the cull of the Tule Elk Herd on this land. I fail to see how this could be a benefit to this property. The people of our state, our country, our world come from all over to see these beautiful animals. I don't understand how the land can not be shared with the cattle farmers. These animals are not predators. There is no good reason to exterminate the herd for the benefit of livestock farmers. Once these native animals are gone, they won't be coming back. Look at how long it has taken this country to bring back the buffalo. Please eliminate this action from your management plan. Thank you.

#4359

Name: Bournellis, Cynthia

Correspondence: Are we going to destroy our lands all in the name of cattle? McDonalds sells burgers for as low as \$1, which is an insult to the cow. But just as important, you want to destroy our lands so that these big fast-food giants can sell meat for \$1? Think of the irony of this.

Furthermore, our lands are not for cattle alone. Cows are even indigenous to America! You are killing our lands full of wild grasses, plants and animals just to raise an animal that doesn't even belong here.

I am disgusted by the cattle industry's abuse of power over our lands.

The elk deserve to live here just as much as any other life form.

Stop destroying our wildlife and wild places and learn to be sustainable ranchers/farmers.

#4360

Name: Vitale Mandich, Rebecca

Correspondence: Dear NPS I am writing to urge you not to renew the agriculture contract with the ranchers for the public lands in Point Reyes national Seashore This land belongs to the Tule elk who have no economic voice in this land deal. It is their natural habitat and not the cattle's. The ranching industry should have no grazing rights on this land. I have stopped eating meat because it is a carbon emitting program and contributing by 23% to global warming. The national park service should not in the agricultural business and should not be defining our public lands by leasing them to a polluting industry where the nation's carbon sequestering wildlife roam.

Thank you Rebecca Vitale Mandich

#4361

Name: Tataranowicz, Thomas

Correspondence: I am opposed to the destruction and killing of the Point Reyes Tule Elk as a senseless and needless action by the Government. Do not do this!

#4362

Name: Heggart, Connor

Correspondence: As a visitor of Point Reyes National Park I was already amazed that national park land was being used for cattle and agriculture. I can't think of another national park that allows such land use. To expand this philosophy and further prioritize private agriculture over the natural wildlife is beyond comprehension. My understanding is that cattle is permitted in recognition and celebration of the parks history. I don't see any historical significance in the park or benefit to park users from artichokes. Bobcats are incredibly rare and difficult to find across North America. Introduce small livestock like chickens and I have no doubt farmers will be calling for a bobcat and coyote cull. I don't see anyone's interests being served by the proposed changes other than agricultural interest. Lastly, if you simply want to consider monetary gain, a study looking at the value of a single bobcat on the Madison river in Yellowstone found it accountable for \$308,000 per year in tourist money. In 2

weeks I found 18 Bobcats in Point Reyes. If these changes were accepted I would reconsider my plans to visit the park again.

#4363

Name: Brown, James

Correspondence: Please check out this urgent information regarding the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

We only have until September 23 to urge the National Park Service to protect tule elk. After you've submitted your comment, please forward this e-mail to all of your contacts.

#4364

Name: Coyle, Gregory

Correspondence: Dear sirs,

Please consider that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I urge you to consider Alternative A.

Alternative B, which involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families, will have a negative impact on the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards, Gregory M. Coyle

#4365

Name: Roberts , Charita

Correspondence: Tule elk are far more environmentally important and vital to the ecosystems in this area than cows and other domestic livestock. Some things are more important than money and connections with agribusiness operators.

Why must we insist on carrying on the morally bankrupt concept of manifest destiny?

Shame on you NPS.

#4366

Name: Sherman, Teri

Correspondence: Hello: I urge you to urge it to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4367

Name: Huls, Lary

Correspondence: Allowing farming at a national park is antithetical to the mission of our national parks. One of the things that makes our parks unique, that makes America great, is our preservation of wilderness. Not everything had to be a for profit endeavor.

#4368

Name: Benadiba, Mimi

Correspondence: NPS the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. This must NOT take place!

#4369

Name: Licht, Fred

Correspondence: Regarding Point Reyes National Seashore in California, I am writing to urge you to adopt "Plan F", which supports the preservation of native wild species and which must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. As a way to properly balance the needs of this area, the land was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years. There is no reason to alter that agreement in a manner that will negatively impact the area and it's natural habitats.

Alternative solutions under consideration by the National Park Service involves killing the Tule Elk that were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off. Allowing farmers and ranchers to bring in cows, pigs and sheep, as well as the planting of row crops will negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I urge the NPS to properly maintain the preservation of native wild species and habitat and that these goals must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Thank you.

Fred Licht

#4370

Name: Laury, Ritva

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the plan to kill the native Tule Elk and to open up more grassland to farming. I believe that the Point Reyes wilderness is a highly valuable natural resource. There is already farming allowed in the area and in nearby communities. Once the native elk are eliminated, they will never return. This would strongly impact the ability of ordinary citizens to enjoy the area and it would be a grievous loss to the general public.

#4371

Name: Alexander, Leah

Correspondence: I am vehemently against the killing of the Tule Elk. Since when is it the government's job to kill off all, or even part of a wild species for the private profiting of these ranchers? Who ironically also are killing animals (which also disgusts me). The fact this is even being considered is tragic. Please listen to public comment and do not play God by unethically killing wild animals for private gain.

#4372

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Regarding the future of Point Reyes National Seashore and the two herds of elk that graze there, I'm writing to request that the National Park Service select adopt Alternative F. Alternative F would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities, and I believe it is superior and preferable to Alternative B, which would not only involve the killing of some elk, but would also offer another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. Not only that, but Alternative B lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows!

Along with many other Americans who have visited Point Reyes National Seashore and experienced the wonder of the elk in this setting, I hope you will keep in mind that as a national park, it's important to put the interests of all of the public before those of groups of ranchers and farmers. I believe that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. In your decision-making process, please remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4373

Name: Hall, Karen

Correspondence: Dear Sirs/Madames:

PLEASE do not do anything that will endanger, or lessen, the number of Elks in Point Reyes National Park. This is a stunning & unique ecosystem, and one of the most beautiful parts is seeing the Elk run free.

#4374

Name: hamby, angela

Correspondence: As a member of the public who uses this land, I am shocked to learn of plans to release this land for massive grazing operations. This land is so overworked and worn out from past operations. It needs rehabilitation so that native species can return over the invasive pests and nothingness that currently abides. Slaughtering the small number of Elk in favor of massive cow grazing goes against all logic. To combat climate change, we need to empower wild spaces to fight on their own, as research shows they can. We need not favor more beef industry waste that is fueling climate change in the first place.

Lastly, as a user of this rather worn out looking park, I would like to see it more beautiful. This would NOT happen with more cows. Please adopt a sensible policy that encourages the restoration of this much-needed open space habitat.

#4375

Name: anthonis, luc

Correspondence: Regarding Point Reyes National Seashore in California

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4376

Name: McBirney, Joanne

Correspondence: Why is our solution always to kill? Tule elk are a native species and deserve the right to graze in their own habitat. Cattle contribute to greenhouse gases and are not good for the environment. These ranchers need to limit their herds and leave the elk alone.

#4377

Name: Hutt, Sarah

Correspondence: No Please let's keep the California coastal community for its intended nature., and for the enjoyment of its natural habitat and its inhabitants. Let's celebrate all. Life as it is. We need natural space to maintain our equilibrium as inhabitants of this planet, as do the animals and other inhabitants of this beautiful piece of our earth. All creatures need to share this planet.

#4378

Name: Getty, Adele

Correspondence: I support amendment F, Point Reyes is a national monument to nature. More camping, more trails, cleaner water sheds, the return of native grasses and plants, more wild life, cleaner air less ammonia all seem at the core of what the National Park should be supporting. In Amendment B more cattle and the lack of specificity around more diversification would actually mean is disturbing. As is the 20 year lease to the ranchers. I can never support welfare ranchers or subsidized cattle ranches on public land. When I come upon a spring or creek that has been polluted and destroyed by free range cattle I despair. To kill the the Drake herd and support for another w0 years the diversification of expanded ranch production seems incorrect and not in the best interest of the American people. When the white deer were killed, the company that contracted for that killing illegally dumped the bodies off a cliff. I think you will find massive opposition to plan B Give us more hiking trails, camping situation, car camping, and wild life that's what national parks thrive on and the American people love and support

#4379

Name: Rogers, Pam

Correspondence: Adopt alternative F. Save the Tule Elk.

#4380

Name: Setaro, Michelle

Correspondence: Please protect the elk from cattle ranchers. Its their home. The cattle ranchers are destroying and taking everything. Please do not kill these INNOCENT Elks that want to live too. Its their home. PLEASE STAND UP FOR OUR PLANET and THE ANIMALS. THANK YOU.

#4381

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please choose the only humane option best for our earth & ecosystem to address this issue - Alternate F. Preservation of a native species must be honored for the sake oif our world. Farm grazing has a multi-facteded negative impact on all our ecosystems causing water pollution, sol erosion, the spread of disease and harming other species.

Please make the proper and humane choice and not be influenced by only commerce. Murder of sentient beings is never justified, especially in the name of financial profit.

#4382

Name: McMillan, Neil

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4383

Name: Raible, Annette

Correspondence: STOP!!

#4384

Name: R, V

Correspondence: Please leave the Elk alone.

#4385

Name: Kulp, Eileen

Correspondence: Why is it that every time there is over crowding, you have to KILL every living creature? You need to PULL YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR ASS and collectively THINK!!!I'm sure you're not all that STUPID. There is a solution to this and killing isn't the answer. Has anyone ever thought about contacting an Organization that works with these situations, such as Sanctuaries that have numerous species and ask how they contain or separate the species to avoid KILLING them ? These ranchers need to also do their part in providing another feeding method for their cattle, to allow ample grazing for the next herd of cattle. Hell, if my father could do it on the small amount of land we had, then you should be able to do it. You ALL need to THINK and talk to each other and come up with a COLLECTIVE PLAN that involves input from Organizations that can help with this situation. And everyone NEEDS to LISTEN to the advise that's offered, because KILLING isn't the SOLUTION.

#4386

Name: Beatty, Janet Lee

Correspondence: I am sick of the murder of innocent animals by the Federal Government in order to protect the profits of so called private ranchers. Yes, I eat beef. But, if cattle ranchers want to use public land, then they have to put up with wildlife whose lands they are raising their cattle on. If that means that the price of beef goes up a bit, then so be it. Stop with this welfare program of mass slaughter for the beef industry. Do NOT murder the Tule ELk. They are few and cattle are many. SThe Tule Elk must be saved. Sincerely, Janet Lee Beatty

#4387

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Save the elk please. Stop the killing

#4388

Name: N/A, Greg

Correspondence: Hello there and happy Monday! I hope your week has been going well, I wanted to please touch base as I had read an article regarding the adoption of Alternative F. I'm highly in favor for this and would encourage the park to do the same, thanks!

#4389

Name: Anderson, Leslie

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone. This plan is cruel and inhumane.

#4390

Name: Dickson, Carolyn

Correspondence: I ask that you adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing adversely affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Again I request that you adopt Alternative F.

#4391

Name: Mains, Gillian

Correspondence: In regards to Tule Elk at Point Reyes, I implore you to adopt Alternative F option. Earth's ecosystem is in a dangerous position right now, and we need to put wildlife, especially native wildlife above ranching. Livestock grazing negatively affects the ecosystem, causing water pollution and soil erosion. We are being repeatedly told that we need to move away from meat-based diets, so please look at what is best for the planet and do not offer another 20-year lease to the farming and ranching communities.

Thank you for your consideration!

#4392

Name: MacKay, Calum

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Please remember that this is a national park. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you

#4393

Name: Becker, Carol

Correspondence: Do not kill Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore, California !

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park at Point Reyes National Seashore and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species like ELK must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Sincerely, Carol F. Becker

#4394

Name: VEGA, NELLY

Correspondence: I CAN NOT SUPPORT THAT TO GIVE SPACE TO SOME ANIMALS AND YOU PLAN TO KILL ELKS. if YOU WANT TO MOVE IN A NEW HOME YOU KILL THE PEOPLE LIVING IN ??

#4395

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please adopt Alternative F.

#4396

Name: Smith , Leslie

Correspondence: I most strongly urge the NPS adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

We are in unprecedented times. All life on Planet Earth is at risk because of human activities.

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2019/05/nature-decline-unprecedented-report/>

All land that is NOT public land has the ability to be converted to any use, including farming and ranching. BUT, public land is exactly the opposite-the only land purchased for the public good, to preserve our natural and cultural heritage. It is NOT to be subverted to private profiteering activities.

I currently patronize a West Marin county dairy products. If they destroy our native wildlife because of the greedy destruction of native species, I will organize the largest boycott ever seen so that there will be zero need to farm and ranch on Point Reyes National Seashore land, bought in 1962 with public dollars for public purposes. End the greed that is causing murder and mass extinction.

#4397

Name: Stevenson, Pamela

Correspondence: The elk population is small in number. Limit ranching population, instead.

#4398

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The land was bought to be National Park, and the agreement was to allow 25 year leases so the ranchers had plenty of time to find another job by the time the land was given back to the people as Park. That was the deal and everyone should stick to it. Now there is an attempt to make a new deal and manage the Elk by killing them, (seems there is only one tool in the toolbox). Why do so many of these plans carve out a giveaway of public land to corporations or individuals, land belonging to Americans, not the Park Service. I am a frequent visitor and have been waiting years for this land to revert to our ownership with access for hiking and birdwatching. I cant believe there is an attempt at an end run around this deal.

#4399

Name: Davis, Cheryl

Correspondence: Please do not kill or remove the Tule Elk. The ranchers agreed to leave years ago and were well compensated for that agreement. It is unconscionable that the USPS would consider killing protected elk for agricultural purposes. Let people enjoy our public lands by hiking, biking, equestrian use etc.

#4400

Name: Johnston, Geri

Correspondence: Please save these grand creatures. Thank you. Geri

#4401

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: To whom it may concern: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion,

spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please do the right thing as climate change and an inept administration is destroying the environment.

#4402

Name: Hiken, Jeremy

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4403

Name: O'Neill, Valjean

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park. The preservation of NATIVE WILD species needs to take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems causing water pollution, soil erosion allowing invasive species over growth creating disease and harming endangered species.

#4404

Name: DeLaBriandais, Donna

Correspondence: The farmers have enough farming land to graze and it is unconscionable that they would want to reduce the few elk left and take their land. The Elk are part of the Point Reyes landscape and should remain and allowed to grow. There are so few now! Greed and selfishness is what this is about. We do not NEED more cattle or milk, but we do NEED to respect the wild and enjoy seeing this history in our national parks.

#4405

Name: Yu, Katie

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. These points I'm sure have already been well known to the National Park Service. Do the right thing for greater good, not for special interest groups!

#4406

Name: Armstrong, Lynn

Correspondence: The Point Reyes National Seashore was established for the purpose of creating a national park to preserve and protect the unique natural environment there. Use of the land for commercial farming operations was supposed to be phased out after 25 years. Instead, park planners are being swayed by commercial interests of the farming lessees on the land. This was NOT the original intent when the park was formed! Further development by introducing additional livestock and growing row crops would degrade the land and destroy the existing ecosystem there forever. The Tule elk, native to California, were painstakingly brought back from extinction and should be allowed to thrive. The park planners should be studying ways to allow more visitors to enjoy the natural wildlife there, rather than allowing a few with commercial interests to use the land for their own shortsighted purposes.

#4407

Name: Olivarez, Carmen

Correspondence: It is the cows. the cattle that presents a great harm to the planet. We, as a planet need to take forward and appropriate steps to restore the habitat for the wildlife, which includes the elk. The cow waste is creating a gargantuan problem for the planet, by emitting Carbon Dioxide into the earth's atmosphere, creating

when cow waste is rotting. We need to be cautious about what we put into the sky and into the soil. It is far more important to allow the elk to return to their natural habitat, than to let the ranchers take advantage of the land and continue to damage the environment. The damage the cows do to the environment, has a detrimental impact for the entire planet and future generations.

#4408

Name: Ratzlaff, Karen

Correspondence: Leave the elk be. It is their land first. We already have the Trump administration gutting the Endangered Species Act, so we don't need our state agencies adding to the carnage that is going to create. Redwood National Park has elk and it is one of the reasons we go there, besides the ocean, Fern Canyon and the redwoods. The elk have every right to graze their habitat without human interference. Sheep and cattle grazing comes lat in this debate. If ranchers cannot feed their livestock without using state land, then they should go out of business. That is a form of corporate welfare that needs to end. Look at what the Bundy family has done to Nevada refusing to pay the land use fees. It is ridiculous that tax dollars go to fighting a legal battle with fools like them. And speaking of fools, next, you will want to open the land to hunters.

#4409

Name: Weisz, Russell

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4410

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4411

Name: Mellen, Bernice

Correspondence: PLease protect these elks and ALL animals!!!!!!!

#4412

Name: Elliott, Vincent

Correspondence: Protect the tule elk, don't kill them.

#4413

Name: Mooney, Loren

Correspondence: This is a National Park, not a feed lot! I can not believe you are going to do this to *our* public land, in a National Park, of all places. You're literally going to kill wildlife in a park, to make room for more livestock. Shame on you.

#4414

Name: Woodard, Jud

Correspondence: Save the elk!

Hands off the elk!

It's a National Park for crying out loud!

The priority needs to be reducing the cows' numbers, not the elks'!

Do your job National Park Service!!!

Signed Jud - - a Veteran, a tax payer, a Park visitor

#4415

Name: Cagey, Sharon

Correspondence: Please protect the elk

#4416

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I have read the General Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I live in CA and my wife family and I regularly visit Point Reyes and have done so over the past 30 years. We visit Point Reyes National Park at least 3 times per month and have done so for many years. I wish to comment on the desirability of Alternative F. As noted in the plan, in alternative F, "ranching operations would be discontinued, and visitor opportunities would be expanded." This sentence says it all. The expansion of visitor opportunities to be realized in alternative F indicates the excellence of this alternative from the standpoint of the parks' principal stakeholders: visitors; i.e. taxpayers who bought and paid for the park lifetimes ago. Point Reyes is a National Park it is PUBLIC PROPERTY; not PRIVATE. Hence, since alternative F develops the park in accordance with its PUBLIC character and dramatically expands the PUBLIC's (Visitors'/ taxpayers) opportunities to enjoy the park (for example, by increasing CAMPING opportunities that come about when the ranches are removed), it is the way to go forward with the park. The ranches are PRIVATE, not PUBLIC. Moreover, and more importantly, they are not available to the public in actual practice. For example, there is information about visiting the ranches if one would like to do so on the NPS Point Reyes web site. However, when one looks to see how one would visit a ranch, one is directed towards MALT's web site (Marin Agricultural Land Trust). One seeks to no avail to figure out how to visit a ranch at Point Reyes if one wanted to. The point is, as noted in Alternative F: the existence of the ranches dramatically diminishes Visitors' experience, indeed, is not actually compatible with visitors' enjoyment of the park as public. For these salient reasons, Alternative F should be adopted by the NPS in its management of Point Reyes. Thanks!

#4417

Name: Bell, Jodi

Correspondence: I just learned Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore in California are in danger. I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. People of California are progressive and don't want wildlife hunted to benefit ranchers. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4418

Name: Gilpin, Carla

Correspondence: I'm writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take

precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4419

Name: Beck, Diane

Correspondence: Hello,

We have beautiful Elk here in the Smoky Mountains and in our Blue Ridge National Park. They are majestic wonderful animals, put here by God for a reason.

I do not understand why you would KILL the innocent tule elk, just because they may be an inconvenience. That is just MURDER of innocent animals.

When did we become a country of nothing but barbarians? Killing anything and everything because it got in the way? You are the National Park Service. You are supposed to be protecting wildlife, not killing it.

Shame on you and whoever came up with this inhumane cruel idea.

NO KILLing of the Tule Elk.

Diane Beck

#4420

Name: Thorup, Kirsten

Correspondence: Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore and Alternative B, which involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. This grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4421

Name: Shamoan, Evan

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park, and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities, and grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4422

Name: Wellin, Paul

Correspondence: Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

Destroying the Elk is not a humane solution for these magnificent creatures. There is always a better way.

#4423

Name: Bohannan, Susan

Correspondence: The elk roam on national park land. American's land, taxpayers land, my land. It does not belong to ranchers and farmers. Your priority is to protect the flora and fauna of the national park. You have no duty or loyalty to ranchers and farmers.

I respectfully request you put the park and the animals in the park above the desires of the ranchers and farmers.

Thank you.

#4424

Name: Riter Wilson, Rev. Maria

Correspondence: Please protect our beautiful elks from harm. They deserve to live as do all our other forms of wildlife. To hunt them down for trophies etc...is unconscionable. Let them roam free as they have for many many years.

One of the measures of our humanity is how we treat others and our animal life and planet.

Sincerely,

Rev.Maria Riter Wilson

#4425

Name: Lamb, Alexandra

Correspondence: As a visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore for more than 20 years, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F. The National Park Service's mandate is to protect natural resources, including wildlife such as the Tule Elk. It in no way benefits wildlife or visitors to lease any portion of the Point Reyes National Seashore property to ranchers - dairy or beef - - whose cattle pollute waterways, erode soil, and spread disease. Please stand by your mandate and don't cave in to cattle industry demands. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

#4426

Name: Ridenour, michelle

Correspondence: Please do not kill any elk on site, there has to be another way to co-exist.

#4427

Name: Slanger, Nancy

Correspondence: On one visit to the the area where the tule elk are, I saw them come out of the fog, and surround the car I was in. It was a magical moment that i will always cherish. Please give others the chance to experience the same.

Tule Elk are part of our local wildlife heritage. They lift my heart to see them, and to know they are thriving. Please let others have the opportunity to see our wildlife, and to tell about it to their children and grand children.

#4428

Name: Fagundes, Joe

Correspondence: Dear Sir: I oppose moving or killing the Tule Elk herd at Point Reyes. Other alternatives have to be found. to keep this herd safe. I will be watching this issue carefully and will talk to my Federal representative.
Yours truly, Joe A. Fagundes

#4429

Name: Dorer, Michael

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I vehemently oppose the slaughter of the Point Reyes tule elk to appease cattle ranchers. This appeasement of the cattle industry is ALL TOO COMMON to the detriment of native species and/or reintroduced species while cattle are allowed to graze PUBLIC LANDS while cattle owners pay nearly nothing for this privilege.

Sincerely, Michael Dorer

#4430

Name: SCHOLZ, ERNEST

Correspondence: DON'T KILL THE ELK!

#4431

Name: Lloyd, Nikki

Correspondence: I do not approve of killing the Tule Elk. You are doing this just to give land to farmers to raise cattle. This is bad for the environment whereas the Tule Elk do not damage or harm the environment. We simply do not need another 5,000 cows.

I support Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Cattle grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4432

Name: Hein, Claudia

Correspondence: I want to see the tule elk protected along with other wildlife. Dairy and cattle ranches do not protect wildlife nor the environment. The ranches should be phased out to allow the area to rejuvenate and be restored to wildlands. The only alternative that sunsets ranching on Point Reyes National Seashore and also allows the rare tule elk to expand throughout their natural habitat is Alternative F.

The Seashore was purchased by the public more than five decades ago from ranchers who were paid more than \$350 million in today's dollars for their land and allowed to remain in the park for the rest of their lives, or 25 years. But the ranchers never left. They leased back the land at bargain prices.

Restore Point Reyes National Seashore to natural lands!

Claudia Hein

#4433

Name: Florenzen, Cynthia

Correspondence: The elk were there long before cattle were introduced, this is their home and since there are many more cattle than elk it would be an egregious move to eliminate any of them especially since they are not harming the environment as opposed to cattle ranching. Leave the elk alone.

#4434

Name: Bursick, Robert

Correspondence: I believe the Elk should be protected.

Please do not allow the killing of these animals in the Reyes National Seashore.

Robert Bursick

#4435

Name: Wong, Tammy

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a beautiful area that we must preserve for future generations.

I urge you to support Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Native wild species preservation is an important resource for the future. Grazing domestic animals impacts wildlife, leads to soil erosion as well as water pollution. Commercial agriculture should not be operation on park lands.

#4436

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It's imperative that the preservation of your native wild species in Point Reyes take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Point Reyes is the only national park where tule elk are visible. They have disappeared from the peninsula in the mid-nineteenth century; they didn't move back until 1978, after the seashore was established. Currently the Tomales Point Elk Preserve holds about 450 of them, north side of the seashore.

President John F. Kennedy established the national park at Point Reyes in 1962 to insure that the operation of grazing would not negatively affect the ecosystem that causes water pollution and soil erosion, spreads invasive species and disease, and harms endangered species. In doing so the federal authorities paid out \$50 million in the 60s and 70s to buy the land from the cattle and dairy ranchers. It was understood that the ranchers would continue to stay under long-term leases. As well, it allowed two million people to visit annually, from all over the world to appreciate this incredible rocky peninsula. As result herds of tule elk would continue to roam over the park's wild lands, as they did before human development nearly drove them to extinction. Although they've spread to the ranch lands, it became an encumbrance to the ranchers, who make a living off the public lands. It also became a problem to the elks as they have become sickened from the bacteria common to dairy and cattle. It's important that the Rangers and National Park Services maintain a dialogue to best resolve a planning process for the next phase in order to determine how elk and cattle coexist, Through intelligent optimized solutions like proper testing and quarantining one can help to protect the elks from the common bacteria spread from dairy and cattle (whose outbreak may have been caused by defunct ranching operations) that sicken them.

#4437

Name: Hallam, Gerald

Correspondence: Do not kill these elk herds for the benefit of grazing and farming . This land belongs to these Elk , it has been their home for decades before people took it over. Stop killing wildlife to enhance farming profit. Discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. use the wildlife to gain profit do destroy them for unsustainable farming practices.

#4438

Name: Fortgang, Alyne

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore has the most stunning hiking trails and ocean vistas I've ever seen, all teeming with precious wild creatures.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

It's the right thing to do.

#4439

Name: Giger, Stephen

Correspondence: This is bullshit, they lease they don't own the land. The elk Do have rights to this land. Tell the fuck farmers to piss off!

#4440

Name: Williamson, Tessa

Correspondence: Do not kill the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4441

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: If the Tule elk habitat is replaced, we will lose a great Californian treasure. We need wildlands to continue to keep our state healthy, beautiful, and a place people want to visit. If the land and these unique elk are repurposed and destroyed, there will be no easy way to come back from that. Please understand we have a responsibility to protect our wildlife, not just for their sakes, but for ours as well.

#4442

Name: Owen, Anthony

Correspondence: A disgusting example of agricultural over reach. Aren't elk browsers like deer? Why are they considered competition for cattle?

#4443

Name: Ausman, Candi

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for your consideration.

#4444

Name: Bradford, Jennifer

Correspondence: I am writing on behalf of the Elk, and to ask you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please make the right choice for the animals and environment, and adopt F.

Thank you,

#4445

Name: Verdile, Kristina

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk at Point Reyes National Seashore! This has been their home for centuries before humans and ranchers ever lived here. Many people come from all over the world to see the natural grazing elk at Point Reyes. One of the most amazing experiences in my life was to see the elk grazing at Point Reyes. Please protect these special animals for future generations. These natural grazing elk belong to and help the land at Point Reyes.

#4446

Name: Wouk, Nina

Correspondence: The elk are native California wildlife and deserve their place at Point Reyes. Point Reyes is public land and should serve the public, not a small number of ranchers who have already received adequate compensation for the land they gave up. The public would rather see wildlife than agribiz on our national lands. Please abandon Alternative B and adopt Alternative F which would do something towards restoring California's natural heritage.

#4447

Name: Turner, Holly

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4448

Name: Noble, J

Correspondence: This is heartbreaking!!! I used to live in Inverness Park and always so cherished seeing the majesty of the Tule Elk against the ocean backdrop. This is their land - farmer's need to respect that and work with it. Please do NOT allow the killing of these beautiful creatures!!!

#4449

Name: Rue, Adriana

Correspondence: DO not kill the elk it is their hone

#4450

Name: Pricco, Susan

Correspondence: ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F. RETAIN THE ELK HABITAT. The elk were wiped out once

before and we can't afford to lose them again. Taxpayers made a \$50m investment in the land to purchase it and allowed grazing. That's the deal. Ranchers especially need to recognize the need to respect natural resources. Stick to the original deal and do not extend 20 more years. We can share the environment, not abandon it or wipe out its flora and fauna.

#4451

Name: Scott, Pippa

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F!!!. We understand now that the preservation of native wild species and plant life MUST take preference over ranching and farming and especially in this limited but beautiful park. Grazing is grave and dangerous for ecosystems like this which now, with the effects of man-induced toxic effects on our planet is threatening ALL life, of ALL KINDS.

You should not allow financial compensation to persuade you otherwise. That's short-term thinking. If we are to survive, preservation of native wild species MUST now take precedence over farming and ranching. As you certainly know by now, grazing wrecks ecosystems, causes soil erosion and water pollution, spreads invasive foreign species and diseases and ruins endangered species. And anyway, people in my community are becoming less inclined to be meat-eaters!

Pigs, sheep, row crops in an exquisite public park? With exquisite tule elk? I think not and I am profoundly disappointed that you think so.

Is this to be your legacy? Is this your contribution of wisdom? No! ALTERNATIVE F IS THE CHOICE PLEASE!

Thank you, Sincerely, Pippa Scott

#4452

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you!

#4453

Name: Friedlander, Dorothy

Correspondence: Until recently, I lived in Marin County. One of my family's great joys was having access to nature and wildlife. Recently, the park has become more about serving the farmers instead of the public. The ranchers are destroying the environment with their herds of cows, which also add to greenhouse emissions. There should be no killing in a National Park. The ranchers sold their land to the federal government years ago, but never left. Why are their interests still paramount. This country is looking for a way to save our environment for the next generations. Killing off wildlife for commercial interests doesn't support this ideal.

#4454

Name: Wilson, Jeffrey

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. There is more than enough room to allow the Tule Elk herds to graze in conjunction with agricultural activities in the reserve. It is imperative that native species take precedent over lessors. Do not allow the killing of these animals. Instead end the agricultural activities and open more land up for public use.

#4455

Name: Law, Patricia

Correspondence: please protect rather than destroy animals

#4456

Name: Beauchamp, Catherine

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Please adopt Alternative F!

#4457

Name: Flagg, Bob

Correspondence: Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4458

Name: Rice, Marybeth

Correspondence: Please save all the magnificent Tule Elk of Point Reyes. Point Reyes is a National Park which means it belongs to the public, not to private enterprises. The purpose of the Park should be to preserve the natural ecosystem, including its wildlife, not least land to dairy and other farmers. I urge you adopt Alternative F which will discontinue farming and expand visitor interests. If our natural lands are not protected in the National Parks, where are they protected? Farming necessarily destroys the native habitat and does not belong in a nature preserve. Save our vanishing wildlands! And the Elk!

#4459

Name: markman, sheila

Correspondence:

I would encourage you to adopt Alternative F . The ultimate use of this area is for visiting, the wildlife and to maintain the natural beauty. We need to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park. We need to expand visitor options. This is a park! Your/our goal is to preserve native wild species. This must take precedence over farming/ranching. Why in the world would we see it any other way? Grazing has negative effects on ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion. We are seeing this all over the world where we focus on animal agriculture and not protecting the land , the environment and in the bigger picture, our planet.

So, naturally the best choice is for the environment. Alternative F

#4460

Name: Rutkowski, Robert

Correspondence: NPS

Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

The NPS should adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Yours sincerely, Robert E. Rutkowski

#4461

Name: Hamer, Eva

Correspondence: The seashore's biggest source of greenhouse gas is the methane produced by cattle. There is no discussion of this problem in any of the alternatives discussed.

There also isn't a plan for protecting wild animals from the impact of cattle ranching or doing anything to prevent habitat loss from ranching. Besides getting rid of Tule elk, there is no way discussed to avoid damage to wildlife.

#4462

Name: hager, evie

Correspondence: stop killing

#4463

Name: Hieber, Rosemary

Correspondence: Please support alternative F and allow the elk and wildlife to continue to live and graze without regard to cattle farming. Don't give in to ranchers -do not renew the cattle lease!

#4464

Name: Tamimi, Nawal

Correspondence: Please leave the ELK alone, live and let live, we share the planet, we do not own it, we share it.

#4465

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Monday, 9/16 Dear Sirs: I sympathize with the farmer-ranchers desires, but I think the Point Reyes National Seashore is for visitors and all they come to visit, including the flora and fauna and landscapes. If anything, I think there should be less domestication and commercialization of the Seashore. The National

Seahorse is not seeking to expand into nearby farming and ranching. The reverse is being sought. In such a case, let the prime mission of the Seahorse be honored and favored. Sincerely, Martin Iseri

#4466

Name: Keiser, Robert

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4467

Name: Alexander, Britt

Correspondence: The Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Park must be protected. All ranchers must be forbidden to graze their cattle there. (alternative F) Tax payers own this land and we want it protected from environmental damage caused by cattle. Tax payers do not want Elk slaughtered by greedy ranchers. This is our land. You need to do your job and protect it and the Elk who have a right to be there.

#4468

Name: Davis, Elaine

Correspondence: I grew up in Sonoma County, CA and still live in the Bay Area. Pt. Reyes is a treasure and the special interests of ranchers should not outweigh the public interest to preserve the natural environment in this beautiful coastal area. Not only important as a place for recreation along our beautiful California Coast. it is important to preserve wildlife habitat as well as work toward reducing cattle grazing and dairy farming which is contributing significantly to global warming. We must be good stewards of this planet not only for ourselves but future generations. The human race has already done enough damage to the planet. We need to protect these vital areas. And the plan to destroy the remaining native Tule Elk herd is the most despicable of all the plans. I strongly urge that the ethical thing to do is to stop the ranching at Pt Reyes National Seashore. Sincerely, Elaine Davis

#4469

Name: Shannon, Mary

Correspondence: Please consider not having this killing. Especially for the grazing of cattle. We need less cattle not more for our environment.

#4470

Name: Elstad Bello , Lora

Correspondence: Nature has enough loss of habitat already, thanks to human expansion. I want to know why on earth owners of domestic cattle don't want to share grazing land with the native Elk population? Elk & cattle aren't enemies. Do they think the cattle won't get enough to eat? As responsible owners, they should be paying to provide their herds with proper food, water & accommodations. Wild herd animals only have what nature provides & only us humans as their voice. We've taken enough from them already. Now you want to murder innocent creatures to make way for your enslaved creatures that will only be slaughtered or forced to endlessly be impregnated & milked to death, suffering loss after loss of the calves they produce. A miserable life. Just because they get to wander around some grassy land instead of living in cramped confinement doesn't make it any better. And as for the Elk, it is just murder in preparation for more murder of another animal species. Stop trying to cut corners & killing off wild denizens to propagate your domestic slaughter. If you cannot afford to provide all that is needed for your business on your own land, it's time to get out of that business.

#4471

Name: Holcomb, Natalie

Correspondence: The national parks system was founded for conservation to ensure that the land would be available to the American people. Leasing this land at Pt, Reyes to private parties goes completely against the basic foundations of the national park idea. Native species should have preference over the wants of rich farmers. Grazing animals create erosion problems which result in water pollution. The invaders force out endangered native animals and expose them to disease. If crops were grown, add chemicals to the mix and you have a formula for disaster.

I urge you to adopt Alternative F to save the national park for the people it was created to serve and expand visitor opportunities. Point Reyes National Park holds a special place in my heart. This the first place I ever saw a grey whale migrating from back Mexico. What an amazing thrill!

I am hoping that you will do the right thing for the majority of the people in our country and not renew the leases to farm on our national park property and adopt Alternative F.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Natalie Holcomb

#4472

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: There have been public/private agreements on land use for a long time. However, at this point we need to preserve all the natural land we can. Sadly, it is past time to make another assessment. Grazing beef, cannot be the priority now; maintaining a viable planet needs to be our our top concern, now.

#4473

Name: Oroz, Michelle

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4474

Name: Hansen, Emily

Correspondence: I strongly urge the community to negotiate a plan to maintain a healthy population of the indigenous elk while upholding the historical ranching leases. The seashore should be a place of recreation and education, encouraging the preservation of the natural environment and species.

#4475

Name: Benincasa, Terri

Correspondence: I understanding you are considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

Doesn't make sense as I feel confident there are viable ways to ensure the needs of both farmers and elk can be met.

It is easy to kill... but wrong.

It may be more difficult to do the right thing, but that doesn't make it less right.

Please do the right thing, and opt for solutions other than slaughter.

Thank you.

#4476

Name: Mcivor, Susan

Correspondence: Endangered species should be preserved at all costs greed has taken over this world and will destroy it will life was here first farmers don't need the whole world. The world is changing. It is going vegan, clothing makeup. Things are changing. We don't need to kill lives Souls of animals To live. Please. Stop this before it's too late.

#4477

Name: Cowperthwaite, Joan

Correspondence: I do not understand the thinking process that is being bantered about. It appears, when it comes to wildlife, if any government agency decides any kind or type of wildlife "are just getting in the way of said agency of making money", the agency will handle the situation by killing the wildlife - - -. Simple, easy and let's the agency off the hook to perform their job hacking out a reasonable solution.

#4478

Name: Vitto, Randy

Correspondence: How about we help animals instead of hurting them...it's their planet also!!

#4479

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Mahatma Gandhi, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated," and that includes wild animals. But I guess your conscience does not want to think about what is right or wrong, just what makes the most money or support for political power.

Cattle ranchers making money or killing native elk? IF the national parks truly belongs to the people, my vote is not to kill the elk. Let natural predators, like mountain lions, keep the elk population at natural sustainable levels.

#4480

Name: Sugarman, Stevie

Correspondence: you're favoring ranchers over the natural systems of the region?? Leave the Point Reyes Tule Elk alone!

#4481

Name: Ansorena, Marcel

Correspondence: Please, don't kill them, instead, go for Alternative F.

All the best, M.

#4482

Name: Flanagan, Floyd

Correspondence: Concerning the Point Reyes National Seashore in California, the preservation of native wild

species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please do not allow the shooting of wild elk in this national wildlife preserve.

#4483

Name: GUNNING, SYLVIA

Correspondence: it is paramount that we protect our wildlife and the territories on which they live and on which they depend to survive! Please, no more reduction of our environmental treasures for the sake of farming or other forms of development!

#4484

Name: Zaman-Zade , Rena

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4485

Name: Sitnick, Joan

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F as the future plan for the Point Reyes National Seashore of CA.

#4486

Name: Pennington, Greg

Correspondence: Please protect the Tule Elk and do not allow the massive human caused death and destruction to the animal world to continue. We must share this planet with the animals of the Earth. Please do the right thing.

#4487

Name: Reynolds , Michael

Correspondence: I have hiked to Tomales bay many times and am always thrilled to see the elk. It is not rated as a 10 out of 10 nature trail for no reason. The last thing we need in the Bay Area is to trade nature for industry. Humans are always killing the creatures of the earth for profit. Please do not remove any of the elk by any means I am always in awe to see them.

#4488

Name: Clifford, George

Correspondence: I am writing about my concerns over the proposed changes to General Management Plan Amendment for Point Reyes National Seashore. As a visitor over the last 40 years I have seen the destructive effects of cattle raising to the park. My understanding is that farming was to be limited to 25 years or the lifetime of the ranchers. This land is a special place set aside to be preserved for public use and the protection of wildlife, including the Tule elk. My preference is to phase out farming, beef ranching and dairy farming entirely. Keep in mind that the National Seashore was created to provide public access and protect wildlife and native plants.

George Clifford

#4489

Name: Merkley, Ryan

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park while expanding visitor opportunities. Thank you.

#4490

Name: Ricewasser, Robert

Correspondence: The elk should remain in their habitat & the cattle should be removed to another location. This is not a sensible solution.

#4491

Name: Moore, Cynthia

Correspondence: That is ridiculous to kill elk for cows The elk were there first and that is their home . The cows were put there bygreedy farmers and ranchers.

#4492

Name: Konopacki, Steven

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F.

#4493

Name: Gray, Louise

Correspondence: Overwhelming evidence and our Future mandates we support natural Ecosystems and protect this area.

1) Cattle ranches are on the decline for years mainly due to the decrease of meat consumption. People are eating less meat - -41% of Americans ate less meat in the past year, with a 10 year continuing downtrend. China, is on a massive country wide program to dramatically decrease eating meat. Europe is also cutting back eating beef.

Doctors, scientists, athletes, and millions more are eliminating red meat from their diet. Millions are also Vegetarian and Vegan, and it continues to increase, even Arnold Schwarzenegger is now a Vegetarian!! (We saw a vegan weightlifting 600 pounds!)

2) These cattle are NOT native so they are destroying natural habitats, The soil, trees, etc. are harmed by cattle.

3) This area is a Designated Protected NATURAL area. Elk belong there. Millions of visitors come to enjoy this area. Outdoor spaces are vital to our well being and health.

4) Whether youre allowed to consider Climate Change or not, you Must allow natural Ecosystems to survive and expand. Erosion along that coastline will increase if we dont allow the natural grasses, trees, etc. to grow and spread out, but cattle kill the natural vegetation.

5) Killing Wildlife for our own greed and selfishness must stop now!! Over 20,000 species of plants, animals, even vital insects are threatened now with Extinction. The United Nations issued a planet wide Warning!

Focus on protecting and preserving nature, not commercial vested interests!

#4494

Name: Illiano, Neil

Correspondence: To Whom It may Concern,

This is so wrong it is hard to believe. With all that we know about the disappearance of so many species because of human interference, you want to kill these beautiful residents in the safety that is Point Reyes. Shame on you forever.

Neil Illiano

#4495

Name: Guchi, Tanya

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4496

Name: Williams, Pamela

Correspondence: The only alternative I can support is F.

Ranching interests have been fleecing the American public at this site for decades. It's time for NPS to enforce the agreements that have been in place for years and evict the ranching & farming interests.

What are my reasons for supporting alternative F? I value wildlife. I value diversity. I believe that our public lands belong to all of us and should not be exploited for private profit. The agreements made years ago were extremely generous to the ranchers. As a member of the American public, I am sick and tired of subsidizing and supporting their for-profit activities to the detriment of the American public, wildlife, diversity, ecological systems, watersheds, and our national park system.

This coddling of ranching/farming interests has gone on too long. There is an agreement in place for them to vacate. Speak for the public, such as me, who value vibrant, intact ecosystems.

Adopt and implement alternative F.

#4497

Name: Long, Cheri

Correspondence: It is senseless and cruel to shoot innocent animals.

#4498

Name: N/A, Donna

Correspondence: Please have a heart for these elk! Adopt alternative F....you will be able to tell your children and grandchildren you saved these beautiful animals instead of the alternative....children dont want to hear that alternative! Thank you

#4499

Name: Daniels, Pat

Correspondence: Do not kill the elk. Instead, restrict the grading leases!

#4500

Name: McPherson, Alan

Correspondence: An agreement needs to be reached between the ranchers and the NPS before the grazing contract rights are granted. Does the elk eat that much that the land can't be shared? Perhaps a controlled hunt would satisfy the ranchers?!. Decreasing the herd to a sustainable size.? Compromise must be reached; the role of government NPS.

#4501

Name: Pimento, Patti

Correspondence: This Earth is to be Shared Freely by All Species...Leave the elk to Live and Move Freely on The Lands!!!!

#4502

Name: Hovey, Roseanne

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4503

Name: Sohal, Vik

Correspondence: I disagree with the NPS's future plan for management of the Point Reyes National Seashore. Adding more grazing land and converting the beautiful grasslands into row crops is a terrible idea. The entire interior of California is a giant farm, why exactly do we need to extend this to the shores? Aren't there enough farms here already? The natural beauty of this state is being undermined for the sake of a few coins in the pockets of farmers. This is not why people move here!

Please stop this insanity and leave the Point Reyes National Seashore alone!

#4504

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The role of the National Parks is to preserve the natural, native fauna and flora. A great deal of effort went on to bring back Tule Elk to it's natural environment Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Tule Elk needs to be protected not culled and eliminated.

#4505

Name: Powell, Miyuki

Correspondence: Please help them !

#4506

Name: Chang, Lori

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Farm grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4507

Name: Young, Marge

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt plan F and do not kill the elk that are native to the area. It seems that the only answer the government ever comes up with is to kill the problem rather than find an acceptable solution.

#4508

Name: Weiss, Rachel

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4509

Name: Viramontes, Christine

Correspondence: While you are discussing the fates of the rare tule elk and the cattle farmers, please remember that we have plenty of cows and only a handful of tule elk. We have already made them extinct in the wild once, we can't do it again. If wild animals keep being killed off, we will be the ones to suffer.

Cattle farming is one of the biggest threats to our global warming problem. We can't use up every animal's habitat and be able to survive. We are such selfish people.

#4510

Name: Rellamas, Angela

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elks at Point Reyes. They have a right to live there!!

#4511

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4512

Name: Benyk, Georgia

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam: I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

This is crucial as the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. The grazing of farming and ranching negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thanking you in advance.

#4513

Name: Childs, Nat

Correspondence: I favor doing away with leasing land at Point Reyes National Seashore to farmers and ranchers.

#4514

Name: Botorff, Virginia

Correspondence: Who thought up this assinine idea of murdering such magnificent animals for the sake of greed? NO, this must not happen!!!! And in fact, everything possible must be done to make sure nothing this stupid is ever introduced to the National Park Service!!! Protect and defend these precious animals as is your duty and the job with which you were assigned!!!

#4515

Name: Toyoda, Candice

Correspondence: Please support measure F; protecting wildlife should take precedence over farming and private land use of public wilderness. Thank you

#4516

Name: Thibodo-Carter, Starr

Correspondence: Please protect the elk - industrial farmland is destroying our planet.

#4517

Name: Pirazzi, Tina

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4518

Name: Finnegan, Pamela

Correspondence: Please, do not harm the elk on Point Reyes.

#4519

Name: richman, janet

Correspondence: Elks are a valuable part of our ecosystem. Everyone should go vegan and stop killing native species.

#4520

Name: FROLOVE, CINDI

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to protect tule elk. The solution is to resolve this problem is offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families.

Please do not do anything that involves killing some of the elk

#4521

Name: Tzur, Adi

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#4522

Name: Look, Lois

Correspondence: Protect elks. Phase out ranching at Point Reyes. Elks should not be killed.

#4523

Name: Smith, Doris

Correspondence: PLEASE preserve these elk- -they DO NOT deserve to be killed!!

#4524

Name: Rodarte Wilson, Carol

Correspondence: Please don't murder these majestic beautiful animals. They have a right to live.

#4525

Name: M, C

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk, grow commercial crops, and permit ranchers to add chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to their exploitative operations.

As national park land, this property was specifically set aside to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment including the wild animals who live there. The original intention was to phase out dairy and cattle ranching, not add more crops or animals to increase ranching profits.

The proposed plan does not address the damage from grazing, including water-quality degradation and soil erosion. Also, adding new crops will create more conflicts with native wild animals.

Please abandon this inhumane and destructive plan. I urge you to restore the Seashore's Pastoral Zone for wild animal habitat and repurpose historic ranch buildings for scientific research, interpretation, and public education.

#4526

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please don't kill wild animals!

#4527

Name: Baxter, Elsa

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, in order to discontinue farming and ranching in the Park and to expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native species must take precedence over farming and ranching. In addition grazing affects the ecosystem negatively by causing soil erosion and water pollution. It also harms native species by spreading invasive species and disease.

#4528

Name: Hernandez, Cynthia

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. Discontinue ranching & farming which is terrible for the environment. Please protect Tule Elk. We have a moral duty to protect our wild life. Please put life & compassion over profit.

#4529

Name: Barbour, Michelle

Correspondence: care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4530

Name: Gann, Elizabeth

Correspondence: Please protect these beautiful elk. They have no clue about boundaries. They just want to live their lives in peace !

#4531

Name: Metter, Adrienne

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you, Adrienne Metter

#4532

Name: Taylor, Crystal

Correspondence: Please protect our elk and other wildlife. We need them. And that's what we are paying you to do.

#4533

Name: N/A, Harry

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4534

Name: Govreau, Kathy

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Name: Ramos, Paul

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#4536

Name: draper, Catherine

Correspondence: Disturbing news about the killing of wild animals.....It is cruel

#4537

Name: Davis, Patti

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4538

Name: Pleasant, Marie

Correspondence: Do not upset the balance of nature. Each creature is important and has it's place and purpose.

#4539

Name: Jessler, Darynne

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4540

Name: Childs, Pete

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4541

Name: Johnson, Suzanne

Correspondence: They are an important part of diversity in nature.

#4542

Name: Quinn, Caitlin

Correspondence: As we are moving away from animal agriculture and seeing the horrible environmental impacts of NONNATIVE animals like cattle across the Americas, I cannot believe that in 2019 we are considering killing or moving NATIVE Tule Elk from the lands they have lived in for hundreds (if not thousands) of years.

This is absurd.

#4543

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I am highly concerned and dismayed to hear that the National Park Service is contemplating a plan for management of land at Point Reyes National Seashore, which would entail killing tule elk. I must confess that I am rather shocked that the NPS is even considering this plan, for upon inspection, it seems egregious in many aspects.

Firstly, these lands were established as a national park in 1962. The government, which purchased the land from farming and ranching families, allowed those families that signed leases to graze cattle on the park land for 25 years.

However, it seems that the families are now causing conflict, for they want more land for themselves- -at the expense of those with whom they are meant to share it. There are two herds of tule elk who also graze there- -after having to be reintroduced to the park, since they were previously killed off (!) in these areas. Evidentially, these families don't feel that they should have to share the lands with the elk, which are native to that area and certainly have a right to survive and exist on lands that they naturally inhabited. The farmers encroached upon them, and now, it seems that they are trying to take over all of the lands, regardless of what the grazing of their cattle would do to this land, let alone the deaths of tule elk this would all cause, for the plan actually allows for the elk to be killed!

Furthermore, it seems that if the farming interests are granted the ability to use this land, once again, they would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! And, that is not even considering the fact that they could bring in pigs and sheep, as well as plant row crops.

This is all particularly objectionable and egregious, for, as human beings, we must recognize that we cannot always take actions that seemingly benefit us- -at the expense of animals and/or land. Nature must exist in a balance for it to exist at all. We keep confiscating more and more land from animals and from nature- -soon, where does that leave us? We do this at our own peril- -if not today, certainly in the future. And, this is definitely one such instance where it would be ethically wrong to do put the interests of a group of farmers first. All species have a right to survive and live as nature intended. These elk herd are small in number- -124 at Drakes Beach and 174 for the Limantour herd. What would it do to the herd if some are allowed to be killed? Finally, as we are all learning, grazing causes water pollution,soil erosion, and other major problems, such as harming endangered species.

If we stop and reflect for a moment, it becomes all too obvious that this option is not at all a plan that should even be considered, let alone implemented. Instead, I sincerely hope that the National Park Service adopts Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

I thank you for doing what is ethically right and proper for these animals. And, I thank you for protecting those who cannot speak for themselves. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our thoughts on this important matter.

#4544

Name: Garrison, Steve

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4545

Name: Smith, Judith

Correspondence: I absolutely OPPOSE the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4546

Name: McCann, Ellen

Correspondence: Stand up for wildlife and quit prioritizing big ag over people on our public lands.

I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4547

Name: Harris, Christine

Correspondence: Hello National Park Service,

I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Best Regards, Christine Harris

#4548

Name: wolf, val

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4549

Name: Wright, Edmund

Correspondence: Save the elks. Graze elsewhere.

#4550

Name: Roberts, Gail

Correspondence: I am appalled at the idea that the National Park Service is considering killing the wild tula elk because of the cattle who belong to ranchers, these animals are grazing on lands that have been dedicated to wild life. These ranchers are stealing the grazing that was intended for the elk and other wild animals. Let the ranchers buy land to feed their cattle and remove all cattle from these areas. Protect the wild animals that are an important part of our heritage.

#4551

Name: Young, Amy

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4552

Name: Wright, Kylie

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4553

Name: Camhi, Gail

Correspondence: I request that the elk living in and around the Point Reyes National Seashore, be left to their own devices at this point in time. These animals represent no threat to any persons, other animals or their local environment. Instead, to kill any of them off will only satisfy the petty conveniences of nearby ranchers. Please do not accept these ranchers' deceptive, self-promoting concerns regarding an "abundance" of non-problematic elk~!

#4554

Name: Raimonda, Loredana

Correspondence: Abbiamo solo una sola meravigliosa terra e dobbiamo proteggerla ad oltranza

#4555

Name: Parker, Jennifer

Correspondence: Our California family cares about protecting California's wildlife.

We OPPOSE the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. On our last visit to the area, we found the commercial interests as very disruptive and not in step with current needs of environmental stewardship.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point

Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. They do not exist for a handful of people to make money of the land. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you. The Parker Family

#4556

Name: Treacy, Carol

Correspondence: I don't believe that the Tule Elk should be sacrificed and murdered so ranchers can graze their cattle. It's unnatural and destructive to the environment.

#4557

Name: Riordon, Martina

Correspondence: We are pleading with you not to shoot these poor animals...it's horrific!

#4558

Name: DiLorenzo , Mark

Correspondence: Please do not murder the Elk. The cattle in the area outnumber the Elk 10-1. I visit Point Reyes regularly and look forward to seeing the Elk. Please don't murder them

#4559

Name: Dored, L.L.

Correspondence: This is illogical.

#4560

Name: Carey, Rachel

Correspondence: Please consider adopting Alternative F for the Tule Elk management. What was the point if buying the land if you allow the killing of elk, larger cow herds, diversified farm animals & planting crops - all to accommodate the ranchers? This is supposed to be a preserve for wildlife - particularly Tule Elk. The ranches have had 25 yrs to plan for the change. Please make them honor their original agreement.

The land can also become a tourist location that will hopefully be thoughtfully developed for the wellbeing of the land and the wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely...

#4561

Name: Alexandra, Jessica

Correspondence: I was dismayed to learn that the National Park Service is planning to shoot elk that use the park lands because they interfere with commercial agriculture. Please do not use our public lands to benefit the few! Keep public lands public. Let's use our public lands to protect our special parks for the enjoyment of all.

Thank you. Jessica Alexandra

#4562

Name: Meyers, Cindy

Correspondence: Oh, no! The magical Tule Elk at Pt. Reyes have been very special in my life...and so many other people that I know! They are icons of that region, and we want our children and grandchildren to be able to see and appreciate them!

#4563

Name: Dawson, James

Correspondence: I hike, backpack and camp with my children almost every month at Pt Reyes.

I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4564

Name: Day, Gina

Correspondence: Unnecessary!

#4565

Name: KOESSEL, KARL

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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Thank you for your attention to my opinion.

Sincerely,

Karl Koessel

#4566

Name: Linerud, Tim

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4567

Name: Knox, Elena

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4568

Name: Reed, Dirk

Correspondence: Please don't kill the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore! Thank you.

#4569

Name: Vernon, Lisa

Correspondence: Our wild animals should not be killed to benefit ranchers. I use who make trips there just to see the elk,

#4570

Name: Nason, Sheila

Correspondence: This is unnecessary, and a lack of regard for wildlife in the area, please do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely, Sheila Nason

#4571

Name: Lenaardson, Denise

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to please stop this terrible cycle we are in of destroying our beautiful land and amazing animals and creatures that live on this land. We must protect them and preserve the land. We should be cutting back on meat, not producing more and more, and additionally causing pollution, and contaminating our water.

I care deeply about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4572

Name: Fowler , Elizabeth

Correspondence: It's unconscionable that THEY want to kill more and more wild animals for one of the most climate destructive industries, animal agriculture. For their bloody burgers they kill bear, wolves wild horses and now our local tule elk. It's SO VERY WRONG!

#4573

Name: Park, Timothy

Correspondence: I don't think parks should be working to support animal agriculture. Or outside business of any sort.

I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead end the already long-overextended leases and restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We need to have Park priorities and practices reflecting the best interest of our public lands, wildlife and environment. Not the interests of business men profiting from animal cruelty, land degradation, obscene government subsidization, biowaste generation, and climate destruction.

#4574

Name: Coyle, Nora

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4575

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4576

Name: Davis, Carolyn

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4577

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Concerning Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#4578

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4579

Name: Gx, Perry

Correspondence: Time For A Change Of Heart. Wildlife Deserve A Better Fate.

#4580

Name: Gorman, Laurie

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4581

Name: Draper, Mynka

Correspondence: please help

#4582

Name: Allen, Ann

Correspondence: Please save all of the Tule Elk. Commercial agriculture should not be valued over wildlife. The Tule Elk at Point Reyes National seashore are a destination for so many - it is wonderful they can have the privilege of seeing these magnificent elk in a natural environment.

Sincerely, Ann

#4583

Name: S, C

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Please REJECT this narrow-minded, ill-conceived and extremely harmful plan. Do NOT kill native Tule Elk for the benefit of greedy, ignorant, profit-driven ranchers. Cattle already outnumber Elk by ~10-1. Please DO NOT CAVE - protect Point Reyes National Seashore for everyone and safeguard it from further harm by commercial interests!! Thank you.

#4584

Name: Billiot, Theresa

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4585

Name: Eldridge, Nancy

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Many are aware that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for your time, Mrs. Nancy Eldridge

#4586

Name: Saunders, Alexandra

Correspondence: I'm appalled that you have a proposal and plan to cull Tule Elk . Culling is an outdated practice that is BAD SCIENCE.

I expect you to PROTECT wildlife, NOT KILL wildlife!!! Sincerely, Alexandra

#4587

Name: Fromberg, Jeff

Correspondence: Protect the Tule elk

#4588

Name: Vorbeck, Tina

Correspondence: I am writing to urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for reading and considering my comments.

#4589

Name: Davenport, Susan

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4590

Name: Scott, Pamela

Correspondence: The native elk are a large part of the beauty of the Point Reyes Seashore. They should be given a priority over agriculture in the area. We must preserve the natural beauty of the area for future generations. This is more important than commercial profit. There is too much emphasis on commercial profit going on in our country right now. We need to have some foresight. Once undone, these things will be lost forever.

#4591

Name: vohra, deepak

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4592

Name: Embree, Angela

Correspondence: An environmental balance must be a priority. Preserving our overall health is connected to our interdependence upon wildlife. Profit and gain must be subject to eco balance.

#4593

Name: Acosta, Mirian

Correspondence: I support Alternative F because it is a waste of my Federal tax dollars to support cattle farming, an industry that is killing our planet and the culprit of a very high percentage of methane emissions into the atmosphere.

As stated in the values of the National Park Services mission: "As a people, our quality of life-our very health and well-being-depends in the most basic way on the protection of nature, the accessibility of open space and recreation opportunities, and the preservation of landmarks that illustrate our historic continuity.

By caring for the parks and conveying the park ethic, we care for ourselves and act on behalf of the future. The larger purpose of this mission is to build a citizenry that is committed to conserving its heritage and its home on earth."

Cattle farming is proven to be a huge component in the destruction of entire ecosystems around the world. A national park should ensure the preservation of local fauna and flora for generations to come, never allow private interests of ranchers take priority over the sacred role it has of caring for these protected lands.

#4594

Name: Betti, Mark

Correspondence: Please do not kill the tule elk who make Point Reyes their home. They are only following their natural instincts. Please find a humane way for the elk and ow ranchers to coexist and respect the natural order of things. Thank you.

#4595

Name: Dyson, Margaux

Correspondence: Elks are Beautiful Creatures. They aren't harming anyone. Stop the madness. They didn't ask to be put there either.

#4596

Name: Craun, Laura

Correspondence: Wild places need to be filled with wild animals, not rented out to farmers and ranchers. This land belongs to all citizens. We want it to remain as it is now.

#4597

Name: Schulz, Linda

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Two herds of Tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. Adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Personally I am surprised farming and ranching is even still allowed. Sincerely, Linda Schulz

#4598

Name: Cowan, Nancy

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill

native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Please preserve our dear wildlife who are so much more important than the economic interests of ranchers who care nothing about animals or the environment.

#4599

Name: MacMillan, Lawrie

Correspondence: Protect wildlife over commercial agriculture. We've already vastly reduced living area for wild animals. Enough is enough.

#4600

Name: Pierson, Cassandra

Correspondence: I am a long time California resident and I care deeply about California's wildlife.

I strongly oppose the National Park Services plan to kill native Tule Elk and expand agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation area.

Commercial agriculture, e.g. cattle ranching, has so much negative environmental impact - soil erosion, poisoning waterways and endangering species of wild flora and fauna.

Isn't it the job of National Park services to protect our natural resources for the good of the American people and not for big business?

I urge you to instead restore the land for WILD ANIMAL HABITAT.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Ms. C. Pierson

#4601

Name: Vaught, Jasmine

Correspondence: I for one am sick and tired of allowing cattle growers and Cattlemens Ass. take over and literally try to wipe out native wildlife! It's been happening for YEARS with our wild horses ! NOE elk! We OVERPRODUCE BEEF which is destroying environment not to mention adding CO2 in large amounts to an already endangered climate problem! DO NOT ALLOW hunters to kill them! Stop lying to public about how elk are destroying grasses! Maybe you all should consider cutting way back on beef production!

#4602

Name: Knoll, Carolyn

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

I urge the National Park Service restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

#4603

Name: Riblett, Mary

Correspondence: I am against permitting the shooting of elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The ranchers and farmers want to expand the agriculture uses but it should not be at the Tule elks' detriment. Please reject any plans being considered that would include the shooting of elk

#4604

Name: Risso, Susanne

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4605

Name: Nothwang, Connie

Correspondence: Leave the elk alone

#4606

Name: Ward, Beth

Correspondence: Appalling! Please stop this from happening. Farmers can share. Do we kill animals just because of people's greed for more money!

#4607

Name: Forsen, Hal

Correspondence: As a native Californian, I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4608

Name: Mendelsohn, Scott

Correspondence: As a Marin County resident for 50 years, I find it repulsive and utterly barbaric that NPS, of all agencies, would even consider gunning down majestic elk because some ranchers may not want to share a portion of massive grazing areas with their cows.

Find another solution. Find a way to allow all of these animals to share the grazing together. Be human and humane.

Protecting our national parks, monuments, seashores and historic places is useless and irrelevant, if you cannot simultaneously protect the animals that dwell within.

#4609

Name: Baldwin, Paul

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4610

Name: Duboise, Daniel

Correspondence: We need to protect our future environmental health, and it starts with the animals. To give away land for temporary cattle grazing. We have to protect what we have or what we lose, we lost forever.

#4611

Name: Erdakos, Garnet

Correspondence: Wildlife should take precedence over farmed animals. These elk are treasured by communities in the Bay Area and visitors to the area. They should not be killed to accommodate our herding culture that kills billions of farmed animals every year, especially because humans do not need to eat animals and animal products to live healthfully.

#4612

Name: Gallagher, Leslie

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4613

Name: Sninsky, Susan

Correspondence: This is outrageous!!!!

#4614

Name: Shah-Rais, Mariam

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4615

Name: Larios, Consuelo

Correspondence: We are opposed to your plans to kill tule elk to promote more commercial ranching

#4616

Name: Cota, Joseph

Correspondence: Five years, is more than long enough to have this land available to ranchers. Frequent assessments of the effects after five years, will allow for determination of any extensions beyond this time period.

#4617

Name: Drouin, Dale

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I was absolutely outraged when I was made aware that the National Park Service has proposed a plan to murder native tule elk on in the name of agriculture. Point Reyes is supposed to be about nature and beautiful wild animals, not politically incorrect cattle ranches. In case you haven't heard, planet Earth is being destroyed by too many human beings with agriculture being a major player in climate change. This world needs to make urgent changes and that starts with humans going to a plant-based diet and finally doing away with the horrific abuse and murder of innocent sentient beings known as cows, chickens and pigs. Basically, if you allow this to happen you are placing a death sentence on four different species of animals.

The National Park Service's Number One priority should be all about protecting the park and all of the lovely, wonderful creatures who call the park their home, not doing the exact opposite.

Please be smart and instead of taking away the land from the elk and other wildlife, restore the park for wild animal habitat.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated consideration to this very important matter.

#4618

Name: Miller, JerriLyn

Correspondence: I care VERY MUCH about protecting California's wildlife so I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. This would be UNACCEPTABLE! I IMPLORE the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

#4619

Name: Lynch, James

Correspondence: We are opposed to your plan to kill tule elk to promote more commercial ranching

#4620

Name: Roland, Raymie

Correspondence: It saddens me to see increasingly how public lands are used for cattle ranching at the expense of wildlife. We should all now know how detrimental cattle ranching and the consumption of beef is for the environment. I vote to save the elk and limit cattle ranches.

#4621

Name: Turner, Janet

Correspondence: I oppose expansion of animal agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore or Golden Gate National Recreation Area. These private commercial activities damage habitats. Native species should take priority over private for-profit businesses. The tule elk are native and only found in California. Don't kill them in favor of non-native species owned for private gain.

#4622

Name: HEINLE, JANET

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4623

Name: cook, tracy

Correspondence: Commercial agriculture should not be valued over wildlife. This is why we have a park service to protect fauna and flora.

Ranchers claim that the elk interfere with their operations and consume too many resources is not good enough to go against the public trust in the mandate of the NPS.

In addition to allowing the NPS to kill elk and extend ranch leases to up to 20 years (currently five year terms are offered), expand leases into an additional 7,600 acres of the park is a violation of the public trust-

#4624

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We need to preserve all areas for wildlife Point Reyes is a national park not a farm and the balance of nature and land needs to be preserved

#4625

Name: Lander, Katherine

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. Please discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species is imperative. We must also protect our lands from the negative effects of grazing when possible. Thank you, Katherine Lander

#4626

Name: Desmond, Jeanette

Correspondence: Please let the elk live in peace. They are beautiful to see.

#4627

Name: Carder, Tiffany

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4628

Name: De Cecco, Jorge

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Do your job and support native species. Or resign.

#4629

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

The NPS is taking public comments on the matter until September 23. I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4630

Name: dimitrijevic, sanja

Correspondence: Our National Parks must be respected.

#4631

Name: Macan, Catherine

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4632

Name: Hyatt, yvonne

Correspondence: PLEASE adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#4633

Name: cachopo, patricia

Correspondence: NO do not kill more elk in order to help the ranchers. The ranchers are just fine without your help. The elk are not. They are beautiful wild treasures and should not be killed so that the rich farmers can get richer and keep getting richer.

It is about time to show some compassion and respect for our wildlife. They do not have it half as easy as the farmers who want to control everything for themselves and their selfish profits. The wild elk should NOT have to suffer to satisfy the needs of the ranchers! The elk belong to everyone to enjoy unlike the ranchers.

#4634

Name: Jensen, Bruce

Correspondence: The cattle must go.

Keep and protect the elk.

When I come to a national park, the last thing I want to see are artificial animals creating an artificial landscape.

That is all.

#4635

Name: Cassada, Judy

Correspondence: NO to cows. YES to tule elk. What has the NPS become? Cows already outnumber tule elk by 10x. Why on earth should ranchers and cows take priority over native WILDLIFE??? ABSOLUTELY NO to shooting any wildlife on Park Service land. We MUST STOP being the planetary bullies. We're taking ourselves down, and all life down with us. Please return to humane policies with the expenditure of our tax dollars. Thank you for your time, consideration, and for doing the right thing.

#4636

Name: Macmillan, Eileen

Correspondence: National Park Service should not value that commercial agriculture over wildlife. Eileen Macmillan

#4637

Name: Chianis, Antonia

Correspondence: Commercial agriculture should not be valued over precious wildlife. This is so wrong to permit cattle in National Parks. Wildlife deserve a place of their own to live and graze and these beautiful Tule Elk are also the best for bringing visitors to the area. They don't come to see the cattle, they come to see the Elk.

#4638

Name: Maldonado Urie, Maria Carmen

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. When will we stop destroying the planet and its inhabitants.

I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you for speaking up for the elk who call Point Reyes home!

#4639

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: No to cattle when they outnumber native elk 10:1. No to cattle when the elk are endemic to this area only. We must protect wildlife.

#4640

Name: Conner, K.

Correspondence: I am passionate about protecting California's wildlife for today and for future generations. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. We need to put far fewer resources into growing animals for food going forward and to prioritize wild spaces like these and their native species. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly-for public, not private, interests..

#4641

Name: Harper, Rebecca

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4642

Name: Parker, Mara

Correspondence: Please do not kill any of the elk in Point Reyes Park. They have a right to live just like we do.

#4643

Name: Zaninovich, Sandra

Correspondence: I am pasting this comment from Animal Legal Defense Fund, but I care about this issue every bit as passionately and am imploring you to not implement a plan which would slaughter wildlife. I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4644

Name: Dever, Zsuzsanna

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you

#4645

Name: Monforti, Nicole

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F

#4646

Name: Zollars, Teresa

Correspondence: Here we go again allowing privately owned cattle to graze on our public lands at the expense of the wildlife. I need for these welfare recipients know as cattle ranchers to graze their cattle on their own land, especially if they have an issue with sharing with those who use these public lands as their only source of food and water. NO more allowing ranchers to push out the wildlife to make room for the cattle who are privately owned. These whiners are some of the biggest welfare recipients around getting to use our public land at a much reduced cost per acre. I need the wildlife to be able to utilize the only place left to them. Cattle need to go if there is not enough room.

Thank you for letting me vent, now please make it so.....

#4647

Name: Santopietro, Benedetta

Correspondence: I am opposed to the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

You have been entrusted to protect California's public lands and the wildlife inhabiting those lands. The focus should be on preserving public lands and wildlife, not destroying it for private ranchers' personal financial gain. Cattle ranching pollutes our water and harms wildlife and now you are proposing to cause even more harm by killing the wildlife that live on Point Reyes to make way for more pollution and serious environmental harm.

Preservation of our Public Lands should be the priority.

#4648

Name: Kelly, Kathy

Correspondence: I use to live in Marin county and loved to see the elk . Please do not allow hunting of these magnificent animals

Thank you

#4649

Name: Dietz , Carmen

Correspondence: The preservation of our wild animals is very important to the balance of our eco system. I hope nobody will be allowed to kill these majestic animals. What a pity that money making is more important than preserving our beautiful earth and animals.

#4650

Name: large, warren

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill

native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Kind regards,

Warren

#4651

Name: Kuba, Alfredo

Correspondence: ABSOLUTELY NO MURDER OF WILDLIFE!!! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Our government roll is to protect wildlife and not to terrorise and murder innocent life.

#4652

Name: Mui, Magdalen

Correspondence: Please stop killing the Elk.

#4653

Name: T, Cat

Correspondence: Favoring commerce over the environment is the wrong approach. When you eliminate native species from their native habitat, the disruptions to the ecosystem create opportunities for invasive species and invasive pathogens to move in.

Do not eliminate the elk herds. Option A is best. Option B is the lesser of evils B and C.

#4654

Name: SANTELL, KIM

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

#4655

Name: Scileppi, Jade

Correspondence: An act of violence against nature should be judged as severely as that against society or another person. - Dr. Michael W. Fox

* It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment. - Ansel Adams

#4656

Name: Forney, Kathy

Correspondence: The farmers should use THEIR own land and not park land. The Elk belong there....sheep and pigs and cows do not!

#4657

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4658

Name: Brickell, Julie

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4659

Name: williams, debbie

Correspondence: help all animals

#4660

Name: Brooks, Cathy

Correspondence: Commercial agriculture should not take priority over wildlife. Please protect the delicate ecosystems of nature.

#4661

Name: Thompson, Lisa

Correspondence: YOU ARE A BUNCH OF LIARS DOING TRUMPS DIRTY WORK!!! WE VISIT PT REYES ONCE OR TWICE EVERY YEAR FROM THE BAY AREA AND ONE OF THE ATTRACTIONS IS THE ELK!!! WE ALSO GIVE TO THE PARK SERVICES BUT NEVER AGAIN WILL WE DONATE SINCE YOU ARE MURDERING ELK. EVERY SINCE TRUMP TOOK OVER, THESE GODDAMN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE HARMING THE ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE!!! ALL IN THE NAME IF MONEY!! GREEDY GODDAMN MONSTERS. THESE ELK RESIDE ON HILLS THAT NO ONE RANCHES RIGHT ALONGTHE COAST!!!

YOU ARE MISERABLE LIARS AND AS CORRUPT AND DISGUSTING AS YOUR ANTI-SEMITIC, RACIST SO-CALLED LEADER, TRUMP!!! YOU WILL NEVER EVER GET A DONATION FROM US AGAIN AND IM GOING TO MAKE SURE THIS PETITION HITS EVERY SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM!!!

#4662

Name: Oei, Kendall

Correspondence: The only option that is not in conflict with the NPS Mission Statement is

Alternative F: Discontinue ranching; expand visitor opportunities; Tule elk would be allowed to expand their range in the park. Given the alternatives, Alternative F is the only way those who want to see the Seashore and its wildlife preserved can fight back

The mission statement on the NPS site states: The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Unimpaired - I can't hike the dairy and cattle grazing pastures. My access to your park is impaired by cattle ranching!

Cultural Resources - NPS may be preserving a tradition of raising cattle, but that tradition is preserved throughout our state. Cattle ranching on Point Reyes could be easily represented by one small, working farm, a farm building with display equipment OR A PLAQUE!!! If you are going to preserve farms on Point Reyes, you might as well allow logging operations to thrive in Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon. (I'm kidding. Don't do it!)

Natural Resources - Native Tule Elk vs. Cows. Seriously. Your preferred plan includes culling a native, endangered species for the sake of cows? You are supposed to preserve NATURAL resources for the...

enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations - Many of my naturalist friends share pictures of the Tule Elk for enjoyment and education. Cows? Not so much. There is nothing inspiring about cow poop and overgrazing, nor in arriving and finding that there are large swaths of a national park that I can't hike or visit.

NPS should be embarrassed that they are not carrying out their mission statement. If the mission statement is intended to mislead, NPS should be ashamed. If NPS is allowing dairy farms to remain for financial reasons... that would be the saddest state imaginable for our park system.

#4663

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: ...

#4664

Name: Brown, Laurel

Correspondence: I guess I have to start over. I hope that isn't part of this problem. Our federal government needs to stop trying to fix things. Their track record is terrible. They are murdering wild horses, almost drove wolves to Extinction, and look at the job they did with our Native American people. The ranchers are making a profit on running their animals on free land. Let them support their animals and leave the Tule elk alone in their natural habitat. Let the Ranchers build fences to keep their animals in and buy them food. Every time the federal government gets involved in this 20 years later we hear oh we were wrong. Some things you just can't undo.STOP

#4664

Name: thompson, james

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to reject plans to implement an elk culling program and an expansion of allowed agricultural practices at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Point Reyes National Seashore is supposed to be managed under the Point Reyes Act for "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." There's no mandate for prioritizing commercial agricultural leases on these public lands.

Natural values, native wildlife, public access and enjoyment should take priority over commercial activities at Point Reyes.

Right now the Point Reyes ranches enjoy not only subsidized grazing fees and housing, but also taxpayer-funded infrastructure and road improvements, and publicly funded projects. But commercial activities at Point Reyes should be required to accommodate native wildlife - not the other way around.

Please reject these plans and ensure that park management follows it's mandate to protect, restore, and preserve the natural environment.

#4665

Name: Ramirez, Hank

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4666

Name: Brown, Laurel

Correspondence: I guess I have to start over. I hope that isn't part of this problem. Our federal government needs to stop trying to fix things. Their track record is terrible. They are murdering wild horses, almost drove wolves to Extinction, and look at the job they did with our Native American people. The ranchers are making a profit on running their animals on free land. Let them support their animals and leave the Tule elk alone in their natural habitat. Let the Ranchers build fences to keep their animals in and buy them food. Every time the federal government gets involved in this 20 years later we hear oh we were wrong. Some things you just can't undo.STOP

#4667

Name: Arkinson, Rhys

Correspondence: Please protect the elk and Pt.Reyes

#4668

Name: Merritt, Curtis

Correspondence: September 16, 2019

GMP Amendment Ms. Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent Point Reyes National Seashore National Park Service 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Dear Superintendent Muldoon:

The "Friends of Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch" Committee wholeheartedly supports Alternative B - NPS Preferred Alternative, with one exception.

As evidenced in the information provided on the NPS web site concerning Tule Elk, and in an article by Brenda L. Tippin in the April/May 2016 Morgan Horse Magazine, Tule Elk almost became extinct in the 1850s except for a small herd preserved by Henry Miller in the Bakersfield area. All of the Tule Elk at Point Reyes are decedents of Mr. Miller's small herd.

Our exception is to the proposal to manage the Tule Elk herds by lethal removal, as stated in Alternative B "NPS would manage to the population threshold using lethal removal methods."

Since the herd was reintroduced to Point Reyes through relocation, could this not also be an alternative for future management of the herd? We understand that Tule Elk that have been relocated within Point Reyes tend to return to their original location, but why couldn't Point Reyes look at relocating them to another park altogether? We also understand that fencing and sterilization are not viable solutions. Although native to California does this mean they can only survive in California? Could they not be relocated to any other NPS park, or even a state or county park, in the United States with favorable conditions suitable for Tule Elk?

Tule Elk deserve to be preserved and protected against "lethal removal". Euthanasia should only be reserved for all animals that are suffering from a terrible or untreatable illness or injury that threatens the quality of their life, not just because their numbers are a little too high.

There must be another viable alternative to save these magnificent animals.

Respectfully, Friends of Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch Committee (a subcommittee of Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club)

Connie Barker Curtis Merritt Co-Chairs

#4669

Name: DeStefano, Linda

Correspondence: Methane from cows is one of the significant factors in the climate crisis. I want my tax dollars to stop subsidizing the dairy and meat industries. Renewing leases on our public lands and allowing grazing at below market value are subsidies. I want the land to be used for wildlife, including the elk. No elk should be killed to accommodate the ranchers. Wild animals, who evolved with the land, are better able to replenish the soil and grass - not cattle.

#4670

Name: Fier, Debbie'

Correspondence: I am someone who spends a lot of time outdoors at PT Reyes National Seashore. The tule elk are a beautiful part of that and people come from around the world to see them. I honestly do NOT see any issue with the elk over-running the cattle there, and I hike all over the park! I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point

Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

thank you, Debbie

#4671

Name: Meyer, Lesley

Correspondence: Our family has a second home in Inverness and we love the elk. We firmly believe native species should be left alone.

#4672

Name: O'Hagan, Traci

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4673

Name: Hilson, Ursula

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashores and Park in California has been one of my favorite Parks to visit, hike and simply put: enjoy. A big part of the enjoyment is seeing the local species which includes the Tule Elks - majestic and beautiful. I would like to urge you to adopt Alternative F in preservation of native wild species and the existing ecosystem and waterways. The Tule Elks belong to this environment and I would like to further urge you to preserve and expand visitor's opportunities to enjoy the park with all it has to offer - this must take precedent over grazing and farming in this beautiful park. Please consider Alternative F.

#4674

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4675

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4676

Name: Rusch, Vincent

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4677

Name: Reale, Richard

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you for speaking up for the elk who call Point Reyes home!

#4678

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remember that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you.

#4679

Name: Spiteri, Shawna

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife and oppose the National Park Services plan to kill native tule elk to expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore & Golden Gate National Recreation areas. Instead, I urge the NPS to restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

Commercial agriculture & ranching causes many problems with pollution. Wild life protection is necessary for a healthy environment.

#4680

Name: Wasserman, Barbara

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4681

Name: Confectioner, Vira

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4682

Name: Benton, Annette

Correspondence: Stop hurting animals. We are overpopulating and because of that, we think animals are in our way. NO!!! They want to live and deserve to live so protect them!!

#4683

Name: Rapallo, Lisa

Correspondence: The options including the lethal removal of the elk herds should be removed. The elk are now a part of this functioning ecosystem and to kill them is poor practice as well as unethical and immoral. Let them die out naturally if you must, but why would the Park Service even consider a massacre?

#4684

Name: Lewis, Sammarye

Correspondence: I strongly oppose killing Tule Elk so dairy ranchers can graze their six-thousand head of cattle. Dairy farms are polluting the land and water and are destroying the vegetation and the land, itself. They are environmentally and ecologically destructive to this National Park. Read the last two words: NATIONAL PARK. This is not privately-owned land! We taxpayers own this land and pay for it. The dairy farms slipped in before anyone was environmentally aware, and now claim ownership rights that include killing any and all wildlife that tries to survive IN THEIR OWN HABITAT. STOP PANDERING TO THE DAIRY FARMS. Do your which is to protect wildlife and maintain our National Parks. Where did you lose this idea and think you should make decisions that only benefit the dairy ranchers? We demand that you leave OUR Tule Elk alone. No more shooting, no more denying them access to the water that they need to survive. And no removing them to another location. POINT REYES IS THEIR HOME SINCE LONG BEFORE THE DAIRY CATTLE WERE HERE!!!

#4685

Name: Jensen, Beth

Correspondence: Don't kill elk for the greed of cattle ranchers. Thank you

#4686

Name: Rosemond, PhD, Elizabeth

Correspondence: PLEASE adopt Alternative F regarding the Point Reyes National Seashore, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities!!!!!!!

Respectfully, Elizabeth Rosemond, PhD

#4687

Name: GARCIA, Erin

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please consider that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#4688

Name: Ray, Cathie

Correspondence: What are our children and grandchildren going to learn as we continue to kill off other living beings on our planet that only add beauty, not problems.

#4689

Name: Goldberg, Susan

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly. I believe in the beauty and importance of our natural world and without it we will not survive.

Thank you, Susan Goldberg

#4690

Name: Foster, Genette

Correspondence: I am one of the many visitors that came to see the elk. Commercial interests should NOT be given preference. No hunting in National Parks!

#4691

Name: Hazelhofer, Ms. Galen

Correspondence: The agreement that they have "allows the NPS to issue lease/permits to ranchers for terms not to exceed five (5) years from the date the agreement was approved by the court, July 14, 2017" So it it seems to me that they are making a request to kill the tule elk that in reality, has no reason to be fulfilled either for themselves or for the main purpose the park is intended, to preserve the wild lands and the wildlife, not to graze cattle.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting

waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly, for the preservation of the tule elk and the natural habitat of the park area.

#4692

Name: HUG, JANISW

Correspondence: Let Nature take care of itself!!!

#4693

Name: Schulte, Whitney

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4694

Name: Kowall, Betty

Correspondence: Stop favoring ranchers and cows over the wild elk. Public lands should be first and foremost a home for our national wildlife. They are public treasures and should be given first consideration for grazing on publicly owned land.

#4695

Name: Flewitt, Claire

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I OPPOSE the National Park Service's plan to kill native Tule Elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4696

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please protect the elk in point Reyes National Park. Thank you.

#4697

Name: Hovey, Roseanne

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4698

Name: Petersen, Garrine

Correspondence: WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE. IF WE DON'T, THERE WILL BE NO RETURN. AGRICULTURE IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT, TOO MUST BE BETTER MANAGED. WE SEEM TO SCREW UP EVERYTHING WE TOUCH, BY NOT LOOKING FORWARD.

#4699

Name: Patterson, Mark

Correspondence: Do not allow this change to occur. There are not many of these elk to begin with. They have already been brought back in numbers, and killing them sets this cause back. Killing them to appease big money is both unfair, and greedy. These ranchers made their deal. They had their rights and used the land for 25 years. Now that time is up, so move on. Do not punish innocent elk for your greed.

#4700

Name: Niel, Sharon

Correspondence: Please consider the value of wildlife in the tule elk matter. Point Reyes is an incredibly unspoiled environment where wildlife flourishes. It is further supported by many human visitors wishing to view the "natural inhabitants" of this beautiful place. It is a space where observation serves to educate the public about wild animal behavior and beauty. Point Reyes Seashore is one of the most beautiful and pure habitats in the world. It incites interest in the natural order of things in the wild. If you elevate the agricultural business (cattle) interests beyond those of the natural denizens, a mistake is surely being made.

#4701

Name: Howell, Shelly

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4702

Name: Evans, Ramona

Correspondence: I want to encourage the National Park Service to adopt Alternative F which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#4703

Name: Angelos, Sandra

Correspondence: I am writing about the Tule Elk at Point Reyes. Please adopt Alternative F, which discontinues farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expands visitor opportunities. Please preserve native wild species, and let the elk take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing cattle negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for considering my comments.

#4704

Name: McShane, johanna

Correspondence: Please rescind your plan to slaughter Tule Elk. They are natural inhabitants of this area and are neither a burden on resources nor a danger to humans or other animals. Furthermore, we don't need more ranchlands that will encroach upon native wildlands and habitat for native wild animals, so the part of the plan that would allow for more leased land for cattle ranches is objectionable also. Thank you.

#4705

Name: Davis, Valentina

Correspondence: This is just horrible! These Elk should be left alone! There can be a compromise, if nothing else. Please allow these beautiful animals to 'Live Free' - The way they were always meant to live. Thank you.

#4706

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: In the interest of protecting our fragile earth ecosystem, it is imperative to maintain healthy native species, both animal and plant. To deliberately kill off elk in the the Point Reyes and Golden State areas is a very questionable decision. To kill them in the interest of private economic gain is criminal.

I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

I sincerely hope the right decision can be made to preserve the rapidly decreasing wildlife we actually have remaining. We are often called upon to do the right thing. The job of the National Park Service is to protect and preserve these areas. I'm questioning when that changed. Thank you for reading my letter.

#4707

Name: Strom-Martin, Caitlin

Correspondence: Please reconsider this proposal to kill the elk at Point Reyes. These animals are a huge attraction for tourists and locals alike, they belong in the ecosystem, and they have a minimal impact on the landscape when compared to the roaming cattle. They deserve to be protected and valued higher than the cattle, and the farmers who wish to keep grazing on our public lands need to be held accountable for the damage they do to the watershed and grasslands. It's ridiculous that you are considering killing the elk when the real issue of welfare farmers needs to be addressed.

#4708

Name: Morris, Steven

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern:

So, as I understand it, Alternative B, involves killing 'some' of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres (it must be further stated that

grazing, especially on this scale, negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species) and be allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows!

Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum. SO, lessees of PUBLIC property would be allowed to have over 5500 cows and the elk, who call this their HOME would be limited to 120 animals. Does this NOT seem to be completely out of balance?! WHY should people that intend to MAKE MONEY off of public lands be allowed to limit the indigenous elk? IF anything, the number of cows and the amount of acres being leased is completely out of scale.

Furthermore, the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Furthermore, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops. Seems again, monetary consideration is the PRIME CONSIDERATION and not the ELK!

Given these absurd conditions and concessions, I would urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would DISCONTINUE farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The National Park Service should shift its focus from being farmers lackeys and instead work for the preservation of native wild species and this MUST take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

There can be doubt that ALTERNATIVE F is the RIGHT choice!

Thank You

#4709

Name: Frounfelter, Earl

Correspondence: As with each and every proposal that comes from the criminal cabal calling itself the Trump Administration, the proposal in question here is intended to make money for the cabal's contributors and will adversely effect the planet and all living things on it, including most especially the animal in question.

I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4710

Name: Ulmer, Gene

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years. Times up.

#4711

Name: Reddwoodd, Nicola

Correspondence: Please protect the elk.

#4712

Name: Harris, David

Correspondence: More conservation, less habitat destruction, please.

#4713

Name: Snyder, Renee

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4714

Name: Giffen, Phoenix

Correspondence: All living things deserve to be happy, healthy and free.

#4715

Name: Lang, Pat

Correspondence: Please protect the elk and all wildlife at Point Reyes. It is one of my favorite parks and part of the attraction aside from the magnificent scenery is the variety of wild life. Please do not let this wonderful place be destroyed. Thank you.

#4716

Name: Spinner, Lawrence

Correspondence: Please balance the needs of agriculture and wildlife. Don't trample on elk and other wildlife!

#4717

Name: Baum, Miriam

Correspondence: What is your fucking problem, not enough resources for what to continue production of more methane gas from cattle. Tell the ranchers to take their herds elsewhere you dumb fucks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#4718

Name: MCCORMICK, DEVIN

Correspondence: I have lived in Northern California all my life and enjoy and care about the wildlife, more specifically the Tule Elk which I have gone to see on many occasions. I find it hurtful that you would choose profits over the very animals you are there to protect. An obscene miscarriage of justice and one that will be looked back on by future generations who won't get the wonderful change to see these beautiful creators but

rather see dead rotting flesh at the butchers from the Internment camps you allow these ranchers to create on our publicly held land. This is sad and you should really look at yourself in the mirror at night and tell yourself you can live with yourself after such a travesty as this. I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native Tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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Devin

#4719

Name: Marriott, Jennifer

Correspondence: Animals need a home too...we've taken so many of their homes. Stop the abuse!

#4720

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4721

Name: Nguyen, Minh

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4722

Name: Lemmer, Julie

Correspondence: I spend a lot of time in Point Reyes National Seashore and I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4723

Name: Brophy, Heather

Correspondence: OH HELL NO! I'm a rancher and that is just wrong and not needed, stop the greed and ignorance! We pay you to protect all REMEMBER, now do it!

#4724

Name: Gervais, Kathy

Correspondence: The elk / farmer conflict should be waited more on elks who were almost extinct 100 years ago. If a thinning of the elks needs to happen I am in favor of translocating to Native American land or Private ranches who want them. I have not seen elk that look like they have Johnnes- any animal who is translocated should be tested first and quantinine before translocation. Also if any of the current ranchers want to stop farming - those ranches can then be opened up to the park for wildlife ie leasing rights can not be sold , only passed down to blood generations if they want. I believe that was the orignal agreement when the Seashore was established.

Thank you Kathy Gervais DVM

#4725

Name: Kinnings, Laurie

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4726

Name: Jacobson, Lisa

Correspondence: Please protect the Native Elk Living in Point Reyes National Seashore; don't kill them.

#4727

Name: Bellacomo, Josephine

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native Tule Elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize preserving our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

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Most sincerely, Josephine Bellacomo

#4728

Name: Buckley, Dianne

Correspondence: ALL BIODIVERSITY IS COMPLETELY ENDANGERED CURRENTLY. SHAME ON THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION !!

#4729

Name: Spiropoulos, Eileen

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore park and expand visitor opportunities.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you for, hopefully, adopting Alternative F.

#4730

Name: a'Becket, Suzanne

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4731

Name: Mackenzie, Robert

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4732

Name: , N/A

Correspondence:

I am someone who spends a lot of time outdoors at PT Reyes National Seashore. The tule elk are a beautiful part of the park, and people come from around the world to see them. I honestly do NOT see any issue with the elk over-running the cattle there, and I hike all over the park! I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4733

Name: Terk, Robin

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to adopt the plan alternative F as it relates to Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Historically Tule elk were a species hunted to extinction in the park. As late as the 1970's these elk were reintroduced here. This was done presumably as a benefit environmentally. Diversification of animals that once roamed an area for eons is good. I ask why reduce the gene pool of a species that is only attempting to survive? The introduction of even more cattle to this area seems shortsighted in my view. Cattle, pigs, goats or what have you are notoriously viewed as environmental disasters. When these animals escape and become feral (Pennsylvania pigs) another problem is created. Their is never enough land for these animals. The fires in Brazil are an example of foolish stewardship of our precious land. Stewardship is what I am talking here. Intelligent, forthright, and honest stewardship resulting in land for hundreds of future generations. Not just for a few people for a few years. Please adopt Alternative F for the future.

#4734

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4735

Name: Mitchell, Desiree

Correspondence: I urge the "park service" to adopt Alternative F, to discontinue ALL farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Time to stop the public land give away to ranchers that have unfair advantage over other farmers and ranchers that don't get to use public land. Enough killing - save the Elk.

#4736

Name: Neuhauser, Alice

Correspondence: I spend many weeks in California's state parks and our national parks with California. Every year, the many times a year that we pass through the Owens Valley with its native tule elk populations, I always look for them, confident that they are being protected. I was horrified to hear of the the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. This is completely the wrong action and truly shocking to behold. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4737

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow Tule elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

#4738

Name: Bennigson, Barbara

Correspondence: Because I care about protecting California's wildlife, I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in both Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild-animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to my request!

Barbara Bennigson

#4739

Name: Weisbrich, Shay

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4740

Name: Salgado, Dalia

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years.

However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4741

Name: Parrott, Ern

Correspondence: Dear Park Service, When I go to the National Parks, I am not interested in seeing domesticated animals. This is not the purpose of the National Parks. I cannot speculate what would be the motivation to deviate from the National Park's Mission and purpose. Commercialization is not it.

I and many other Californians care about our native wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk. You should not expand commercial agriculture in in any of our State Parks. This action will destroy and will lower the visitor attendance. These parks belong to the citizens of the USA and not to special interest, private owners. No single enterprise, corporation, citizen can have their own use of the parks.

Please prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers.

National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. And they belong to the people. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4742

Name: Macan, Edward

Correspondence: I am sickened the NPS is even considering shooting Tule Elk in Point Reyes Seashore National Park on the basis that there are too many elk (a native species!) which are interfering with the grazing of cattle (an invasive species!). This is genuinely insane, and reduces the National Park Service to the standard of inbred redneck hick states like Wyoming and Idaho where the ranching industry essentially runs the government.

We, the residents of California, do NOT want an invasive species protected at the expense of a native species. Ranchers have become the Welfare Queens of the modern American West, insisting taxpayers subsidize them in what otherwise would be a money-losing operation by allowing them to graze their cattle for free on federal and state lands owned by we, the taxpayers. To hell with them!!!! Not one elk should be shot, and if there are too many animals in Point Reyes, then ranchers should be forced to remove their cattle by a set date, subject to confiscation. If ranchers can't turn a profit by grazing their own cattle on their own private land, they need to get out of ranching. I look forward to the election of the next (Democratic) president who will end handouts, subsidies, and welfare to ranchers once and for all.

#4743

Name: Beach, Kim

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. I ask you to tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species

Regards, Kim Beach

#4744

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I made previous comment regarding access to Tomales Point, and wished to comment on how my issue was summarized and provide additional comment all focused on the Tomales Point area.

I want to clarify that congestion is not the issue on the drive out to Tomales point. The issue is the narrowness and curvy alignment of the road, which is adequate for automobile traffic but which does not seem adequate for larger vehicles. The other issue is the wish to preserve some of the natural feel of Tomales Point.

Rather than waiting for an undesirable situation to develop where use increases at Tomales Point to a level where road improvement or use limiting regulations are considered, I suggest the park provide access to view the elk at a more developed location closer to the main road.

To further clarify. I have driven the road to Tomales Point many times, including during peak periods, and have never been in a traffic jam. The road is lightly traveled, and beautiful and scenic. Part of the pleasure is the lovely drive. The issue is the use by larger vehicles. I have never met one of the tour buses or large vans on the road, and would prefer not to. The road is fine for passenger vehicles, but is somewhat windy and narrow for bus traffic, and the pavement seems unsuitable to carry heavy loads.

I am concerned that with continued increases in bus traffic that there will be pressure to "Improve" the roadway, and bring it up to current standards. This could possibly include realignment and widening both of which would require substantial grading and work in the creek areas adjoining the road, and associated impacts and expense. Faced with that, it seem likely the park would instead choose to regulate the road, parking, and use at Tomales point, and ruin any flexibility for visitors wishing to visit the Point. The end result would be that those on tour buses would be the primary visitors accommodated at Tomales Point, and locals or those driving from adjoining areas would be shut out. My suggestion to move access to the herd to a more easily accessed location would mitigate this issue, and allow Tomales Point to remain more natural and remote feeling, and accessible to those wishing to enjoy its scenic beauty rather than just wishing to see the elk.

Where congestion is an issue is once one arrives at Tomales Point and gets onto the trail. It is possible to park in areas that are safe and wide enough for parking. Once one gets onto the trail and starts hiking, that is when you encounter the traffic jam. It is a constant stream of people walking out, which does seem to be causing excessive wear and tear on the trail (though horse traffic could also be a factor).

It was my observation that the interest by tourists who had come of the buses was in seeing the Tule Elk. I observed most of these visitors (mostly from other countries) walking to where the herd was, and then turning around and coming back. Interestingly I also observed a number of these visitors walking off the trail toward the elk, and having to be stopped by park rangers stationed along the trail to stop this from happening. I don't recall hikers in the past wanting to walk out and get a photo with the elk or otherwise disturb them, and with the previous number of visitors this did not appear to be a problem.

I feel the park should provide access to viewing of the elk in an area that is closer to the main road. This would have a number of benefits:

This would allow this interest in viewing the elk to be satisfied, but without destruction of the drive and of trails to Tomales point;

It would allow the park service to accommodate visitors in wheelchairs or with limited mobility such that those visitors could view the elk;

it would allow the posting of more information and educational material regarding the elk herd;

It would allow use of restrooms by the larger number of visitors that are plumbed into a sewer system rather than outhouses; and

Finally, This would allow development of an area where park service staff can more reasonably monitor the larger number of visitors behavior around the elk, and prevent people from walking up to or harassing the herd.

Regarding the selection of the preferred alternative, it seems nonsensical to me that if use is increasing at Tomales Point that the preferred alternative is not one that would increase the areas that visitors can access. We could use more open space, especially in areas as special and unique as Tomales Point. Dairy and ranching is pretty widespread and common, and would better occur in a less unique environment. The cattle operations I observed were run down and polluting and did not seem scenic, unique, or accessible in any way. I was astonished when I first read in these documents that they were considered a historical resource.

I was also astonished to read that the current operators are not even related to the original owners who were allowed to stay on when their properties were acquired. I understood that life estates are only for the original owners, and in consideration of a desire to not evict older and lifelong residents who would not be able to start anew from their property. I have never heard of it being applied to the children, much less tenants.

I don't see how the public is benefitting from these operations continuing. The document did not seem to show any public benefit, but it certainly listed a large number of impacts from continued cattle operations. The document appeared to make a case for elimination of the operation in all the discussion of impacts, and then reached a conclusion to allow the greater impacts to continue for an incredibly long period of time.

It is unclear why such a long time period is needed. It seems short enough that the current operators will cease meaningful maintenance and improvement, causing the properties to become even more rundown. But, long enough that the public who anticipated use of these lands when they were acquired will be unable to use them by the time they are accessible. Three years would seem more than an adequate amount of time for this transition to occur.

#4745

Name: Shalom, Beverly

Correspondence: This is outrageous! Tule elk almost went extinct because of humans, the first time around. There was a lot of effort made to rebuild the population, mainly in Point Reyes. Isn't this the definition of insanity ("doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results")

#4746

Name: Henderson, Kelly

Correspondence: I oppose the proposed plan because it prioritizes the interests of ranchers over wildlife, which should always take precedence in places like Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The agency's first priority should be to protect wildlife, not allow private interests to damage it

by allowing cattle to range. I also oppose the provision allowing the NPS to kill tule elk. Please remove these provisions from the plan.

#4747

Name: Labey, Georgia

Correspondence: I am writing in support of Alternative F to protect tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Point Reyes is a national park and as such should not be surrendered to farming and ranching interests at the expense of the elk population. We cannot allow our national parks to be turned into profit centers and take the chance of endangering wildlife in the process. Please vote in favor of Alternative F and not Alternative B.

#4748

Name: Rea, Kara

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

I am writing to urge you to please adopt Alternative F for the Point Reyes National Seashore Tule Elk. The preservation of native wild species and expansion of our national parks to visitors must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please reconsider your preferred Option B and adopt Alternative F. Our nation and its wildlife deserve better.

Sincerely,

Kara Rea Wilmington, MA

#4749

Name: Comanich, Camilla

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service- Please do not have any of the Tule Elk killed at Point Reyes National Seashore. They are beautiful and incredible native animals- a national treasure and deserve the right to be there unmolested. I have had the lucky experience to see them and hope that all people get to experience this joyful and wonderful sight. It should be a peaceful habitat and ecosystem without the hideous interruption and destruction caused by farming, cattle ranching and other exploitative destructive factions. Humans need to stop killing off our wildlife. It is a crime against the earth and nature. Many animals, ecosystems, and forests are being destroyed at an alarming rate and it has to stop!!! Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you, Camilla Comanich

#4750

Name: Hasenhuttl, Claudia

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

One main thing I have always admired about the United States, is its commitment to protect wild places. After all, that is why the Park Service was created in the first place, to ensure that wilderness can be enjoyed by many generations to come. I care deeply about protecting California's wildlife, so the idea that the National Park Service plans to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area is beyond comprehension. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. I mean, that is what the organization is supposed to do, prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have

serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife, therefore, this park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you for your time! Best, C. Hasenhuttl

#4751

Name: Henry-Gorman, Kathlene

Correspondence: I care very about protecting California's wildlife. That is why I am writing you today to voice my opposition to the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

It is time to stand up for native wildlife, and let you know how very vital it is for the people of California to preserve and protect these animals and their habitats. Why not consider the economic benefits from the many visitors to our state who come here to view and enjoy our wild and scenic lands. Do not jeopardize these resources for the benefit of private ranchers.

Thank you for the opportunity to let you know how I feel as a resident of California and a person who respects and values wildlife.

#4752

Name: Riggle, Alexandra

Correspondence: It's abhorrent that you would spend TAXPAYER DOLLARS to kill native tule elk to expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The natural world is DYING BEFORE OUR EYES, and you want to hasten that death for more beef?

I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. National parks exist to PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE. This park should be managed accordingly.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

#4753

Name: Pearson, Juliet

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species

#4754

Name: Savage, Louise

Correspondence: The Elk must remain! Keep nature this is so important!

#4755

Name: N/A, Joyce

Correspondence: The Tule Elk are native to the Point Reyes area & should be treasured. Please give them preference in all plans over all commercial concerns. Thank you

#4756

Name: Little, Sandra

Correspondence: Regarding the Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore: . Please adopt Alternative F. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Gain, Please adopt Alternative F. Thank you, Sandra L Little

#4757

Name: Beck, Donna

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native Elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4758

Name: Libbin, Anne

Correspondence: The Environmental Impact Statement fails to make a more individualized assessment of the impact of ranching on various parts of Point Reyes. It also makes the unwarranted assumption that all of the ranches are complying, and will continue to comply, with all of the regulations that are in place for ranching in the National Park. As a result, it seriously underestimates the adverse environmental impact of many of the ranches on the terrestrial and marine ecology of the National Park.

The EIS itself lists numbers of cattle on ranches (B, C, I, L and J) that exceed the permitted limits. If the NPS cannot even control how many heifers, bulls and/or cows are on the ranches, which is easy to do by a headcount, it is completely unreasonable to assume that NPS is controlling more serious environmental risks such as periodic runoff of manure into streams and estuaries. The EIS states that marine life is unaffected by the preferred proposal (continued ranching on all existing ranches), despite acknowledging that there is runoff going into Drake's Bay and Tomales Bay from the ranch areas.

There also is no real basis for listing the ranches as important "cultural" features of the National Park. Some of the buildings (if they were rehabilitated) might be interesting cultural features, if they were welcoming to visitors. The actual dairy operations are not unique to the National Park area, and can be observed in many locations of western Marin County outside the National Park. The dairy herds and fencing make it daunting for visitors to even enter the ranch areas, and most of the historic buildings are not visible from the roads.

Fundamentally, the NPS should be prioritizing the protection of the terrestrial and marine environment, including native plants and wildlife, over agricultural uses. Instead, the EIS skews the analysis in favor of agriculture by offering only a one-year elimination of ranching as an alternative to long-term continuation of ranching (and even additional animal husbandry and row crops). The preferred alternative should be gradual elimination of ranching, as legacy owners wish to leave. The leases should not be transferable outside of immediate family members of the legacy owners.

Also, while ranching, and other residential uses, persist, the NPS should institute a regulation prohibiting free-ranging domestic cats from the National Park, in order to protect native birds and lizards.

#4759

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Tule Elk herds of Point Reyes National Seashore. They've been there longer than the cattle ranchers and they must be defended.

#4760

Name: Gavre , Laura

Correspondence: I am strongly against the killing of the Tule Deer. If they can't cohabitate peacefully with other animals & ranchers, they should be safely relocated . Thank you.

#4761

Name: Ross, Shane

Correspondence: I am deeply concerned about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4762

Name: Franklin , Constance

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As a 4th generation Californian, wholly invested in our State, I am in strong favor of Alternative F; discontinuing leases to Ranchers and Farmers. I know for certain that grazing has an unhealthy impact on ecology and I am greatly concerned about thriving biodiversity now and for generations to come. This land belongs to the public, and to the wildlife that reside there and call it home. I am deeply troubled by private agribusiness utilizing our land for profit at the expense of wildlife, public enjoyment and recreation and preservation. I hope NPS will do what is right and allow the land to return to it's natural heritage of pristine beauty, and that can only happen if leases to graze and farm are discontinued. California is known for its beauty and tourism, and surely NPS will recognize the value of adopting Alternative F. Thank you

#4763

Name: THOMAS, ELEANOR

Correspondence: I completely oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We should

not be destroying our wild life - we should instead be helping these amazing animals to survive and we should not be following the lobbying of private ranchers who are interested in making money out of their "livestock".

Rather than bowing to the pressure of ranchers, we should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife.

These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

#4764

Name: Sides, Pat

Correspondence: Please protect the Elk NOT the cows! I lived in Marin - Mill Valley - for over 20years and thought this was "taken care of" years ago - of all counties this should not be an issue. You sound like the animal killing fields of Wyoming. Yes, I eat organic cheese, etc. (Cowgirl Creamery) but I am sick of the cows destroying the environment and moving native animals off the land.

#4765

Name: Patterson, Cressie

Correspondence: I think it is important to protect California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area at the expense of the natural wildlife. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

While I understand that those ranchers need places to let their cattle graze, that should not come at the expense of killing our state's wildlife. Surely, our Forestry Service could think of other solutions, like planting more natural vegetation, even fruit trees and berry bushes in more protected areas, so that the wild elk would be able to find other food sources, and would not have to compete with cattle for grazing grounds. Every time there is a fire in a wildlife area, the Forestry Service ought to be out there afterwards, spreading seeds, plants, and saplings for more natural vegetation to be immediately regrowing, and using the opportunity to plant more varieties of plants that could sustain more wildlife. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly. But if steps are taken to help the wildlife survive AND the cattle ranchers are able to still be given places where their cattle can graze on natural grasses, then we could have a win-win situation for everybody.

#4766

Name: Tio, Rita

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4767

Name: Mugglestone, Lindsay

Correspondence: Regarding the elk herds at Point Reyes, please adopt Alternative F and phase out ranching and farming in the park. They don't belong there, elk do.

#4768

Name: Shone, Mya

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4769

Name: Stein, Al

Correspondence: Your possible plan to shoot the Point Reyes elks is truly unwarranted for a multitude of reasons. Just a few 1- Californians do not want their tax dollars spent on this.2 Totally unecessary for the Ranchers who fail to protect their own properties. It is Inhumane and Immoral. Unless this plan is aborted, I will start a crusade to cut funding for your agency . Respectfully, Al Stein

#4770

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: We need to take good care of our wildlife before there all gone

#4771

Name: McDaniel, Pamela

Correspondence: There are plenty of places for commercial agriculture and not enough for wild animals. You should abandon your current favored plan and adopt one that keeps Point Reyes for native wildlife.

#4772

Name: Davies, Dorothy

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4773

Name: Friedberg, Lionel

Correspondence: Please leave the wildlife alone in Point Reyes Reserve. This is a natural and national habitat. None of the wildlife need become victims of the cattle and meat industry.

#4774

Name: Douglas, L

Correspondence: I live in California, and not far from Point Reyes, the farmers there don't need to be shooting elk, they have more than enough land. Most of them are dairy farmers, and they need to address their type of farming that contributes to CLIMATE CHANGE! Give me a break, they want to get rid of elk because they compete for food.

#4775

Name: Lowrance, Avila

Correspondence: Please do not take it into your own hands to decide which is more important: cattle or tule elk. Cattle ranching is destructive and should be phased out of any environment that calls itself sustainable. The tule elk live sustainably on the Pt. Reyes peninsula. Don't destroy them to support the greedy ranchers.

#4776

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: essential, affirming, symbiotic

#4777

Name: Hughes, Jim

Correspondence: It seems that what needs to be "managed" is the National Park Service. We don't need the bloody cows, but I, my son, daughter and grandkids do need to visit the tule elk.

#4778

Name: Hawkins, Laura

Correspondence: Our national parks must be protected at any cost. Our wildlife animals and their needed habitat are all threatened by human action. This must not continue. Americans must be put before profit hungry corporations or government organizations

#4779

Name: Cito, Raquel

Correspondence: Save the elk. Living creatures above money, above greed.

#4780

Name: Kirkham, Connie

Correspondence: We must protect the habitat for the native wildlife and not allow commercial agriculture to destroy it!

#4781

Name: Gladen, Diana

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park.

Adopt Alternative F, which will discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you Diana Gladen

#4782

Name: Yagoobian, Crystal

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4783

Name: stock, ann

Correspondence: I am opposed to allowing ranch & grazing use at Pt. Reyes national seashore. It should revert to its original natural state without private business use of the area. All have some impact on the environment that does not involve retaining the natural environment. Ranches are taking advantage of the whole reason for a national seashore in the first place. National does not include private profit-making use.

In addition, a natural species has been successfully reintroduced to its original habitat & should not be considered for elimination because of clashes with ranchers. Tule elk belong, cows & other livestock are not natural inhabitants of the area. Phase them out.

In order to make a positive impact on global warming, it is imperative that we reduce our consumption of beef & other livestock, which have a major impact on producing CO2 & have a destructive effect on land & water resources. These animals do not belong at Pt. Reyes National seashore.

#4784

Name: Levitt, Lacey

Correspondence: As a Californian who cares about protecting California's wildlife, I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4785

Name: McManus, Veronica

Correspondence: Please protect these beautiful elk.

#4786

Name: Marquardt, Shannon

Correspondence: THESE ARE RARE TULY ELK THAT GOD CREATED AND RANCHERS HAVE NO RIGHT TO DESTROY WHAT GOD CREATED. PEOPLE NEED TO STOP EATING MEAT INSTEAD BECAUSE CATTLE MANURE IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CAUSES OF GLOBAL WARMING. THE RANCHERS CAN BUY MORE PRIVATE LAND IF THEY NEED IT AND STOP USING PUBLIC LANDS AT VERY LOW COSTS!!!!THE NATIONAL PARKS BELONG TO EVERYONE NOT JUST THE GREEDY RANCHERS. ALSO, CATTLE MEAT IS HIGH IN FAT AND CAUSES HEART DISEASE!!!!

#4787

Name: Reinhart, Robin

Correspondence: Please use Alternate F. We have to take action now to n the face of draconian infringements by the Trump administration in all aspects of the environment.

#4788

Name: Cornelius, Diana

Correspondence: Alternative action,B,is the only honorable, humane action possible. Both animals and the needs of man must be met. Continuing the status quo, a blatant and shameful example is what has been done, primarily on the basis of Money Talks, What Puts The Hidden Money in My Pocket, and most shameful and disgusting of all - Because I Can.

#4789

Name: Coulter Searer , Kimberly

Correspondence: Please discontinue farming and ranching opportunities at Point Reyes National Seashore. I encourage you to expand visitor opportunities instead! Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California!

#4790

Name: Arkinson, Rhys

Correspondence: Please protect the Tile Elk at be Point Reyes

#4791

Name: Herrero, Martha

Correspondence: wild animals , must take precedent over farming ,and ranching.

#4792

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please don't value commercial agriculture more than the Tule Elk herds of Point Reyes. The Tule Elk must be defended so please let the Tule Elk herd continue to live at Point Reyes.

#4793

Name: Harker, Jana

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the

Point Reyes park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities!!!!!! Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please adopt Alternative F.

#4794

Name: Arneson, Sammy

Correspondence: Make better choices

#4795

Name: Nualchawee , Rungruedee

Correspondence: Please protect Elf's habitats and hunting them by issues the serious law to help protect them.

#4796

Name: Swanson, Rebecca

Correspondence: The National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area is not a good idea. Please reconsider and instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

#4797

Name: Harker, Jana

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F !!!!!

#4798

Name: Tedtmann, Edward

Correspondence: Corporate farming and ranching should end. KEEP THEM OUT OF OUR PARKS. Killing Elk? that's really high handed. I have no use for hunting, when plenty of fod is available. Trump is the internal enemy of this country, along with his dark money pals.s Here, hunting would be useful, as they like guns, for millions of reasons.

#4799

Name: Moore-Racine, Patricia

Correspondence: I am someone who spends a lot of time outdoors at PT Reyes National Seashore. The tule elk are a beautiful part of the park, and people come from around the world to see them. I honestly do NOT see any issue with the elk over-running the cattle there, and I hike all over the park! I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Sincerely, Patty Moore-Racine

#4800

Name: Vollmer , Alexander

Correspondence: As a Californian, I care about protecting California's wildlife.

I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild native animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.

#4801

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4802

Name: Montagno, Carla

Correspondence: National Park should equal wildlife. These tule elk are magnificent animals and a joy to see and should NOT be destroyed.

#4803

Name: Whitney , Dawn

Correspondence: This is a land grab by polluters and developers who have only their own fortunes at stake. The Tule Elk should not be sacrificed for them. This also threatens biodiversity and the integrity of the land itself. Nothing proffered justifies this action. Please say no.

#4804

Name: Gordon, Jay

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

This is just one more among the many mercenary acts perpetrated by our current national administration that degrade quality of life for all living things on our planet. Such actions by depraved thinking must be opposed by greater minds.

#4805

Name: Angle, Judy

Correspondence: Thank-you for considering The Tule Elk and it's natural habitat. Driving them to extinction is not a desirable outcome.

#4806

Name: Sharp, Peggy

Correspondence: As a California resident and bi-yearly visitor to Pt. Reyes Park, Ca. My visits always include watching the Tule Elk of Point Reyes. I am writing to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Please don't even consider harming these beautiful creatures. Sincerely, Peggy Sharp

#4807

Name: Mulato, Jill

Correspondence: We are destroying the planet and everything on it...in order to "protect" ranchers. Killing wildlife so people can eat more steak is a deeply flawed logic that needs to be abolished immediately.

I strongly oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. Start managing parks with evolved thinking, not biased rhetoric that benefits no one in the long run. Thank you!

#4808

Name: Morrison, Laura

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. As you know, grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please protect this area!

Thank you,

Laura Morrison

#4809

Name: Catron, Cheryl

Correspondence: Instead of killing, move some to other areas.

#4810

Name: Rosas, Greg

Correspondence: As someone who cares deeply about protecting California's wildlife, I strongly oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4811

Name: Graves, Ann

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

To prioritize the farmers' interests ahead of saving these animals and to grant them further concessions is misguided. Plus, the existing tule elk are already outnumbered nearly ten to one by cows.

Please speak for those who cannot speak for themselves and rescind your plan.

#4812

Name: Erickson, Meredith

Correspondence: PLEASE ADOPT ALTERNATIVE F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4813

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#4814

Name: Green, Jamie

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Commercial agriculture should never be given precedence over wildlife! These are PUBLIC lands not to be used and abused by PRIVATE for profit ranchers! GET THEM OFF PUBLIC LAND NOW!!

#4815

Name: Kingett, Kathie

Correspondence: I definitely do not want my tax dollars spend to support industrial uses of public land. I believe strongly that commercial agriculture shouldn't be valued over wildlife. It's simply a further insult to use public monies to allow this.

#4816

Name: Picott, Alice

Correspondence: I come to the Seashore because I want see the wildlife. The mission of national parks is to protect native plants and animals. The environmental impact on the land, water, and wildlife of the national seashore are being harmed by the cattle: Cattle are the leading source of greenhouse gases at the Seashore. Methane, produced by cattle, is a greenhouse gas 25x-100x worse than carbon dioxide.

#4817

Name: Lankenau, Megan

Correspondence: Please do not kill the elk in Point Reyes National Park. I encourage you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species is more important and should take precedence over ranching. thank you.

#4818

Name: Padilla , Pat

Correspondence: I pay my taxes and I don't feel that the government is listening to what WE have to say about you people allowing these farmers to put their cows on our public land!!!! AND THEN want the animals that have been born and raised on this land their entire life!!! Now they want those animals off their own land AND they want them killed off!!! Why aren't they (farmers) using their own land!!! This has ALL been started by TRUMP!!!! He is who we need to vote out!!!!!!!!!!!!

#4819

Name: SMITH, LAUREN

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native Tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

This is just another example of President Trump believing that this magnificent and exquisite world of ours exists solely for him to plunder and exploit to enrich himself, his family, and the elite donor class of the Republican party. The thought of nurturing, valuing, and caring for the natural world- - and for all the flora and fauna it contains- - as a moral imperative completely escapes Trump. It is exceedingly rich that at this critical juncture, just as we learn of a massive species die-off of plants and animals globally, due to climate change and the loss of habitat due to human encroachment, the President weakens the Endangered Species Act. Trump's complete contempt for

and ignorance of science as well as his total lack of a moral compass together have brought us to a calamitous precipice. We have a decision to make in 2020- - to follow Trump off the cliff taking the natural world with us- - or to take a more noble and sane approach of working to save the magnificent biodiversity that exists on earth..... The choice is ours- - the citizens.

Respectfully, Lauren Smith

#4820

Name: Perkins, Elettra

Correspondence: Nature and animals have full right to live.

#4821

Name: Stephan, Tammy

Correspondence: Please think twice about this before acting. We all need to co-exist in this world.

#4822

Name: Radcliff, Carolin

Correspondence: Farmers don't belong in National Forests, and certainly not at the expense of wildlife who do belong there. The scheme to remove elk to give farmers more farm land is preposterous! I hope this will not be allowed. Keep farmers out of Natl. forests!

Thank you!

#4823

Name: Carlson, Rita

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4824

Name: Oliver, Nancy

Correspondence: The cattle industry does not run or own the NPS! This is a government organization by and for the people. How could you, as a PARK service plan to shoot and kill tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore to benefit a small number of ranchers? Have you become the meat industry? For God's sake, stop prioritizing commercial interests of the cattle industry over California wildlife! California is not run by Trump. We want our wildlife and we do not want you to expand acreage for cattle ranchers or to extend leases. These are natural habitats. Take your killing elsewhere.

#4825

Name: collins, mitzi

Correspondence: please stop endangering the beautiful elk

#4826

Name: Johnson, Jann

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F and discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the GGNRA park or at the very least allow only that which will not interfere with the elk herds. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Cow grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. The elk are magnificent and need to be maintained and protected. Thank you for your consideration.

#4827

Name: Hansell, Judith

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4828

Name: Pokomo, Cheryl

Correspondence: No!! Please do not do this. I implore you to search for another solution.

Thank you for your kind compassion,

Cheryl Pokomo

#4829

Name: Martinez, Maritza

Correspondence: Please save and help the elk.

#4830

Name: Weinberger, Mark S.

Correspondence:

I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you for speaking up for the elk who call Point Reyes home!

#4831

Name: Brannock, Kim

Correspondence: I support Alternative F, the NPS were set aside for "The preservation of our most magnificent and meaningful places for the purpose of public appreciation and recreation is a uniquely American idea." this is something that special interests have carved away at over the years, working hard to exploit every loophole imaginable.

I have been to these areas, and have witnessed the magnificence of these elk, it's not a place what we should be using for grazing, it's irresponsible stewardship of these NPS resources to manage them for grazing and to reduce the amazing wild herds that reside in this refuge.

Please consider Alternative F as the the path forward.

Best regards,

Kim Brannock

#4832

Name: Barrett, Keiko

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you for your attention in this delicate matter.

#4833

Name: Seltzer, Rob

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4834

Name: DeNicola, Tony

Correspondence: I urge the adoption of Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4835

Name: Tabb, Linda

Correspondence: Please let the wildlife live where they have for years!

#4836

Name: Rowe, Jodi

Correspondence: Cattle farming is bad for the environment and needs to be curtailed. It isn't healthy for us either. Save wildlife. They are disappearing,

#4837

Name: Tobey, Kathy

Correspondence: They were there first! Leave the Elk alone you greedy people!

#4838

Name: MARTIN, KENNETH

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

#4839

Name: Bazar, Annelise

Correspondence: It seems that the elk are rather more at risk than the cattle. Rather than increasing farming in the park, you should be considering the alternative that prioritizes the safety of the elk.

#4840

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4841

Name: Cavanaugh, Michael

Correspondence: Hello, please adopt alternative F. Thank you

#4842

Name: Horry, Lorelei

Correspondence: What a foolhardy idea to purposely kill a native icon to make room for more dead land used for domestic animals which will soon be destroyed so people can eat them. What a joke. Quit destroying our land and our wildlife. #govegan

Thank you, Mrs. Lorelei R. Horry

#4843

Name: Porter, Susan

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4844

Name: Dorr, Kathy

Correspondence: No comment

#4845

Name: Abellorentzen, Katherine

Correspondence: Please don't kill elk! Let animals live in peace.

#4846

Name: Nunez, Stephanie

Correspondence: PLEASE help save all the elks

#4847

Name: Germain, Jyoti

Correspondence: I personally care a lot about protecting California's wildlife and therefore I strongly oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat which is the true purpose of having these parks.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife and definitely not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly

Thank you.

#4848

Name: Geyer, Sandra

Correspondence: Please protect these beautiful animals.

#4849

Name: Nicodemus, Sharon

Correspondence: Please protect these iconic animals for posterity and for people now to experience.

#4850

Name: Putnam, Joyce

Correspondence: Save the Tule Elk at Pt. Reyes

#4851

Name: Steiner, Neal

Correspondence: National Park System,

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you.

#4852

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Let me point out that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. I hope this plea does fall on deaf ears.

#4853

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Save the Elk. This is where they belong. Giving up more wilderness to ranching/dairy business is not what we want done with our National or State land.

Stop!!!

#4854

Name: Dieringer, Irini

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4855

Name: Claymore, Sean

Correspondence: I am troubled with the prospect of continued and possibly expanded agribusiness within the boundaries of the national park. The impact of cattle overgrazing is apparent to even the most casual observer. Pasture lands have been reduced to bare ground, excremental run off fouls trails and flows into streams, ponds and lagoons threatening native wildlife.

This is a national park, not BLM or Department Of Agriculture land. The time has come to evict commercial interests and allow the park to be utilized to its full potential by the general public.

#4856

Name: Figueroa Jr, Jose

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Do not allow any farming of cows

#4857

Name: McEwan, Diane

Correspondence: Please make the elk at Point Reyes the priority, not cattle. It is a national park and should be protecting native species. The ranchers were given a reasonable leasing period. When that expires, the ranchers should vacate Point Reyes and the Park Service should focus on it's mandate to protect land and native animals as well as making the park more available to visitors.

#4858

Name: Boyd, Jeannie

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4859

Name: Irian, Christian

Correspondence: The introduction of domestic animals other than cattle to Point Reyes National seashore as well as monoculture farming of crops such as artichoke will have major detrimental impacts to the ecosystems in the park. As Point Reyes currently sits, it is one of the best places to photograph badgers, bobcats and coyotes in all of the western United States. The farming of small domestic animals such as goats, chickens and pigs will cause immediate conflict with the native carnivores, as the domestic animals will be predated and the ranchers will likely terminate the natives using depredation permits. Monocultures of any variety will also be detrimental to the Point Reyes ecosystems, as monoculture crops tend to decrease biodiversity at all levels in the ecosystem. Any large scale use of pesticides will be detrimental to the endangered Red-legged frogs, and even organic fertilizers and pesticides can have negative impacts on amphibians. It is in the best interest of the park and the general public to preserve Point Reyes in its present state, as there are very few places left in California where native wildlife still flourishes.

#4860

Name: Marks, JB

Correspondence: No comment at this time

#4861

Name: Ross, Zen

Correspondence: Killing The Elk is genocide and not ok. The business who are complaining need to figure out how to live there worth out destroying the habitat and wild life. This is not ok and you should be ashamed for considering killing innocent animals.. it's not ok. They have more rights to the land than people do!

#4862

Name: Dadgari, Joseph

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which not only does not destroy a natural ecosystem but can

also expand visitor opportunities, instead of Alternative B which would involve killing natural wildlife like elks to extend another 20 year lease agreement for farming and ranching.

#4863

Name: Goldstein, Roz

Correspondence: please leave the elk alone!

#4864

Name: PETERSEN, JERI

Correspondence: LET THE OWNER OF THE COWS FEED THEM. NO FREE HANDOUTS FOR CATTLEMEN. WE NEED THE PARKS AND THE ANIMALS WHO CALL IT HOME. NO MORE KILLING.

#4865

Name: Bustos, Sondra

Correspondence: Save the Elk

#4866

Name: Kolasa, Joyce

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4867

Name: runion, paul

Correspondence: please choose alternative f when determining the future of point reyes nat. park in california. the status of indigenous wildlife should have priority over ranching and farming in our nat. parks

#4868

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Keep wildlife protected.. Commercial agri is not a appppppriority for NPS

#4869

Name: Lind , Michelle

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4870

Name: Campbell, Allan

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Please do not have the deer killed and instead let them live. Please manage the park for wildlife not for ranchers.

#4871

Name: Jacques, Karen

Correspondence: I don't approve of grazing and other agricultural operations on federal lands, particularly national parks. That said, I am appalled by your plans for Point Reyes National Seashore. Alternative B, would not only continue grazing it would expand it and possibly allow animals other than cattle also graze there. At the same time, I would limit the number of tule elk, the species native to the park area and allow the killing of some of those elk. Overgrazing of farm animals and destruction of native species are the kinds of policies that have led to the environmental/extinction crisis that we are currently facing. I am sick and tired of the federal government putting the profits of private businesses, in this case cattle and other live stock ranchers over the health of our parks and the lives of native animals. I also view the deliberate killing (extermination?) of native species to be morally and ethically reprehensible. I do not want my tax dollars spent for this kind of mismanagement and I do not want a park that I have loved visiting turned into a place that I will never want to visit again.. You need to re-evaluate your proposal

#4872

Name: Maturo, Vicki

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service (NPS) Representative,

I understand that the Service has unveiled a draft plan to shoot and kill some of the tule elk living in Point Reyes National Seashore to benefit ranchers' interests. Ranchers claim that the elk interfere with their operations and consume too many resources.

As a wildlife lover and environmentalist, I decry placing commercial interests over the interests and survival of wildlife and the environment. Please scrap any plan to destroy tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore to support ranchers' economic demands. We must protect animals, the environment and human health as a first priority. Thank you.

#4873

Name: Curtis, Robbi

Correspondence: Wildlife is under siege more than ever in the world. Humans are expanding their territory and pushing wildlife to the brink of extinction in many places. This includes allowing farmers and ranchers to kill wildlife to accommodate their desires for their businesses to succeed. But who was here first. Who deserves to live because they have lived here for a very long time. Why do they have to die for man to come in and take over their land. These majestic animals deserve better. They need to be preserved and protected for years to come. Please consider this when making your decision. Thank you

#4874

Name: Millard, Gerald

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4875

Name: Kippes, Althea

Correspondence: I want to protect California's wildlife, not kill it!

I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We must prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers.

These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park, including but not limited to polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife, NOT benefit business. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4876

Name: Murdock , Donna

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative F

#4877

Name: Nevin, Debra

Correspondence: Hello,

I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you, Debra Nevin

#4878

Name: Daniels, Courtney

Correspondence: Please use your power and influence to change the world for the positive.

#4879

Name: Heinly, Bridgett

Correspondence: California's wildlife must be protected, which is why I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I am imploring the National Park Service restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We must prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife over the economic interests of private ranchers.

Commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park, such as polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife and this park should be managed accordingly.

#4880

Name: Hale, Joel

Correspondence: Jesus- Why do farmers always want to kill whatever takes money out of their pocket? Is money that important? This just makes me sick. Live and let live. Put your livestock somewhere else.

#4881

Name: Schulbach, Diane

Correspondence: Please save the elk!

#4882

Name: Gonzalez, Alan

Correspondence: I do not support removal of wildlife from public lands for the SOUL purpose of benefiting commerce. If they cannot coexist on public land than a default should be given to wildlife.

#4883

Name: Carson, Carol

Correspondence: Please don't do this. All life is precious and you need to protect the elk. Thank you!

#4884

Name: Shats, Tatyana

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4885

Name: Nunez, Stephanie

Correspondence: help protect the wildlife and lands

#4886

Name: Dravis, Mia

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft revised forest plans for the Sierra and Sequoia national forests. These public lands provide innumerable benefits including important wildlife habitat, clean water and recreational opportunities for California residents and visitors alike.

I strongly urge the US Forest Service to adopt Alternative C to provide the highest level of protection to these lands for the benefit of present and future generations as well as the plants and animals that call these forests home. This includes protecting the dense forests that fisher, California spotted owl and northern goshawk depend on for shelter and food, and meadows that support great gray owls and willow flycatchers. The plans should also add protections for California condors, western pond turtles, black-backed woodpeckers and others not adequately protected by the plans.

#4887

Name: ZELKANOVIC, ENVERA

Correspondence: adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4888

Name: Branson, Jack

Correspondence: Stop

#4889

Name: Adomeit, Sharon

Correspondence: Point Reyes is a beautiful place. Walking the area is always a pleasure.

I can't imagine why there isn't room for the elk. Will the existence of farm animals always be considered more important than wild animals? It isn't as if the elk will attack cows. Wild animals are national treasures and should be protected and given a part of Point Reyes for their home. I would love to see them the next time I'm in California.

#4890

Name: smith, marlene

Correspondence: This land was opened for Elk to graze. Please transport the Elk to another area so you don't have to kill them unnecessarily.

#4891

Name: Simon, Jill

Correspondence: I write to urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species MUST take

precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

In this time of great danger to our fragile ecosystem, we cannot afford any of that. Thank you for considering my and my husband Thomas Simon's comments on this.

#4892

Name: plimier, maureen

Correspondence: Any time you harm the environment or its living creatures, you harm yourself.

#4893

Name: Cheung, May

Correspondence: The earth we abuse and the living things we kill will, in the end, take their revenge; for in exploiting their presence we are diminishing our future. - Marya Mannes

#4894

Name: Zumba, Polly

Correspondence: "Our task must be to widen our circle of compassion, to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty." - Albert Einstein

#4895

Name: petrulias, linda

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4896

Name: Rubin, Charles

Correspondence: Hello,

I live on the California coast and I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. The national seashore should have the protection of natural resources, which now include the Tule elk, as its primary goal.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife.

#4897

Name: Fisk, Todd

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4898

Name: Lucas, Ann

Correspondence: I support Alternative F because I visit all our national parks, including Pt Reyes, for seeing wildlife, both flora and fauna. The Tule elk have been brought back from the brink by a federal program in 1978, and this new plan would undo all that careful and necessary work. It is the Park Service's stated duty and mission to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat. Environmental impact statements have all expressly declared that the environment of Pt Reyes is continually being harmed by cattle and ranching operations. And finally, the Park Service does not exist to provide a living to private enterprises, and Park lands are not to be made available to private enterprises when they endanger and degrade those lands. I hope this comment is SUBSTANTIVE enough for you.

#4899

Name: Taylor-Smith, Terie-Lee

Correspondence: I am astonished that the Park Service even allows grazing-for-profit at Point Reyes National Seashore, and disgusted to learn that the Park Service is considering allowing more grazing, to the detriment of the elk and other wildlife. I am a tax-payer and it has always made me angry that many ranchers and farmers are allowed to profit off of public lands. The public lands are for everyone, not just the farmers and ranchers. The government does not charge a reasonable price for the grazing (they charge far too little), and other animals are pushed out and/or annihilated for the farmers/ranchers.

I want to go to National Parks, Forests, and other wild lands to see wild animals and plants, not a bunch of sheep, cattle, domestic goats. I am a person that would enjoy paying a lot more for my meat to protect the environment. Please don't expand grazing at Point Reyes and please curtail the existing leases.

#4900

Name: Ray, P

Correspondence: I believe that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

#4901

Name: Chi, Taochiung

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Tule elks at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please adopt Alternative F instead, which would discontinue farming and ranching in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Thank you!

Sincerely, Chi

#4902

Name: Byrne, Katy

Correspondence: 9/16/19

This is unnecessary killing. We are watching.

We need our natural surroundings more than ever before.

Please model kindness and find common ground for the co- existence of people with nature.

I am very disappointed that this is a possible outcome.

Katy Byrne, MA, MFT

#4903

Name: Woods, Kristen

Correspondence: Hello,

After some research about these highly adaptable elk. Why don't we use this tragic opportunity to relocate a buck a few does and calves to Las Plumas. Dye to the Camp Fire , US environmentalist and large land owners could use some elk to graze grasslands here in the Canyons and above. We have natural large predators and historically Butte County has received relocated animals. Please consider this as an alternative to eliminating some of the herd, rather relocate them where they'll be appreciated and useful. Shasta and Butts County were impacted greatly by the fires. These communities could use a more lucrative attraction such as the elk.

Concerned Citizen/ Environmentalist.

#4904

Name: Bunyard, Lee

Correspondence: The elk at Point Reyes have much more of a right to live there than cattle. Leave them alone and move the cattle.

#4905

Name: Cuff, Kermit

Correspondence: I'm a frequent visitor to Pt. Reyes. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4906

Name: Buffi, Dillon

Correspondence: "The introduction of domestic animals other than cattle to Point Reyes National seashore as well as monoculture farming of crops such as artichoke will have major detrimental impacts to the ecosystems in the park. As Point Reyes currently sits, it is one of the best places to photograph badgers, bobcats and coyotes in all of the western United States. The farming of small domestic animals such as goats, chickens and pigs will cause

immediate conflict with the native carnivores, as the domestic animals will be predated and the ranchers will likely terminate the natives using depredation permits. Monocultures of any variety will also be detrimental to the Point Reyes ecosystems, as monoculture crops tend to decrease biodiversity at all levels in the ecosystem. Any large scale use of pesticides will be detrimental to the endangered Red-legged frogs, and even organic fertilizers and pesticides can have negative impacts on amphibians. It is in the best interest of the park and the general public to preserve Point Reyes in its present state, as there are very few places left in California where native wildlife still flourishes."

#4907

Name: Blahut, Terri

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4908

Name: Rhodes, Janet

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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Thanks for your time.

#4909

Name: HEMINGWAY, Pro

Correspondence: Protect these elk and all the animals- -and our environment!

#4910

Name: Stinstrom, Amy

Correspondence: Protect animals in our national parks.

#4911

Name: Gates, Jan

Correspondence: I am a volunteer CA wildlife rehabilitator. I have been doing this work for 17 years, in an effort to preserve and protect our heritage wildlife. And now I hear CA elk are to be killed to protect COWS?? And not CA state cows, but privately owned cows? How can you justify this? I really would like to know. These cows must

be Trump's personal property for this to be justified (in his opinion.) This is an outrage. Please respond and tell me this is not true! Dr. Jan Gates

#4912

Name: Amos, Christine

Correspondence: I am entreating you to please opt for Alternate F, allowing the Tule Elk to remain on Pt. Reyes peninsula, rather than allowing livestock and farming on National Park land. The environmental impact of farming and grazing is far more damaging considering erosion of soil, run-off from the feces of large groups of cows, sheep, pigs. Our treasured parks need all the protection available to keep the parks free from development and intrusive practices over natural habitat. I grew up in Sacramento and in the '70s, my mother would take us to Pt. Reyes for memorable a day of hiking. I later attended graduate school at UCSF and would go to Pt. Reyes where the laurel trees, tide pools, and pristine area was a tonic from the city. Please don't allow this beautiful area to be leased for farming and livestock grazing. Our national treasures, prized national parks, are being threatened more than ever before. The protections from the past are being overturned. Please allow the Tule elk to remain unmolested and free to live at Pt. Reyes to keep it as natural and protected as possible

#4913

Name: Gowani, Nancy

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Thank you, Nancy Gowani

#4914

Name: OBrien, Kathy

Correspondence: Stop this Insanity!

#4915

Name: Dishion, Catherine

Correspondence: Please do not kill the Elk at Pt. Reyes. They are a joy to watch and they make the area truly unique.

#4916

Name: Borden, Barbara

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. The elk are a priority. Not Farming/ranching. Protect our wildlife and iur environment.

#4917

Name: Funk, Jane

Correspondence: I'm disappointed that after years for re-introducing the elks (who had been eliminated by humans), now, there is consideration to kill them. Let's allow nature manage the wildlife and step back.

Thank you

#4918

Name: Weil , Gwen

Correspondence: I am in favor of protecting the tule elk.

#4919

Name: Ague, Kate

Correspondence: The tule elk are an integral part of Point Reyes and should be protected rather than killed!!

#4920

Name: DeVito, Jean

Correspondence: I strongly oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to restore allow the lands to remain the haven for the wildlife that call this area home. Haven't you folks taken away enough of these lands already?

The preservation of our public lands and wildlife is an important issue, more important than the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4921

Name: Shotts, Tami

Correspondence: The National Park Service should not eliminate elk to provide more "resources" for cattle ranchers. Land shouldn't be given over from park land to cattle ranchers. We must preserve national park land for the native animals that live on it. Not give it to cattle ranchers.

#4922

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please don't open this land up to farming.

#4923

Name: Brackett, Joan

Correspondence: Protect Elk & all Wildlife. Stop destroying nature. Eat a plant based diet, save our ecosystems. Ranching destroys our public land and wildlife.

#4924

Name: Berger, Karen

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point

Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4925

Name: Hay, Misty

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife and am totally against the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

Our public lands and wildlife must be preserved no matter what over the interests of damn private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4926

Name: DeSalvo, Gloria

Correspondence: Help please

#4927

Name: Warwick, Jon

Correspondence: It's time to do the land and the wildlife a favor. Cattle ranchers care nothing about the land and water. No one comes there to see cows. Make a statement to all Americans that industrial ranching harms wildlife, wild lands and doesn't belong in national parks or refuges. Get ranchers and their cattle off public land.

#4928

Name: Sidebotham, Nancy

Correspondence: The man species that make up this planet have a "god" giving right to be here and left alone! The fact that over population is killing this planet off says a lot for the lack of knowledge and respect humans give to the life expectancy of this planet. GREED is not a substitute for respect and cohabitation of all species inhabiting this planet!

Stop trying to out think nature while killing it off through culling, sport and/or chemicals. Humans are the worst of all species making up this planet and KARMA will be a bitch when judgement day comes in the future and our children and their children will pay the ultimate price!

One scientist just spoke out on eating humans to survive as our food source has been over produced and thanks to chemicals and greed we are close to having little to no sources for food and water thanks to man's interference!

Leave the Elk alone a let them continue to live their lives...If you are truly caretakers of nature and our Parks then your first priority is to the animals and vegetation that make up our Parks! Not to the greed of a few that don't see beyond their pocket books!

This also goes for the wild horses, Bison, wolves etc. Who died and made you all gods!

Population controls should be the subject not the devastation of our oxygen making forest and the animals and plants put here to make this planet a viable one!

#4929

Name: B., Jill

Correspondence: NPS, SHAME ON YOU! Your job is to protect our natural areas and the wildlife who inhabit those natural areas, not protect the monied interests of greedy ranchers. I am very concerned about the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk. NPS, DO NOT consider any plans that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

#4930

Name: Rondanini, Rob

Correspondence: Dear sirs please dont kill the point teyes seashore elk thank you

#4931

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4932

Name: Menache, Lucy

Correspondence: NO SEAN MALDITOS, DEJEN DE JODER A LOS ANIMALES

#4933

Name: Solomon, Alan

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. My belief is the Elk have rights as much as ranchers do. I feel that Elk are the Supreme animal over cattle any day and they should not be disrespected in such a way to be outright killed and destroyed because that is the easier way. It is not humane in any respect and I would expect the National Park Service to use more humane tactics than murdering the Elk because they are abundant or in the way. It is good to see and hear this healthy wildlife growth with all the environmental crisis going on in our world today. Dont you agree NPS??

My belief is the cattle ranchers suggested solving their Elk problem this way and the NPS went along with it because it is the cheapest, quickest way to remedy the problem and quiet the ranchers. I wouldn't be surprised if other things were not occurring also.

I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native Tule Elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to think twice and reconsider this suggestion and instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat today and forever.

If you would go ahead with this inhumane action you would need a long, detailed assessment report as to the risks and losses on the land environmentally speaking.

#4934

Name: G, C

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4935

Name: Cassidy, Shelia

Correspondence: I am unhappy to hear that you may be killing elk and turning some of the lands over to private enterprise. We sorely need these lands to be held in pristine condition for future generations. I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly. Please consider future generations and leave these lands unspoiled for our children and their children.

#4936

Name: Holloway, David

Correspondence: Please do not allow the tule elk to be killed. Wild species must be preserved. Ranching and farming interests must not be allowed to pressure the government into killing elk so that these interests can profit.

#4937

Name: Rudolf Nnaji, Catherine

Correspondence: Please stop to kill animals

#4938

Name: P, S

Correspondence: Help elks.

#4939

Name: Kruger, Kim

Correspondence: We need to restore the endangered Species Act asap. Wolves are a keystone species, if they disappear so do we- -so even if you dont like wolves (i LOVE them) if you want to live you have to protect wolves. Thank you for all you do & everything you do to help animals!! Right now im volunteering for animal rescue AND to help switch out this presidential administration- - i look forwrad to a day when that will happen & it will

subsequently be a lot easier to help animals, and we'll have support- - as Obama was on our side after Cecil the lion's murder.

#4940

Name: Simpson, Alice

Correspondence: I am opposed to the killing of tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore to prioritize cattle grazing over elk. Tule elk are an endangered species; cattle are not. Perhaps ranchers are an endangered species, but the entire human species is endangered by climate change, and cattle are part of the problem, so the last thing we should be doing in a National Seashore is prioritizing cattle grazing over native wildlife. We need instead to rethink our love affair with cattle ranching and thinking of it in wistful and romantic terms. Instead we need to be thinking about eating less beef. Ultimately, the cattle ranching needs to go. I say NO to the favoring of cattle over elk.

#4941

Name: Ambra, Leia

Correspondence: I am very upset at plans to give dairy and meat industry more space at Point Reyes. Dairy and meat industry contribute massive amounts to global warming. Forest and trees counter global warming, which is happening faster now than anyone thought before. I am strongly opposed to giving ranchers more land, and I STRONGLY favor Point Reyes remaining the beauty that it is now!!

#4942

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

This is a bad idea- please don't do it.

#4943

Name: Rodefer, Terrell

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4944

Name: McCowan, Tracy

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4945

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I urge you not to allow the extermination of elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore. There must be some other action that could be taken.

#4946

Name: Kelly & Family, Lisa Ann

Correspondence: Dear NPS:

re: Adoption of Alternative F of the General Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Point Reyes National Park.

My family and I are contacting you in order to add our voices to those who urge you to adopt Alternative F of the General Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

It is our contention that discontinuing the utilization of the park as farm and ranch land is the best option. The park land must be open to visitors and use for visitors expanded, not minimized in any way.

The Tule elk and other animals, along with their habitat, have endured enough negative impact due to the farming and ranching activities allowed at Point Reyes National Seashore. It is time to give the grasslands back to nature and the public.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments herein.

Sincerely,

The Kelly Family (five of us):

Lisa Ann Chad George Geoffrey and Tristan

Please check out this urgent information regarding the fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California. Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so the National Park Service is considering a plan that would permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities.

The NPS is taking public comments on the matter until September 23. Please use this form to urge it to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Tell the NPS that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4947

Name: BLANK, MELANIE

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming

and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Pt Reyes is a National Park that the tax paying public bought and owns, it is not a private ranch.

#4948

Name: Majerowicz, Eugene

Correspondence: PLEASE adopt Alternative F. Farm animals should not be allowed within the Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you very much.

#4949

Name: Fish, Jason

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4950

Name: Ryan, Susan

Correspondence: Dear NPS:

Isn't it time that you begin protecting the native species that live on our public lands? The public overwhelming supports the preservation of species which create a viable ecosystem. Start taking away big players, like the elk, and you begin to degrade that ecosystem.

Humans have no more time to degrade the viable ecosystems on this planet. Our time is almost up and once these ecosystems start collapsing- -place by place, country by country, continent by continent, the human colony will collapse too. ALL CREDIBLE AND CURRENT SCIENCE REPORTS FROM NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES are sounding the alarms about the need to preserve the biological diversity on our planet. AREN'T YOU LISTENING?! AREN'T YOU READING?! DON'T YOU HAVE CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN FOR WHOM YOU'D LIKE TO LEAVE A HABITABLE PLANET?!

And one last point- -THIS IS PUBLIC PROPERTY! I don't want the farming and ranching industries to be using our collective property to line their individual pockets! That is a form of corruption and it should be stopped IMMEDIATELY!

I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching in the park and expand visitor opportunities.

Best regards,

Susan Ryan

#4951

Name: Farrell, Kelleen

Correspondence: Please do not open Pt Reyes National Seashore to private interests. That is the home of one of the few Tule Elk in California and we are blessed to have them. I lived there, visited there, and treasured it and still do. It is a unique and magnificent place and should not be destroyed to profit a few. It belongs to the people.

#4952

Name: Patterson, Martina

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4953

Name: Kolovou, Anna

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please drop Alternative B and adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities

#4954

Name: Jirotko, Marina

Correspondence: I would urge NPS to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4955

Name: Brown, James

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Thank you for speaking up for the elk who call Point Reyes home!

#4956

Name: Donoghue, Gina

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service plan to kill native Tule elk.

When the Seashore was established in 1962, ranchers were permitted to continue their business in park for their lifetime or twenty-five years. Ranching was not even considered a reason for establishing the Seashore. Now the National Park Service plans to shoot up to fifteen elk annually to "compromise" with cattle ranchers who graze their animal victims within the Seashore.

Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

This is an outrage!

#4957

Name: Mazuji, Nasrin

Correspondence: The fate of tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California should not be determined by Farmers and ranchers who have been leasing thousands of acres of the park to graze cattle. They apparently don't want to share these grasslands with elk, so they want the National Park Service to permit elk to be killed while allowing the expansion of agricultural activities. We need to eliminate the cattle on public lands and encourage people to have a healthier vegan lifestyle. Hands off our public lands and animals!

#4958

Name: Barnes, Corey

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F.

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4959

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4960

Name: Öztaşkın, Muradiye

Correspondence: Please, adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. We need the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities and grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Sincerely, Muradiye Öztaşkın

#4961

Name: Paris, Heidi

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

#4962

Name: Sidaway, Michael

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. Please consider protecting wildlife at all National Parks.

#4963

Name: Armenian, Nazan

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4964

Name: DE VOLDER, Ignace

Correspondence: Dear Misses, Dear Sirs,

It has been brought to my attention that elk herds at Tule park are at the risk of being killed in large numbers.

I would strongly urge you to take solution F under consideration which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. Furthermore, the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities and on top of that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

I thank you for respecting the life of innocent animals !

#4965

Name: Le Mentec, Ludovic

Correspondence: Hello,

I write you today to remind that the preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Also, please keep in mind that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thanks for your attention Best Regards

Ludovic

#4966

Name: Cheitlin, Melvin D.

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point

Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4967

Name: Morrison, Dianne

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F for the tule elk. Thank you.... The elk are beautiful and it is wonderful to see them. save them for all of us please

#4968

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: National parks are designated to protect our wildlife and wild lands. Why then would we kill native elk to allow cattle grazing? Do not betray our wildlife and the purpose of national parks.

#4969

Name: Hornbeck , Lorie

Correspondence: The elk have all the right to graze and run free. Now if they kill,steal,and eat all your grass then I guess they should be moved to another piece of land. Let them live just like your living with freedom

#4970

Name: Griffin, Rachel

Correspondence: One of the amazing things about California is it's abundance of nature and wildlife. I routinely applaud the organizations that run both Sate and National Parks and their on going efforts to protect California's diverse wildlife and make it available to the public.

So, I'm writing to oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Please do not go forward with this plan, but instead, restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

I believe we should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. Especially in this case, as these commercial cattle ranches have a negative environmental impact on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

Our wonderful National parks exist to protect our wildlife and our natural resources. This park should adhere to that purpose and refrain from taking actions in direct opposition to that mission!

Thank you for your consideration. I hope The National Park Service will do the right thing and protect the elk living in Point Reyes.

Sincerely, Rachel Griffin

#4971

Name: Gonzalez, Marco BB

Correspondence: Please don't share or rent more land for profit. If u need money find another way They won't kill only Elf. Wolfs coyotes .bears any animal that will treat cows will be kill PLEASE DONT

#4972

Name: Tripp, Martin

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

Sincerely, Martin Tripp

#4973

Name: Hare, Lindsey

Correspondence: Please select option F. STOP farming and ranching and allow the country to be restored by having indigenous animals graze. Also DO NOT allow hunting- -gun crazy Humans MUST NOT dictate policy !!!!

#4974

Name: Skorupa, R.

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4975

Name: ELLISON , Barbara

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F. Please protect our beautiful elk. THANK YOU

#4976

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: The elk belong there!

#4977

Name: Ciasnocha, Joanna

Correspondence: The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4978

Name: Brooke, Joseph

Correspondence: Hello, I am in favor of alternative 'F.' The window of ranching was mandated to end in 25 years or the lifetime of the user. Now the elk are to pay for the continued ranching? No. the time has come- phase out ranching. Environmental impact is reason enough. The buy-out lease back makes it fair.

#4979

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Elk Culling:

Tule elk are native to the Point Reyes peninsula and Point Reyes National Seashore is the only National Park unit that is home to this species. The killing of elk to mitigate a conflict with cows is incomprehensible and against the NPS's very obligation to provide maximum protection to our natural resources.

Row Crops:

Today row crops are not allowed in the park. Why is the NPS allowing this new land use? How does this provide maximum protection for our wildlife? This land is home to bobcats, coyotes, badgers, long tailed weasels, grey fox, tule elk and black tailed deer. It is home to mice, gophers, snakes, lizards and countless insects. It is home to ground nesting birds such as northern harriers, red winged blackbirds and sparrows. It is hunting grounds for red tailed hawks, white tailed kites, great horned owls, barn owls and dozens of other species. The conversion of this land will have a devastating impact on the park's native species, let alone the environmental impact of pesticide use, new fencing, rodent and rabbit conflicts, commercial vehicle traffic and all else that comes with commercial farming.

New Farm Animals:

Lease holders will be allowed to raise previously unauthorized domestic animals for commercial purposes including pigs, chickens, sheep and goats. Look what has happened with the conflict between grass eating cows and tule elk. It ends with the killing of tule elk. What is going to happen when a bobcat takes a chicken or a coyote takes a pig? The introduction of new domestic animals will MOST CERTAINLY create conflict with native wildlife. Major habitat loss will also happen for native animals from this new land use. This must not be allowed.

Thank you for receiving my comments

#4980

Name: Holland, Audrey

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4981

Name: Chinn, Jeanne

Correspondence: To NPS: As a member of the public I ask you to take the cattle out of Pt. Reyes Na. Seashore - and allow wildlife to thrive. To do that - Please -Adopt Alternative F. -Phase out all ranching and Restore the natural habitat for wildlife as it is meant to be for a healthy ecosystem + future generations.

#4982

Name: Crews, Joyce

Correspondence: To whom it may concern; In my opinion ranching at the National Seashore should be discontinued. The toll it takes it too great. The cattle create methane in their waste progressing and methane is a

significant factor in global warming. More and more, information leads to the conclusion that a vegetarian diet is more healthful and more environmentally sound than eating meat, especially beef. Now we are being asked to accept the killing of our native tule elk to support the ranching industry. It is time to end public support of the ranching industry in our national seashore.

#4983

Name: Jones, Ally

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative F, to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities! Grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

Thank you, Ally Jones

#4984

Name: Bumgardner , Terri

Correspondence: Only wildlife should be a Point Reyes! Simple as that.

#4985

Name: Kraus, Irene

Correspondence: WRONG WRONG WRONG!!! What is the problem with relocating these beautiful creatures??? Too much trouble? Too expensive? Tough - How dare they play God and treat animal lives so carelessly - Shame on such lack of empathy in this world - Do the right moral thing!!!

#4986

Name: Turetsky, Samantha

Correspondence: Hello, I'm writing today to ask that you please adopt Alternative F, which would discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. This is my preferred option, as opposed to Alternative B, which would involve killing elk to allow more ranching and farming. These elk are simply trying to survive on this planet, just like every other creature, and have done nothing wrong and do not deserve to die for merely existing in the "wrong place." Thank you for your time and I hope you do the right thing. Additionally the grazing of farm animals negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species. It seems obvious that the best choice here is Alternative F.

#4987

Name: Cummings, Claire

Correspondence: While I support dairy ranching in the park as part of NPS "historic" preservation- I DO NOT WANT THE ELK removed. Fence the elk, do not remove them. I want a better compromise between agriculture + the environment.

#4988

Name: Grant, CD

Correspondence: Dear folks at the National Park Service, In response to the SF Chronicle article ('Proposal for Point Reyes cows, elk'), I ask that you relocate, not kill, the elk, who have just as much right to be there as the ranchers do - actually, more—and their more milkshake-makers and future hamburgers.

#4989

Name: lai, a

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4990

Name: Reid, Ruth

Correspondence: Please select Option F.

Please let all of the elk live! The elk deserve to live. Please expand visitors to this area.

It is time to stop farming and ranching on this land. Cows especially, other animals, and farming hurt the environment, degrade the water quality, erode soil, hurt the ecosystem and hurt natural species.

It is cruel and unnecessary to kill elk to use the land for farming and ranching. More visitors will benefit by going to this area.

#4991

Name: Ingelsson, Kajsa

Correspondence: we need cleaner water and air, more wildlands, less chemicals and other pollutants and more compassion towards all living beings if we want to keep living on this planet. What kind of world do you want your grandchildren to grow up in? A green peace or a dirty war?

#4992

Name: Sears, Kathrin

Correspondence: September 17, 2019

GMP Amendment c/o Superintendent Cecily Muldoon Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Subject: Review Comments on the Point Reyes National Seashore General Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Superintendent Muldoon,

Introduction

The release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) and North District of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) General Management Plan Amendment (GMP Amendment) is a significant milestone for the evolving and successful partnership to secure an open and connected landscape throughout west Marin. Sharing again our sentiments from our scoping comments letter (attached), submitted in November 2018:

"The Marin County Board of Supervisors considers it a privilege to continue the legacy of our predecessor, Peter Behr. Through his leadership and collaboration with many instrumental partners, PRNS and GGNRA came into existence. Paralleling the steps and actions taken to make this possible are Marin County's precedent setting land use policy actions to preserve Marin's complementing private agricultural lands and strategically support their viability through diversification in agricultural production in our Countywide Plan. We have put these policies in place for the same purpose and goal that there is ranching on PRNS and GGNRA - that is, to support and embrace sustainable, viable, and environmentally friendly farming that protects West Marin's land and water endowment and the history of its agricultural community."

The County of Marin is also in complete agreement with the Joint Explanatory Statement regarding House Joint Resolution 31 (the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019) that stated "multi-generational ranching and dairying is important both ecologically and economically" and is "consistent with Congress's intent for the management of Point Reyes National Seashore."

In keeping with these actions and policies, and with the following specific comments on the Draft EIS considered, the County of Marin is in support of the preferred alternative identified in the Draft EIS - Alternative B. This alternative, by providing long-term leases to all currently active farm families on the maximum extent of ranch land, embraces the connection of cultural and ecological resources that exists on Marin's working agricultural landscape. Specifically, Marin County recognizes the purposeful approach and significant detail to natural resource preservation and protection proposed in Appendix D and the draft PRNS and North District GGNRA Agricultural Lease/Permit and Ranch Operating Agreement template.

With that support stated, the County of Marin offers the following specific comments for completing the GMP Amendment and EIS.

Specific Comments to Draft EIS Adequacy in Analysis and Mitigation

While supporting Alternative B, we do have comments for additional analyses and inclusion in the Final GMP Amendment and EIS. We are requesting again the consideration of our scoping comments as submitted in their entirety on November 26, 2018 by attaching that letter to this submission. Addressing these points in the Final GMP Amendment and EIS will insure adequacy in mitigation measures, achievement of the GMP Amendment goals, and implementation of the PRNS/GGNRA enabling legislation intent. Regarding a select number of these we provide the following specific comments and rationale:

1. Strategies for the Preservation of Area Resources and inclusion of management and/or preservation strategy for ranch viability (Table 2, pages 27-30): The working landscape and agricultural viability is missing as a cultural resource in this table and throughout the Draft EIS. Marin County has long recognized the contribution of Marin's operating farms and ranches and the importance of a critical mass of these for the viability of Marin's food system. Stemming from this local policy recognition, the Marin Economic Forum has recognized agriculture as a targeted industry and is including agriculture in its ongoing business retention and expansion campaign . The EIS must include an agricultural viability strategy in its analysis to achieve its cultural preservation goals and strategies.

2. Planning beyond the 20-year lease terms: In our scoping comments dated November 26, 2018 we recommended that the GMP Amendment should include a "...plan for continuation after the proposed 20-year leases through lease extensions or renewals." The GMP Amendment will be inadequate to achieve its stated strategies and the intent of the enabling legislation without this plan because it will create uncertainty for the preservation of PRNS/GGNRA's recognized working landscape as a cultural resource. By including an option for extending or continuing the leases beyond the 20-year terms, with a longer time period than the proposed 6-months prior to lease termination, NPS will avoid the need to again initiate and implement a lengthy and conflict-ridden planning process.

3. Viability of diversification - Marin County holds that "diversification has strengthened Marin's local family farms, local economy, and local food system (Scoping comments dated November 28, 2018)." Unfortunately, the Draft EIS presented options for diversification with constraints that render them inviable. For example, 2.5 unirrigated acres for row cropping is too small and misses opportunities for crop production using irrigation that will allow for year-round diversification. Similarly, the limiting of multi-species grazing to only the pasture subzones misses important and integrated natural resource management and agricultural diversification objectives in the range and resource protection subzones. Revising the EIS diversification options with analysis of their viability will advance achievement of the GMP Amendment goals and strategies.

4. Ranch Operating Agreement and real-time decision making: In our scoping comments of November 26, 2018 (attached) we emphasized the importance of real-time decision making for agricultural and natural resource management objectives. We are concerned that the only opportunity to make management decision changes is during the 30-day review period proposed as part of the annual Ranch Operating Agreement renewal process. The GMP Amendment and Final EIS must include a process for NPS staff and leasing agricultural operators to make needed and timely adjustments on at least a weekly and monthly basis to agricultural operations and mitigation measure implementation. This will provide the necessary adaptive management that is accepted and part of existing ranch and farm lease operations outside the Planning Area.

5. Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions and Carbon Offset potential: Through our updated Climate Action Plan (CAP), we have set a path for partnering with west Marin agricultural operators in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the realization of offsets through carbon sequestration. This effort, and that of Drawdown Marin to do comprehensive action planning for the built and unbuilt environment that realizes significant and real change to Marin's carbon footprint, were recommended to the NPS in our scoping comments. The adequacy of the GMP Amendment and EIS will be improved by reconciling its GHG emissions inventory with that in Marin CAP and integrating with the opportunities for carbon offsets laid out in the Marin CAP and Drawdown Marin planning efforts, including carbon farm plans.

6. Ranch Zone and Subzoning Framework: Marin County is in general support of the proposed Ranch Zone and Subzoning Framework proposed in the Draft EIS. However, in keeping with our scoping comments, the County of Marin also holds that the final GMP Amendment and EIS will be inadequate until clarity for how the subzones will be determined, in concert with the leasing rancher, and the flexibility necessary for addressing resource management objectives across subzones are included. Where subzones are delineated and how to manage within each subzone will benefit from the long-term intimate knowledge of the landscape that each rancher has. Similarly, some agricultural and natural resource objectives will cross subzone boundaries and, unless considered in the final GMP Amendment and EIS, NPS staff and leasing ranchers will not be able to address them effectively.

7. Elk management plan and impacts to agriculture: The County of Marin supports the science-based wildlife management approach proposed within the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is, however, missing analyses and mitigation of impacts from competition between grazing livestock and elk. This includes compensation for losses of silage, improved pasture, supplemental feed and costs for fence and infrastructure repair resulting from elk consumption and damage. Additionally, the Draft EIS will present a more comprehensive management plan by including the analyses and option of elk relocation and separation through fencing. Lastly, providing clearer definitions of what constitutes a new herd and the process and methods for preventing their development is required in the Draft EIS. The EIS will not be adequate until it includes these approaches and mitigates these impacts.

8. Quality and Quantity of Housing: Providing enough quality housing is of critical importance for the County of Marin and its communities, including west Marin. Housing on-farm is central to this community need and the integrity of the community fabric in supporting farm employees and families, including reduced labor force road miles and increased school enrollment. The GMP Amendment and DEIS will become a strong partner for secure housing by integrating with the Marin Housing Task Force and federal housing programs. This should include clarity in the Ranch Lease Template and Ranch Core subzone of the process for adding new housing and improving existing homes.

Closure

Main County commends NPS for releasing a well presented Draft EIS. Including the research and public participation from the start of the original Ranch Comprehensive Management Plan, this Draft EIS review period marks nearly five long years of effort to create a management plan and process to continue the mutual benefits of working ranches and dairies on the PRNS and GGNRA. The County of Marin is ready to work with NPS to resolve the remaining details, analyses and mitigation needed to arrive at a Final GMP Amendment and EIS that can accomplish the cultural and ecological mission and goals held on these NPS lands.

Respectfully, /s/ Kathrin Sears, President Marin County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein Senator Kamala Harris Congressman Jared Huffman

Attachment: Scoping Comment Letter dated November 26, 2018

#4993

Name: VILLA, KATIE

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

We should prioritize the preservation of our public lands and wildlife, not the economic interests of private ranchers. These commercial cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#4994

Name: Smalls, Loretta

Correspondence: We recently visited Point Reyes and surrounding areas and observed cows chasing away deer from a feeding area. This is wrong on all levels, and it is not just Point Reyes where we observed this behavior. Is it not your duty to protect the legitimate, indigenous animals that have rights to feeding areas over non-indigenous livestock? Are the Elk and Deer and other animals supposed to just starve to death? This should not continue. There should be NO livestock where indigenous animals might suffer from their presence.

#4995

Name: Unknown, ACLU Supporter

Correspondence: This is absolutely absurd. Humans are the biggest predator to walk the face of this earth and destroy everything in their path. These are majestic wildlife that have every right to be on this planet. As a matter of fact they were here before us. Man is depleting every natural resource on this planet. They have no respect for anything and its disgusting.

#4996

Name: Gonzalez, Yazmin

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative F to discontinue farming and ranching opportunities in the park and expand visitor opportunities. The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities.

Cattle grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#4997

Name: Stratford, Karen

Correspondence: The elk are a state treasure. They are the only reason I enjoy this particular coast line. Without the elk it is just another beach. Do not kill these majestic animals. Do not give the ranchers more power they have destroyed enough wildlife in the name of ranching.

#4998

Name: Sherrill , Anne

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#4999

Name: McIntyre, Bob

Correspondence: Please help save the Point Reyes Tule Elk In 1962 the Point Reyes National Seashore act was created to preserve the area + pay all the ranchers/farmers for their land if they would leave within 25 years. Let them keep their promise + commitment. Thank you.

#5000

Name: Simon-Kuzma, Gloria

Correspondence: We should prioritize the wildlife and wild spaces left in this country, not sell them out to private business enterprises. Protect the Tule elk at Reyes National Park in CA, not the ranchers seeking to extend grazing on tax payer supported public lands.

#5001

Name: divenere, laura

Correspondence: Please protect the tule elk.

#5002

Name: Morris, Sandra

Correspondence: DO NOT thin out the Tile Elk herd!!!! The Elk are NATURE thid is a National Park... Protect the damn animals NOT kill them. I DO NOT WANT MY TAX MONEY USED FOR TH SLAUGHTER OF OUR TULE ELK!!!!

#5003

Name: Shaw, Sue

Correspondence: Once again commercial financial gain/greed comes before wildlife and the environment. Please don't let this happen. It is a self-serving, heartless, cruel and greedy plan. Beef consumption is down. Purchase of leather in commercial products is down. It doesn't even make financial sense to do this. It just shows a selfish and inhumane attack on wildlife.

#5004

Name: Santos, Joshua

Correspondence: Wildlife is more important than the profits of the agriculture industry. Leave these elk alone and tell the ranchers to find an alternative way. Their money is not more important than the lives of these animals.

#5005

Name: G, K

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#5006

Name: Good, Karen

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I feel very strongly about the fact that you are choosing ranchers over wildlife on our publicly owned lands- with regards to the Tule Elk. My family has always loved seeing the elk here in Northern California. They are a part of our natural heritage. They are beautiful creatures. Leasing small portions of land to ranchers is one thing but killing off the elk for the benefit of cows is wrong. Cows do not belong...elk do! Increasing the leases and the amount of property to be leased to cow ranchers is a horrible idea. They destroy the land and water quality. At risk are many other other creatures -some which may be endangered. Our National Parks should be kept as pristine and natural as possible-giving home to native plants and animals. We need our wild areas as much as other animals. Please do not sell them off or deplete their purity.

Thanks so much for considering my opinion! -Karen Good

#5007

Name: Brinker, Debra

Correspondence: Please do not remove the elk in favor of wildlife grazing. It is vitally important to protect our native animals, which keeps the ecosystem healthy. Livestock are decidedly NOT a benefit to our ecosystems and should not be grazing on public land.

#5008

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native Tule Elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

We are losing Nature at an alarming rate. You are tasked with protecting park areas for the public, not to prop up private commercial enterprises.

Cattle ranches have serious negative environmental impacts on the park - polluting waterways, causing soil erosion, and harming the many endangered and threatened animals who live on Point Reyes.

National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed according to the best for the general public, not a few rich ranchers.

Restore the lands for wild animal habitat and future generations.

#5009

Name: Oster, Narlene

Correspondence: I am very sad to hear of the possible plans to kill some of the elk at Pt. Reyes. When is it ever getting rid of the cows which destroy plant life and habitat for wildlife. I know many more people who come to see the elk herds than the cows. I have volunteered in wildlife rehabilitation for over 35 years and see the wildlife suffering from rat bait, collisions with cars, and barbed-wire accidents because of cow confinement. My vote is too leave the elk alone and if some need to be reduced to do not kill them, relocate please!!!

#5010

Name: Luna, Michael

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#5011

Name: Berg, Kelly

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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As a resident of Marin, I am APPALLED that we would even consider the killing of these animals to be a "solution." NPS - DO BETTER!!!!!!

#5012

Name: Mamigonian, M

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill

native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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#5013

Name: arzberger, Tara

Correspondence: Please don't put economic interests of the commercial cattle industry over the lives of wild animals. They deserve to live peacefully. Wild animals bring character to our world. And we all enjoy their beauty. Please.

#5014

Name: Manz, Laura

Correspondence: I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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The entire planet is dying for America's beef obsession! We kill wolves and any predator that dares to take a cow. We round up wild horses because they compete with free loading ranchers who lease public lands for pennies and acre! Now you want to kill native elk!!!! When do we recognize that BEEF IS KILLING THIS PLANET! The Amazon is burning for Beef!!!! WAKE UP! DO NOT KILL THESE ELK!!! Stop putting the interest of the ranchers over the planet and native species!

#5015

Name: Scales, OP

Correspondence: Please adopt alternative F. It is unfair to give ranchers long-term favorable leases for land they have already sold. Don't allow expanded crops and PLEASE NOT SHOOT TULE ELK. I am an 80 year Marin Resident.

#5016

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: It is unconscionable that humans continue to prioritize money over life of fellow sentient beings. I strongly oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat.

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Reyes. National parks exist to protect our natural resources and native wildlife. This park should be managed accordingly.

#5017

Name: Kane, Danielle

Correspondence: I'm writing to oppose the killing of native tule elk and expanding commercial agriculture in Port Reyes. The NPS should not be acting on behalf of special commercial interests.

#5018

Name: Rouley, Hannah

Correspondence: I care about protecting California's wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service's plan to kill native tule elk and expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I urge the National Park Service to instead restore the lands for wild animal habitat. As a volunteer of Point Reyes National Seashore, I cannot fathom the Tule elk not being present - - please reconsider this action.

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#5019

Name: Stokely, Thomas

Correspondence: Dear NPS/Pt Reyes, Please adopt Alternative F for your proposed plan for cattle ranching in the Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore. Thank you!

#5020

Name: Lasner, Stephen

Correspondence: Good people, Ranchers should live up to their commitment to leave the PRNS. Please leave the Tule Elk herd.

#5021

Name: Simons, Randi

Correspondence: When my husband and I have the opportunity to visit California, one of our favorite places to go is Point Reyes, and it is always a highlight of our visit to see the majestic elk. They are in a habitat natural to them, and should not be molested there. Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful nature spots in this country. Please do not encroach on it and the beautiful wildlife that it supports for human purposes such as to benefit ranchers. We are counting on your to protect our natural heritage and do the right thing. Please listen.

#5022

Name: Colwell, Aylia

Correspondence: Commercial agriculture shouldn't be valued over wildlife!

#5023

Name: N/A, N/A

Correspondence: Tule Elk:

The preservation of native wild species must take precedence over farming and ranching activities. Remind it that grazing negatively affects ecosystems, causing water pollution and soil erosion, spreading invasive species and disease, and harming endangered species.

#5024

Name: Bressler, Robin

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore in California was established as a national park in 1962. The government paid \$50 million to purchase the land from farming and ranching families, allowing those that signed lease agreements to graze cattle on park land for 25 years. However, conflict has arisen because two herds of tule elk, who are native to California and were reintroduced to the park in the 1970s after previously being killed off there, also graze there. The National Park Service (NPS) is considering several solutions to resolve this problem. Its preferred option, dubbed Alternative B, involves killing some of the elk and offering another 20-year lease agreement to the farming and ranching families. The lessees would be allotted over 26,000 acres and allowed to maintain over 5,500 cows! Meanwhile, the Drakes Beach elk herd's population, which numbered a mere 124 animals in 2018, would be limited to 120 animals maximum-and the Limantour herd, which numbered 174 animals in 2018, would be "managed in consideration of ranch operations," meaning that there would be no limit to how many could be killed! Further, Alternative B allows for agricultural "diversification," so the lessees could even bring in pigs and sheep and plant row crops.

#5025

Name: Brie, Sophie

Correspondence: Commercial agriculture shouldn't be valued more than wildlife.

Your preferred plan prioritizes the economic interests of the commercial cattle industry over the lives of wild animals and the integrity of natural habitats. In addition to allowing the NPS to kill elk, your plan also extends ranch leases to up to 20 years (currently five year terms are offered), expand leases into an additional 7,600 acres of the park, and allow ranchers to diversify their businesses beyond cows to include other farmed animals.

Many of the park's visitors come to see these beautiful animals. Yet the existing tule elk are already outnumbered nearly ten to one by cows.

Going ahead with your proposed plan to kill a number of tule elk for the benefit of ranchers who claim they interfere with their operations and consume too many resources is laughable, when it is us who are encroaching on their home and taking away their resources.

#5026

Name: Orozco, Angela

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