

LANDSMART GRAZING FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

WHEN

Wednesday, July 26, 2023
5:30pm to 7:00pm

WHERE

Graton Fire Department
3750 Gravenstein Hwy N, Sebastopol, CA 95444

TOPICS

- Fire fuel and vegetation management
- Local fire resilience efforts
- Prescribed livestock grazing
- Grazing cooperatives & community collaboration
- Local chipping program
- Other resources for landowners

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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THE LANDSMART GRAZING PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT INTERESTED NEIGHBORS OR COMMUNITY GROUPS TO UTILIZE GRAZING AS A WAY OF REDUCING FUEL LOAD AND MAKING THEIR COMMUNITIES SAFER IN THE FACE OF WILDFIRES.

THE EVENT IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN EFFORTS TO REDUCE FIRE FUEL TO MAKE THEIR PROPERTIES AND COMMUNITIES SAFER IN THE FACE OF WILDFIRES. WE WILL DISCUSS LIVESTOCK GRAZING AS A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TOOL, THE ADVANTAGES OF COLLABORATING WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS ON A PROJECT, WE WILL LEARN ABOUT LOCAL FIRE RESILIENCY EFFORTS, AND WE WILL SHARE OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. WE WILL HAVE A PANEL OF SPEAKERS THAT INCLUDE FIRE AND RCD REPRESENTATIVES, LIVESTOCK AND PRESCRIBED GRAZING PROFESSIONALS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL FIRE SAFE GROUPS.



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In October 2020, following extensive community and stakeholder outreach, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors voted to allocate a minimum of \$25 million of PG&E settlement funds toward diverse vegetation management activities to reduce wildfire risk, promote safety, and support ecosystems and agriculture, along with associated governance, education, funding/financing, and workforce development efforts.

For more information, visit : <https://www.sonomaopenspace.org/our-impact/vegmanagement/>

GRAZING IS ALSO THE MORE CARBON BENEFICIAL CHOICE FOR FUEL REDUCTION IN AREAS WHERE PRESCRIBED BURNS ARE INADVISABLE OR IN SENSITIVE ECOLOGICAL AREAS WHERE THE APPLICATION OF HERBICIDES IS NOT AP-

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO WILDFIRE REQUIRES AN INTENTIONAL SHIFT TOWARD COMMUNITY ADAPTATION GIVEN THE INEVITABILITY OF WILDFIRES, INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES, AND NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. TARGETED GRAZING OR PRESCRIBED HERBIVORY IS ALSO USED FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND IS BENEFICIAL FOR AIR QUALITY, NOISE, PROXIMITY TO STRUCTURES, STEEP SLOPES, AND AREAS WITH NOXIOUS WEEDS. GRAZING CAN ALSO BE THE MOST FINANCIALLY ACCESSIBLE AND EASIEST TO IMPLEMENT DUE TO LACK OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS COMPARED TO OTHER FUEL TREATMENTS SUCH AS HAND CREWS, MOWING, MASTICATING OR PRESCRIBED BURNS.

