

Point Reyes National Seashore  
Tomales Point Area Plan  
Public Scoping  
May 2024  
Comment Letters 8,001–12,000

**Correspondence ID: 8001**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Mrs. Cathy Keim

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We need to protect our world from greed

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I have long supported the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore: to finally remove that willfully cruel fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. For you and I both understand that fences and confined animals have no place in national park units — none.

Have you read the latest edition of Scientific American? It lays out how the worldwide loss of large herbivores in their natural habitats to other uses, like cattle ranching, has not only led to a tragic loss in biodiversity, it has dramatically increased the damage that wildfires cause — but that once these native species are reintroduced their presence swiftly reduces the dangers of wildfires and increases biodiversity.

So it's as The People have been telling the NPS all along: Tule Elk DESERVE these lands -- the selfish cattle ranchers do NOT, for the latter only cause all manner of direct and indirect damage to the area and our planet that the elk never (!) have.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan nonsensically allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds. This is just more of the same selfish nonsense imposed by the unscientific proponents of ranching, since herds obviously may intermingle genetically when the fence is removed.

Give us and the elk a break: Informed citizen scientists have long opposed all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks and it's about damned time that our message is heard and implemented.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue. Now it's time to do as We say, not what the anti-science, pro-ranching minority demands, merely because they have wrongly had the upper hand for far too long. Let's get this DONE -- with the Thanks of the Nature-Respecting American People for your hard work on our behalf.

Sincerely, Ms Beth Jones-Expat In Austria

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Ringrazio il National Park Service per aver richiesto e preso in considerazione commenti pubblici su questa questione molto importante.

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Sincerely, Mrs. MICHELLE GRAVES

**Correspondence ID: 8133**

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September 14, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Sonoma County, CA since 1999, I enjoy the rich history and culture of these lands and people, from the mountains that ring this county to the Pacific Ocean.

I've often visited the Pt. Reyes National Seashore and enjoy it immensely. I appreciate the Tule Elk in their natural habitat there.

I support Alternative B, which proposes to remove the tule elk fence and let the herds roam free. I support efforts to ensure cattle do not enter the wilderness area once the 8-foot elk fence is removed.

I would like to see enhanced and restored habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife within the planning area.

Address the development of fire management practices within the planning area to maintain healthy ecosystems and natural processes.

Inventory and restore native coastal prairies within the planning area.

Assess climate-related impacts on water resources and native vegetation within the planning area.

Increase public access, use and enjoyment via new trails, camping, and other activities that integrate the planning area into a parkwide trail network.

Expand public education and interpretation of Native American culture and history in consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and other descendants of Coast Miwok inhabitants.

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Thank you!

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It is time to let these magnificent wild animals roam free in our National Seashore.

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Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

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Sincerely, Helen Lahoda

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Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Ms. Evelyn Lange

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Sincerely, Ms. Sarah Wood

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Sincerely, Roland Romo

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Sincerely, Jeanette Umeyama

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Sincerely, Ms. Denise Herbert

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Sincerely, Ms. Patricia field

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Sincerely, Mrs Natalie Spring-Brown

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Sincerely, Ms. Silvia Noell

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Sincerely, Lara Cline

**Correspondence ID: 8361**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Ms. Chris McDonald

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Sincerely, Ms. Jean Edwards

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I SUPPORT THIS HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE DEADLY TULE ELLK FENCE NOW! THANK YOU...

Sincerely, Mr. Lary McKee

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Sincerely, Mrs. LISA FONTANAROSA

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Sincerely, Mrs. Carmen Aiello

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Sincerely, Ms. Jennifer Rozler



**Correspondence ID: 8375**

Please, I strongly urge you to remove the "elk fence" and take action to protect the at-risk Tule elk within the Point Reyes National Seashore. This fence prevents elk from finding water during periods of drought, which sentences these animals to death. It absolutely must be removed. Additionally, the following steps will prevent extirpation of this subspecies and allow them to thrive:

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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Sincerely, Ms. Jane Morawski

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Thank you.

Kris Cedar

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Ranchers will challenge the "NPS" proposal because they won't like it! They want to keep their, sweetheart, deals, leasing, cheap, public land at half its, market, value! They hope to continue to profit from exploiting cattle for meat and milk while being subsidized by the public! This is while their, exploitative, cattle operations are the Park's, greatest, polluter of land, streams, the Pacific Ocean, and (with, methane, gas) the atmosphere. Cattle ranches do NOT belong in this, or, any, National Park!

PLEASE, officially, rescind the, current, regulation in the "General Management Plan" allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the, other, two herds since herds will intermingle when the fence is removed! We oppose, all, lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks!

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We thank the "National Park Service" for requesting and considering, public, comments on this, animal rights, issue!

Sincerely, Ms. Diane Kastel

**Correspondence ID: 8476**

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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Sincerely, Sean Smith

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Sincerely, Mrs. kai myer

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Sincerely, Ms. nancy sowersby

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Thank you for saving the Tule Elk from extinction.

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Sincerely, Mrs. Marie Torget

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Sincerely, Ms. Elissa Kallsen

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Sincerely, Ms. Talia Comens

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Sincerely, Del Dauncey

**Correspondence ID: 8655**

Hello,

I am in full support of removing the fence in Tomales as to allow the elk population to graze as needed and survive. The current drought conditions are too rough and the population is slowing dying. However, we need the elk. The ecosystem needs the elk. The bay area needs the elk. Their population helps keeps other plant and insect populations in check. A fully balanced ecosystem allows everyone to thrive including ranchers. If the elk population declines, then the ecosystem declines, then it will be harder in other ways for the ranchers to get by. It is only a win-win situation.

Thanks

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Sincerely, Ms. Lisa Maccaro

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Sincerely, Ms. Mai Hermann

**Correspondence ID: 8671**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

As a concerned American, I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, which would remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk.

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In the meantime, thank you for requesting and considering public comments on this important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Kay Lockridge

**Correspondence ID: 8672**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

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Sincerely, Ms. Sarah LastName

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Sincerely, Mr. Nick Dybas

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Sincerely, Ms. Linda Perrigoue

**Correspondence ID: 8675**

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Sincerely, Ms. Lori Vest

**Correspondence ID: 8676**

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Sincerely, Mrs. Deborah Chronister

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Sincerely, Mr. DJ Terranera

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Sincerely, Ms. Judy Walker

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Sincerely, Jess Mahler

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Sincerely, Liz Wilder

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**APPALLING ABUSE - TAKE THE FENCE DOWN NOW!**

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Sincerely, Mary Ann Leitch

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Sincerely, Ms. Priscilla Ball

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Sincerely, C. Borello

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Sincerely, Mrs. Ewa Piasecka

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Sincerely, Ms. Brenda Thompson

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Sincerely, Miss Maria Lourdes de Vera

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Sincerely, Ms. kristin cowles

**Correspondence ID: 8691**

I agree with your proposal to Take Down the Fence. Let the elks live in freedom

**Correspondence ID: 8692**

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Sincerely, Mathilde Levesque

**Correspondence ID: 8693**

Specifically, I support the National Park Service's "Preferred Alternative", Alternative B, which calls for the removal of the Tomales Point elk fence now blocking the Tule Elk's passage throughout the rest of Pt. Reyes National Seashore (PRNS). This needed action is long overdue and the sooner the elk fence comes down the better!

The "historic" large mammal grazers of the coastal plains of what was to become Marin County California and PRNS were NOT cattle - the historic grazers going back thousands of years were Tule Elk, and it is Tule Elk that should now be allowed to make a comeback and roam free throughout PRNS in much increased numbers. The first mistake the National Park Service (NPS) made when PRNS was created was to not remove the ranch owners from their former lands once they were paid millions of dollars for the land. The second mistake the NPS made was to not remove the former ranch owners after their gifted 25 year -period was over. It is embarrassing, illegal and a disgrace for the NPS to still be allowing privately owned livestock to graze within PRNS.

The Tomales Point Area Plan should be more than about more taking down the elk fence. The plan should cover management of other important cultural and natural resources in the Tomales Point Area like habitat restoration and existing trail improvements.

The final Tomales Point Area Plan must also do the following:

- \* The Tomales Point Area should be managed as Wilderness and no new trails or buildings should be constructed;
- \* Ensure cattle do not enter the area once the 8-foot elk fence is removed;
- \* Enhance and restore habitat for threatened and endangered plants and wildlife within the planning area;
- \* Develop fire management practices within the planning area to maintain healthy ecosystems and natural processes;
- \* Inventory and restore native coastal prairies within the planning area, including removing invasive species including removing trespass livestock;
- \* Assess climate-related impacts on water resources and native vegetation within the planning area;
- \* Expand public education and interpretation at the Pierce Ranch buildings & grounds of Native American culture and history in consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and other descendants of Coast Miwok inhabitants;
- \* Improve public education and interpretation at the Pierce Ranch buildings and grounds about the Tomales Point elk and their role in the history and ecology of the Point Reyes peninsula.

**Correspondence ID: 8694**

Dear all,

I have been lucky enough to spend time in Point Reyes - one of the most beautiful places I have seen and my sisters favorite place. The natural beauty and abundance of wildlife highlighted



the truly special collection of plants and animals this area supports. On our walks we saw elk, but that's increasingly a special and unusual experience there.

As environmental changes put additional stresses on our natural world, protections for our wildlife are increasingly important. I hope you will take these available and necessary steps to protect this special area and its creatures.

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed, allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you!!!

**Correspondence ID: 8695**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Ms. Danielle De Costanzo

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Sincerely, Ms. Carolyn Mankin

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Sincerely, Ms. Karen Colbourn

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Sincerely, Chereale Cormack

**Correspondence ID: 8700**

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Sincerely, Mrs. Jenna Moore

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Sincerely, Petra Laug

**Correspondence ID: 8704**

Point Reyes National Seashore is public land, and the elk belong to the people. To have the elk sequestered behind a fence with limited water and vegetation is tantamount to death. And it's in the name of private holdings of cattle on public land. This is an unacceptable use of public funds and money at the expense of wildlife access. These fences must come down.

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Sincerely, Bonnie Stillwater

**Correspondence ID: 8706**

\*Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred “Alternative B” to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

I remember when the elk were reintroduced and it was so exciting! It is so sad that they have been fenced in and are dying. It is also inhumane. Too much of our public lands are being overgrazed by private cattle, and the wild animals are suffering! This NEEDS to stop. CATTLE ARE SO DESTRUCTIVE TO THE LAND. AND IT'S TIME THAT THAT IS ADDRESSED. NOT JUST AT POINT REYES. BUT ALL OVER THE WEST.

So let's start here. And save these wonderful animals from the pain and suffering. They were here long before the cattle. They were hunted to the point where they had to be brought back. And now they are fenced and suffering.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

Laura Counter

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Sincerely, Dr. Eman Jason

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Sincerely, Mr. Greg Fleenor

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Sincerely, Mr. Randall Smith

**Correspondence ID: 8712**

--"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," wrote Aldo Leopold in 1949. On the subject of the elk herd at Tomales Point, the health of the native animals should be paramount for the NPS, especially, in this case, as they were helplessly relocated back to their native territory. It seems apparent that the experiment with the elk fence has not been successful. The elk are suffering from the presence of the fence. Therefore, the National Park Service should remove the elk fence and make other arrangements to accommodate farming.

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Sincerely, Tabal Aicha

**Correspondence ID: 8722**

Regarding the National Park Service's proposals for the eight foot fence enclosing the Tule Elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore, I believe that the California Fish and Wildlife Department has already made the correct decisions in their 2018 Tule Elk Management Plan.

California Fish and Wildlife has jurisdiction over all Tule Elk.

Their 2018 Management Plan includes ending captive herds. The Tomales Point herd is most definitely captive.

They also want, until those herds are released, for those areas to be actively managed to ENHANCE habitat for elk.

It isn't a big stretch to assume that removing the elk enclosure fence and then removing the private, for-profit cattle operations and all their infrastructure and 350 miles of barbed wire cattle fencing would be the best way to "ENHANCE THE HABITAT FOR ELK."

It makes no sense to take down the elk fence and erect a cattle fence that is "wildlife friendly" to prevent cattle from J Ranch infiltrating the end of Tomales Point.

If the NPS was "managing" the cattle ranches they should be monitoring and examining the cattle with the deadly Johnne's disease and cull the cattle infected.

Better yet, remove all the non-native invasive cattle from our National Seashore and allow the native wildlife an opportunity to recover and thrive.

The National Park is a place for wildlife, not cattle operations.

In summary, remove the Elk fence, remove the cattle and ranching infrastructure and restore the Coastal prairie and elk habitat. That is what National Parks are for, preservation of wild lands and wildlife.

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Sincerely, Ms. Katherine Babiak

**Correspondence ID: 8724**

I support fence removal.

I have been to Point Reyes National Seashore many times as a serious amateur wildlife photographer. PRNS was instituted over 70 years ago as a national seashore, not a national private ranch. Yet for too long after the original leases expired, the NPS has continued to manage PRNS for the benefit of ranchers, not the wildlife that visitors come to see and photograph. Taking down the Tomales fence is a good start, but PRNS will never truly reach its potential until ranching is ended, cattle are removed, and ranch fences torn down. Just think how much better PRNS would be now had these steps been taken when the leases expired. Do the right thing.

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Sincerely, Ms. Lisa Davis

**Correspondence ID: 8730**

Dear NPR,

It is important that u choose to take down the fence stopping the Tule elk from coming across. They have to be able to live free of drought, famine and starvation as much as any other animal or ourselves. Please consider alternative B so that the elk can be saved and live a healthy life on the other side of the fence. Take the fence down for the lives of the elk. Thank you.

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I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 8737**

It's shameful that private ranches in a national park are being subsidized by we the taxpayers, this needs to end now! No more Kyle's sheep or whatever else these ranches have should be grazing in a national park. In addition the fencing keeping the Tule elk contained needs to be taken down, this isn't a zoo

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Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

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Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

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Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

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We basically support Alt. B and make the following suggestions:

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Allow a “let it burn” policy in wilderness

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Sincerely, SUSAN FARAC

**Correspondence ID: 8795**

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Sincerely, Kerstin Herrmann

**Correspondence ID: 8800**

The elk, like all "wild" animals, should have the right to roam, period. Removing the fencing would allow the elk to roam freely, not only to water locations, but throughout Point Reyes, which would showcase the seashore in a much more humane manner.

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Sincerely, Mr. Nicolae Cristian

**Correspondence ID: 8803**

I write to express my strong support for Alternative B, the proposal to remove the elk fence and let the tule elk herds roam free.

For too long, the tule elk of Tomales Point have lived in a precarious state, confined behind a fence and restricted from accessing water and forage, while cattle have taken over their ranges.

To that end, I also request that the National Park Service determine a means of restricting cattle from the wilderness area, once the elk fence is removed. Likewise, I urge offering improved publication education on the Tomales Point tule elk.

The removal of the elk fence would create an opportunity to restore habits of other wildlife, an opportunity I urge NPS to avail themselves of.

The removal of the elk fence would also offer the possibility of increased public access to the planning zone, via new trails and camping areas.

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Sincerely, Bonnie West

**Correspondence ID: 8805**

Dear NPS,

I am a local Marin County citizen in total agreement with your preferred “Alternative B” to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. It is long overdue - 40+ years confining the elk in their native habitat in order to benefit private cattle ranches.

The private cattle ranches need to be removed from our public park. The fact is the cows contaminate the park's streams, poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — extending to humans, too, with their millions of gallons of manure and urine, year in, year out. Commercial cattle operations have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, crucially, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Until the ranchers are phased out, they must be monitored and fined heavily, if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park.

Thank you for care-taking this beloved park and the animals whose home it is...

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Ryan



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**Correspondence ID: 8814**

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**Correspondence ID: 8819**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle that are destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 8820**

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Please protect them!

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**Correspondence ID: 8821**

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Please support Alternative B and help to keep our wilderness areas wild and free. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8824**

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**Correspondence ID: 8826**

Please protect Point Reyes for native wildlife...not for livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 8827**

Please protect & do the right thing ~ thx

**Correspondence ID: 8828**

Please protect elk habitat. Time to protect the native animals that add to and sustain the ecosystem, unlike cows. We have enough beef. The cattle will be just fine elsewhere.

**Correspondence ID: 8829**

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So hate to read about all the elk dying simply because they can't access water and areas to graze. Cattle should be removed from the park and let the park be only for wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 8830**

Please protect Tule elk and the environment!!

**Correspondence ID: 8831**

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isn't natural wildlife more important than cattle?

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**Correspondence ID: 8834**

I agree the the Park Service should free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8837**

Don't destroy the Elk!!

**Correspondence ID: 8838**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8839**

Fences have no place in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over the welfare of native wildlife.

It is simply unacceptable to let native elk suffer and die due to thirst and malnutrition, particularly within the confines of a national park.

Once the elk fence is taken down, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing, or any form of harassment for any reason whatsoever.

Private cattle operations do not align with the values of Point Reyes and should be discontinued to uphold the National Seashore's charter. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation explicitly mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to be used "to provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

We must strongly encourage the agency to remove the elk fence as a crucial step in safeguarding Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restoring its delicate ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8840**

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I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 8844**

Free the Tule Elk. The whole world knows what is going on! This is your opportunity to do the right thing or cower to those with assumed power and influence.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8845**

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I Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8846**

Save the elk not the cattle. Cattle ranching is part of the problem in the world.

**Correspondence ID: 8847**

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**Correspondence ID: 8848**

Aloha,

This has gone on long enough! Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

Thank you,

Mary Lu Kelley

**Correspondence ID: 8849**

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**Correspondence ID: 8850**

Wildlife should always take priority. Livestock is unsustainable and damaging to the environment!

**Correspondence ID: 8851**

Please let tule elk roam free and safe in Point Reyes! They're beautiful animals and a key part of their ecosystems. National Parks should exist to preserve nature and local wildlife for future generations, not to serve livestock farmers. Thank you for your consideration and your efforts to protect our planet.

**Correspondence ID: 8852**

The Point Reyes Tule Elk are a national treasure that elevates this part of California to a place of wonder and beauty found nowhere else in our country. These animals and this place must receive the highest level of protection possible.

**Correspondence ID: 8853**

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**Correspondence ID: 8854**

Protect our wildlife and environment. Thanks for listening.

**Correspondence ID: 8855**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Finally, thanks to public outrage and a flood of comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that.

It's imperative that the elk-killing fences be permanently removed.

**Correspondence ID: 8856**

Save the Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 8857**

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**Correspondence ID: 8858**

1 I really hope you'll chose plan B, and appreciate the opportunity to say so, and the willing listening of the Park Service. The fence is a disaster, and hope it comes down soon!

**Correspondence ID: 8859**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Note: After the Center's advocacy campaign to save tule

**Correspondence ID: 8860**

The Tule elk are a treasure. They must be cherished and protected!

**Correspondence ID: 8861**

LET THE ELK ROAM IN THE AREA TOTAL THEY HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS

**Correspondence ID: 8862**

Please see that areas for wildlife are protected.

**Correspondence ID: 8863**

Park Service,

FREE the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8864**

It is still shocking to me that you are killing these elk for cows. This is so disgusting and you are just cruel. And no matter how much money the ranchers "donate" to you for you to leave to your heirs, your grandchildren will despise you and your blood money.

TAKE DOWN THAT MURDERING FENCE.

Here are the "calm" comments of which I approve, provided by The Center for Biological Diversity:

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**Correspondence ID: 8865**

I am ALL FOR saving our eco-systems. We are here to be caretakers of this planet. Eco-systems are very much part of it.

PLEASE SAVE THIS PLANET!

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**Correspondence ID: 8867**

Please let these beautiful animals flourish!!

**Correspondence ID: 8868**

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Crickett

**Correspondence ID: 8869**

The park should protect the elk and give them more land for grazing and water access. We travel far to come and see the bounty of wildlife in the area. Without the elk we would not be interested in coming to the park. Thus loosing out on local spending by tourists.

**Correspondence ID: 8870**

I'm writing to encourage you to remove the fencing that is confining the tule elk.

Thanks for considering a better way forward for life on earth.

**Correspondence ID: 8871**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 8872**

Precious wildlife should have priority on their home turf NOT cattle!

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

There seems to be overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife!!!

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. The situation at this point is appalling! They die of thirst due to human mistakes and ignorance this must change for the benefit of all.

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I urge you to immediately remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Do the right thing for the elk please. That should be your main priority NOT cattle. Are you not supposed to protect wildlife??? Act now and do not waste anymore lifes of the innocent elks please.

**Correspondence ID: 8873**

The National Park Service should remove the fatal fence which is leading to the starvation and death of the native Tule Elk. Fences are inappropriate in areas of wilderness and elk deserve to naturally roam free.

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Furthermore, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Thank you for your support and consideration.

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**Correspondence ID: 8875**

**FREE THE ELK! PROTECT POINT REYES! C'MON, DO THE RIGHT THING!**

**Correspondence ID: 8876**

Tear down the fence, so Elk can roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 8877**

The plan to kill and fence in the remaining tule elk is beyond disgusting and cruel! Who on earth would conceive of such a lame-brained idea? The ranchers were not first to live in this area, the tule elk were. They deserve to live and roam free, not confined and tortured by sick and very misguided people who don't respect nature and life itself.

**Correspondence ID: 8878**

Please do not kill the wildlife, stop the senselessness of this action. Be a better person and be a voice for them instead of slaughtering them. I don't understand how humans think they have a right to kill, no matter what it is, we humans are so selfish as well as wicked. Please do not kill the wildlife. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8879**

The elk are NOT less important than cattle on Federal lands!

**Correspondence ID: 8880**

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I'm asking with urgency that you please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 8881**

Private cattle ranching is not appropriate in a National Park, especially when it negatively impacts a threatened species, the tule elk. The fences should be removed and the herd should not be culled other than to maintain the appropriate carrying capacity of the Park land. Thank-you for your consideration of the appropriate use of our National Parks.

**Correspondence ID: 8882**

Stop appeasing fucking livestock owners and do what the people of California AND the United States AND the rest of the world want you to do. 600 tule elk roam Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition. It's your job to help protect these beings. Do your job and stop listening to environment-destroying livestock owners.

**Correspondence ID: 8883**

Dear Park Service,

My wife and I have enjoyed Point Reyes National Seashore for years. We are sad to hear how Tule Elk have struggled due to a problem out here in NM -- too much preference for cattle on the landscape! Here's your chance to fix things there:

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence!

Best regards,

Eric Smith

**Correspondence ID: 8884**

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**Correspondence ID: 8885**

Thank you for listening to public support to remove the elk fence. I strongly urge you to choose Alternative B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area"), which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Please help restore the beautiful ecosystem at Point Reyes by removing the elk fence.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8886**

Please keep out precious herd at Tomales. In an increasingly hostile world let us at least see a wild herd thrive in peace.

**Correspondence ID: 8887**

Free the Tule Elk in Point Reyes/

**Correspondence ID: 8888**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem! Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8889**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8890**

Please stop confining the elk.

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**Correspondence ID: 8893**

Please consider the well-being of the natural world over the interests of ranchers in this fencing matter. It's past time for us to start making decisions that value conservation

**Correspondence ID: 8894**

Let the elk roam where they will. Let the ranchers fence off their land if they deem the elk a threat. Crosby

**Correspondence ID: 8895**

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Sherri Hodges

**Correspondence ID: 8896**

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**Correspondence ID: 8898**

Cattle do \*NOT\* belong on land of our \*WILDLIFE\*! Have the Cattlemen get them out of there. Donald Trump should \*NEVER\* have allowed that & Joe Biden should end it! \*PROTECT\* the ELKS & \*ALL\* of our \*WILDLIFE\*! \*PLEASE\* & \*THANK YOU!

**Correspondence ID: 8899**

Please free the elk! Who cares about some livestock, there's plenty of them.

**Correspondence ID: 8900**

I support maintaining wild elk populations over domestic cattle - the cattle far outnumber the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 8901**

Please allow the tule elk to roam freely, they are a wonderful and valuable part of the natural environment of Pt. Reyes. As a preserve, it should be for native species, not cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 8902**

When I lived in California, I visited point Reyes frequently. I loved it. I am writing today to ask you to please tear down the elk killing fence and let the herds roam free. Livestock owners should have no say, nor should they have a monopoly on public lands. Please do the right thing and let the elk herds roam free. Thank you for your kind consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 8903**

How can you be kowtowing to the livestock industry when we know how critical ecosystem services area, including those provided by these herds of native tule elk. Please act for the future, not the peer pressure of those profiting off our natural areas. We can coexist...

**Correspondence ID: 8904**

Enough is enough! It's time to stop prioritizing ranching and domestic livestock over wildlife. We've taken so much of the land already. These animals deserve to live free on the land they were born onto. We need our wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 8905**

We cannot simply cater to the demands of ranchers. I feel for them, but we just can't let them destroy all the land with grazing. Other animals need to live there! It can't all be about the ranchers' cattle or sheep or whatever.

THEY need to figure out a feeding solution that does not take away from wildlife. Period!!!! How is this not so obvious?!?!?

**Correspondence ID: 8906**

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**Correspondence ID: 8910**

TEAR DOWN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY'S FENCE THAT IS KILLING ELK!

Is your goal to have no "wildlife" besides cattle in the state of California?

Because that is the path you are all on.

**Correspondence ID: 8911**

The environment is important and we need to protect it !!!!!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 8912**

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Please remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8913**

I support the plan to prioritize wildlife and the rule elk at Point Reyes Seashore by tearing down the cattle fences. If we need to compensate the cattle ranchers for the loss of their "way of life" then do it. The Park Service had no qualms forcing Indigenous people out of the parks when they were inconvenient, although their management of these lands far surpassed anything Europeans came up with. People come to the parks to see and experience wild places and wild creatures. Protect them.

**Correspondence ID: 8914**

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**Correspondence ID: 8915**

Please Free the Elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for livestock owners whose cattle are destroying it's ecosystem.

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the Elk Fence.

**Correspondence ID: 8916**

Please renew your efforts to remove the fence and allow the elk to have a free enough range to maintain healthy numbers now and in for future generations. Thank you for your efforts at protection to date.

Kit Long

**Correspondence ID: 8917**

STOP GIVING RANCHERS CONTROL OVER WILDLIFE, screw the cows, let the real owners of the land live! WILDLIFE!

**Correspondence ID: 8918**

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**Correspondence ID: 8919**

Free the Tule Elk!

Tear down the fence and let them roam in their Natural Habitat.

God Is Watching over his Creation!

**Correspondence ID: 8920**

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**Correspondence ID: 8921**

Start with removing the fence, so the elk can travel. Then, get the cattle out of Pt. Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 8922**

We have been careless - pretty much everywhere -- thinking this planet is here for our use....and look where that has led us. Whether it's elk - or eagles - or manatees -- or redwood trees for that matter -- they all matter, perhaps even more than we humans do. Enough with the emphasis on human endeavors and more to reestablishing our rightful, and much subdued, role in this beautiful World.

**Correspondence ID: 8923**

Please keep the cattle out of the Elk park land, not all decisions are driven by profit/greed, will the cattlemen reclaim the land after the cows pass through at their costs?

Let the Elk range free and keep the cattle out.

**Correspondence ID: 8924**

Tule elk should be protected and allotted the freedom to roam, find food, shelter and mates. Wild areas need wildlife. Cattle grazing is not compatible with wild areas. Please do not cull these elk.

**Correspondence ID: 8925**

Please remove the fence and allow to elk to roam. "Killing these animals so people can later kill those other animals" (the cattle) is no way to preserve an ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8926**

Please allow the elk living at Point Reyes to love free and thrive, without fencing, culling, killing, thinning or any other intervention. They have no other home and will see extinction shortly if not allowed to live freely at Point Reyes. Cattle and other domestic animals should not take precedence over the elk.

Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Hellinger

**Correspondence ID: 8927**

I believe the fencing should be taken down to prevent further death for elk and the other animals it affects.

**Correspondence ID: 8928**

Please do not impinge, stress, trample, fold, spindle, mutilate, or kill native wildlife, to save grazing for cattle. Fat sickly diabetic disabled America does not need even one more hamburger. Let wildlife have their sacred space. Amen. Lisa Comfort

**Correspondence ID: 8929**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

**Correspondence ID: 8930**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you very much.

Oliver

**Correspondence ID: 8931**

Save the elk. The ranchers can do their own fencing. They do NOT get priority.

**Correspondence ID: 8932**

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**Correspondence ID: 8933**

Please stop killing everything. This country is depressing enough with it's lust for tragedy. "Livestock" decimates in path, and we have only so many natural habitat left. Please stop risking it's longevity, and our lives, thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8934**

PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem to proper balance.

**Correspondence ID: 8935**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 8936**

Please remove the fence and let the elk roam. Don't make this mistake. It's your job to protect these animals and the ecosystem. Do your job.

Kim Wyatt

**Correspondence ID: 8937**

NPS, please choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," in re: Tomales Point.

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Please restore the ecosystem in your charge.

Thank you so much for listening!

**Correspondence ID: 8938**

As part of effort to return Tule elk to the Wind Wolves Preserve in 1998, I find it unconscionable that you would be considering killing animals in this herd. This species has suffered enough under our "management." The day the elk were released at Wind Wolves (January 21, 1998) was one of the highlights of my life. Watching them run free upon their return to their homeland after a century away remains a vivid picture in my mind. Give yourself a gift and let it happen again.

**Correspondence ID: 8939**

The park was setup for nature not cattle ranchers

**Correspondence ID: 8940**

Thank you for considering public thoughts on the matter. And to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

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**Correspondence ID: 8941**

With the current state of environmental devastation around the globe, it is vital to preserve forests and spaces for wild animals. Giving in to the cash cow that is cattle grazing literally only does good in lining an industry's pockets. It's not good for the Earth or the indigenous wildlife who inhabit the area. Please make the right decision to preserve this space. National parks are owned by the public. I am part of the voice crying out to protect it.

**Correspondence ID: 8942**

tule elk are more important than cattle

**Correspondence ID: 8943**

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Then, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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**Correspondence ID: 8944**

Please save and preserve the tule elk in the park. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8945**

How cruel can we be when there is a simple solution?? It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Remove any barriers and offer supplemental sustenance. These animals, those who have survived, have suffered enough.

**Correspondence ID: 8946**

Greetings

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thank you

Probyn Gregory

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**Correspondence ID: 8949**

Stop playing whores to the Cattle industry!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 8950**

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**Correspondence ID: 8951**

Please free the elk and protect the native species of flora and fauna in this area. We don't need to eat beef every day, but we do need to preserve our wild places! Please, there is so little nature left, don't contribute to the problem.

**Correspondence ID: 8952**

I am a hiker who, every time family visits, organizes a trip to Point Reyes to enjoy the fog and the wildlife. Tule elk are a valuable part of the ecosystem, and they deserve your support and protection.

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will allow elk to naturally roam free. The elk fence, especially in dry years, cuts elk off from needed food and water sources. Native species of Point Reyes preceded cattle grazing, and these native species-- including tule elk-- should be given priority accordingly within the national park.

The legislation establishing Point Reyes as a National Seashore specifies that provision will be made for "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. Alternative B is an important part of upholding that legislation.

Thank you for considering the comments of those of us who value the wildlife of Tomales Point.

**Correspondence ID: 8953**

We must preserve this pristine area for the future of our country and for the welfare of the animals and plants.

**Correspondence ID: 8954**

These elk are a part of life and we do what we must to protect their habitat or they could face Extinction and as well will many other animals so we must protect their habitat

**Correspondence ID: 8955**

I urge you to select the Alternative which allows for unrestricted movement of the tule elk.

Remove the current fencing that restricts the movement of the elk and remove all livestock from the Park.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment.

**Correspondence ID: 8956**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8957**

Please let the native Elk stay. Livestock owners are just locals. The rest of the US wants diversity and native animals.

**Correspondence ID: 8958**

Take the fence down and allow the TULE ELK freedom to grow in size and health . John S Seeback

**Correspondence ID: 8959**

I am writing to express my strong support for Alternative B, titled "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which advocates for the removal of the elk fence in Point Reyes National Seashore. I want to commend the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for this important decision. Fences have no place in wilderness areas, and it is imperative that the Park Service prioritizes the welfare of native wildlife over other interests.

It is simply unacceptable to allow confined native elk to suffer and die due to thirst and malnutrition, especially within the confines of a national park. The removal of the elk fence is a crucial step towards rectifying this situation and allowing these majestic creatures to roam freely within their natural habitat.

Furthermore, I strongly urge the agency to ensure that once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk are not subjected to culling, hazing, or any form of harassment for any reason. The preservation of these animals and the restoration of the ecosystem must be at the forefront of our efforts.

Private cattle operations in Point Reyes are not in alignment with the core principles of the National Seashore's charter. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them

unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” It is incumbent upon the agency to honor these mandates by ending private cattle operations within the park.

In conclusion, I urge the agency to take swift and decisive action to remove the elk fence in order to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. This decision is not only a moral imperative but also essential for upholding the integrity and purpose of our national parks. Please prioritize the well-being of the park's natural environment and wildlife for the benefit of current and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Keely Elizabeth Berg

**Correspondence ID: 8960**

Save the Elk

**Correspondence ID: 8961**

Thank you for removing the fence but once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

This is a national park! Your job is to take care of the wildlife, not private cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 8962**

FREE THE ELK...CONFINE THE COWS

**Correspondence ID: 8963**

Please prioritize the point Reyes elk over domestic cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 8964**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Anne Marie Benechet

**Correspondence ID: 8965**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8966**

I am outraged out your proposal to kill off some of the herds of Tule Elk, all to protect commercial private businesses. The National Park Service has been mismanaging this area for years, and should not have extended and private businesses in this special place by the ocean. I've been there and have seen the poor habitat provided for the elk, and now you want to murder many of them. There is no justification to treat wildlife this way. The elk have been there for many years, and you have prioritized private businesses over American wildlife. Stop this insanity of your war on the Tule Elk right now!! You should be sued for this embarrassing terrible management of wildlife at our national park Ft. Reyes Seashore!

**Correspondence ID: 8967**

I fully agree with the following points:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

I trust in you to make the right decision.

Thank You,

Bo Baggs

**Correspondence ID: 8968**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 8969**

Point Reyes NATIONAL SEASHORE

Why would preference ever be given to cattle over wildlife in a National Seashore? Why is it even a question? Of course the native Elk should be allowed to thrive in the National Seashore. In our ever decreasing land area for wildlife we need to care for what we have left. I would say that there are more than enough places for cattle in our country. Wouldn't you?

It's criminal (or should be) that for so long ranchers and cattle have been shown deference and preference.

It's wrong that elk have died so that cattle can live. Honestly, does that make any sense at all?

I don't think so. And I'm pretty sure you don't either.

**Correspondence ID: 8970**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8971**

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Please choose Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Thank you for your compassion to these elks.

**Correspondence ID: 8972**

Hello,

As a biology major in California I urge you to let the Pt. Reyes Tule Elk roam free. The conservation and protection of native species outweighs the interests of cattle ranchers. However long they may have been ranching in the area. The Tule Elk were there first. They are an evolved part of the local ecosystem. Which cattle are certainly not.

Again, please prioritize Tule Elk over cattle. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours In Peace,

Jannie~

**Correspondence ID: 8973**

Please act to protect the Point Reyes tule elk by removing the 8-foot fence confining them and threatening their survival in times of drought. Please prioritize their survival and viability over the interests of livestock owners, interests which really boil down to one interest--money.

**Correspondence ID: 8974**

I lived for 20 years in Berkeley and Santa Cruz and hiked a lot in Pt Reyes. My brother and sister-in-law lived on the mesa in Bolinas where I visited frequently.

Seeing a ranch with cattle plunked in the heart of Pt Reyes National Seashore always struck me as very very weird - and wrong. Doesn't everyone know how destructive cattle are to the land they range upon?

Give the elk the land they were born on and belong in. Please tear down the barriers to their roaming. Entrepreneurs wearing either suits or galoshes - are business. They - as businesses - do not take priority

in Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore. If there is to be a fence, put one outside the park to keep the business enterprise outside and the free ranging elk inside.

Please. Make it right for the elk.

Thanking you in advance for what I hope is a decision that truly honors the wild nature of this wonderful, sometimes rugged, but always beautiful land with the heart's delight every time elk are spotted. They truly belong.

Selina Sweet

**Correspondence ID: 8975**

Don't succumb to the same greed and moral decay as the US Fish & Wildlife, EPA, and others by allowing corrupt ranching and farming corporations to dictate ANYTHING regarding maintaining and protecting the nation's natural resources. The last thing the world needs now more than ever is for anyone to promote the unhealthy and environmentally and individually devastating results of eating meat. The meat industries' only benefit is to make a very few terrible and reprehensibly immoral individuals even richer - and at the cost of veritably everyone else's health and happiness!

**Correspondence ID: 8976**

PLEASE PROTECT TULE ELK

**Correspondence ID: 8977**

The only ethical choice is Alternative B, otherwise known as "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Fences are inhumane and the elk should be allowed to freely roam their natural habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 8978**

Free the Tule Elk!

Stop the Cruelty and Insanity Now!

Give them back their Habitat and let them Live!

Protect God's Creatures!

**Correspondence ID: 8979**

Take the fencing down. Save the Rule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 8980**

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

**Correspondence ID: 8981**

PLEASE, Free the elk, and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife. Livestock are destructive to the ecosystem.

Thank You for listening to overwhelming public support for removal of the fence; fences are inappropriate.

Thank You for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

**Correspondence ID: 8982**

FREE THE TULE ELK-TRANSPORT SOME TO OTHER LOCATION TO INCREASE SPECIES SURVIVABILITY.

**Correspondence ID: 8983**

Free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8984**

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Ms Hodges



**Correspondence ID: 8985**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8986**

Preserving natural flora and fauna should be job one, if only to try to reverse damage done.

Elk over livestock. They were here first

**Correspondence ID: 8987**

Livestock are not endangered; these elk are. Do the the right think for all life.

**Correspondence ID: 8988**

Protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore is more important than appeasing livestock owners.

**Correspondence ID: 8989**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Please make sure we place our wildlife above the profits of livestock owners and protect these rare elk. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 8990**

To Whom it May Concern,

As a U.S. citizen and avid national park visitor, I urge you to take the following measures to ensure the safety and humane treatment of wildlife in this and all national parks.

As the National Park service, please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas as that is the point of wilderness. Cattle should not have priority over native wildlife. It is inhumane and unacceptable to let confined wildlife die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Thank you for reading and taking into account the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Please make this logical and reasonable decision.

Sincerely, Kyle Embler

**Correspondence ID: 8991**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 8992**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

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maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8993**

I have spent some of the most memorable times of my life in PT Reyes and Inverness. Superb vacations hiking in what seemed like unending paradise. The surprise of Thule elk only enhanced my experience. I understand ranchers wanting to continue the family tradition but the last remaining elk need to be able to roam freely period. Confining them and culling them especially in this era of climate catastrophe is a death sentence. I implore you to give the elk the highest priority. They are a key part of PT Reyes National Seashore and deserve to be protected.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

-Brad

**Correspondence ID: 8994**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8995**

Dear Sirs;

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 8996**

Remove the fence and allow the range of the elk to expand! End cattle operations in Point Reyes!

**Correspondence ID: 8997**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which constitutes removing the fatal fence and allowing the elk to naturally roam free. I appreciate that the agency has listened to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

As a taxpayer, I don't believe I should be forced to support cattle ranchers over wildlife (especially since I'm vegan!) and it appears the majority of US citizens feel the same way. Not to mention, I don't believe private cattle operations are appropriate in Point Reyes and therefore should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and

by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Why in the world are private cattle ranchers allowed to take preference over what the very charter of the National Seashore states??

It is also inhumane to allow confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. I read that a third of the confined elk have perished. The elk who are currently not confined are sustaining themselves just fine. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason either.

Thank you,

Michelle Yarber

**Correspondence ID: 8998**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 8999**

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I appreciate the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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**Correspondence ID: 9000**

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Thank you,

Matt

**Correspondence ID: 9001**

I lived in Stinson Beach for many years. Pt Reyes and the surrounding areas are unique and so valuable to all of us. Please protect the wildlife and natural beauty of this special place. You can raise cattle anywhere, just not in the National Park.

Thanks...

**Correspondence ID: 9002**

In my opinion regarding this issue I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Free roaming will allow the elk to flourish and live as they were intended to live - free.

Please accept my gratitude for listening to our public support for removing the fences. Fences in wilderness areas are just not natural. Think about it. Please don't sacrifice the native tule elk for cattle.

I can't imagine those poor elk dying of thirst and malnutrition just because private cattle owners are so selfish. Please don't treat these elk like the wild horse population is being treated. They deserve to live free.

Get rid of the private cattle operations on Point Reyes. Private cattle don't belong in a national park, period.

Please, get rid of the fence and let the elk live free and healthy. We are responsible for too many species becoming extinct. Don't let the tule elk become a statistic.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9003**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I believe strongly that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!!!

We only have ONE PLANET EARTH.

**Correspondence ID: 9004**

Please be an advocate for these miraculous creatures and their environment.

**Correspondence ID: 9005**

Greetings,

I extend my sincere gratitude to the agency for heeding the overwhelming public support for the removal of the elk fence. Fences have no place in wilderness areas, and it is imperative that the Park Service prioritizes native wildlife over cattle.

I strongly advocate for the selection of Alternative B, known as the “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” by the National Park Service. This choice will eliminate the fatal fence and grant elk the freedom to roam naturally.

It is absolutely unacceptable to allow confined native elk to suffer and die from thirst and malnutrition, especially within the confines of a national park. Once the elk fence is dismantled, it is imperative that free-roaming elk are not subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are incompatible with the principles of Point Reyes and should be terminated in accordance with the National Seashore's charter. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, while the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence as a vital step in safeguarding Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restoring the ecosystem.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9006**

California has thousands of dairy cattle, but only 600 Tule elk at Tomales point. It's a National

Seashore, not a dairy farm. Kids can learn about dairies elsewhere, but only view our few remaining Tule Elk at Point Reyes.

Priority in grazing rights should be given to the elk. I strongly object to killing elk to allow more free food for dairy cattle.

Our public lands belong to all the people and wildlife of the USA, and not just for private milk production for profit.

Protect the few remaining elk!

Joan Jernegan

**Correspondence ID: 9007**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Please remove the Elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9008**

I am writing on behalf of the defenseless and voiceless animals, the elk. I ask that the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's more than unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. I can't imagine what an agonizing death it must be, and it is incumbent on anyone with a heart or conscience to ensure this does not happen.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9009**

At a time when all wildlife is in crisis including humans around the world we can do better by managing our parks and forest for all who live and use them.

**Correspondence ID: 9010**

Please protect the native Tule Elk by allowing the elk more room to roam.

**Correspondence ID: 9011**

Thank you for listening to public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I urge you to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Confining native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park is morally and philosophically wrong.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be culled nor harassed.

Private cattle operations in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9012**

These wild animals must be protected. There are other lands that can be purchased by cattle owners to graze their herds. They make good money from these herds and do not deserve free range that is needed by the wildlife. Protect the wild herds.

**Correspondence ID: 9013**

PLEASE PROTECT ELK AND NATIVE WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

PLEASE PLEASE PROTECT THIS HABITAT

**Correspondence ID: 9014**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the



maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9015**

I understand that you are discounting comments that are copied & pasted. That is insane, and discounts legitimate comments.

NPS needs to choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area”. NPS needs to remove the fatal fence and allow the elk to live as elk.

And you bloody well know it, whether or not people copy what they want to say from sources that can say it better than the average person.

**Correspondence ID: 9016**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9017**

Please let the Elk roam free. We witnessed them dying inside their enclosure while visiting friends on the West Coast. No grazing for private cattle is worth their suffering. As a taxpayer it breaks my heart to see the dead and dying animals inside.

**Correspondence ID: 9018**

It's appalling that the park service would kill wildlife to appease cattle ranching. Aren't we past that kind of outdated mentality on behalf of the park services? The majority of taxpayers want wildlife protected not killed at the behest of special interest groups. Do not kill the tule elk and

instead restore and protect their habitat. That is the real job of the park service, to protect habitat and wildlife. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9019**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9020**

Free the elk asap

**Correspondence ID: 9021**

FREE THE ELK -- and PROTECT POINT REYES FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE -- NOT FOR LIVESTOCK!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9022**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Please go for Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9023**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area".

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9024**

Free the elk and tear down the elk-killing fence! The park is part of our nation's natural heritage and not for a few livestock owners.

**Correspondence ID: 9025**

Please live up to your name of Park Service and not Livestock Service. I have been to see the majestic elk who are not replaceable and who need protection. The parks are not primarily for private livestock. Please listen to the public who does actually makes use of the national parks. Please serve the public and wildlife and not the ranchers.

Thank you,

Wendy Berk

**Correspondence ID: 9026**

Please remove the elk fence... let them live !

**Correspondence ID: 9027**

Please free the Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9028**

I support the NPS Alternative B, remove all fencing and protect the native wildlife and plant species. Allow the Tule Elk to live in this habitat where the Park Service originally placed them in order to save this species from extinction. I was privileged to have the opportunity to spend a day at Point Reyes many years ago and encountered the elk in a number of places along my hike. There were no fences then, and the elk herd appeared healthy. The cattle should be confined, not the elk.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 9029**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9030**

There are more important environmental concerns than raising cattle. Retaining, maintaining and protecting the Elk is more important than hamburgers. The elk cannot be replaced once they are gone. They are not like a McDonalds burger, available everywhere.

Your job is to protect our environment not cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9031**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Enough of the concessions to the dairy industry. Point Reyes Seashore is a national park. Wild tule elk historically belong on the isthmus; not dairy cattle. Please DO NOT renew their leases; unless they are willing to allow for the elk habitat and restoration of this native ungulate.

**Correspondence ID: 9032**

Take down the fence so tule elk can roam freely as well as other native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9033**

How can you consider this? Isn't the NPS supposed to take care of the animals? Euthanize them is your solution - this is unthinkable!

**Correspondence ID: 9034**

Hello, I am writing in regards the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore. I want to thank you all for hearing the voices of the large number of us who support the removal of the elk fence. A wilderness area and the wildlife within should not be de-prioritized by cattle owners and constrained by fences, and I worry that non-native, non-wild cattle concerns have trumped these rare and native elk. I am shocked and saddened that these elk have been allowed to wither away and die due to this fence; that seems unconscionable in a national park. And, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason, and the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." These mandates make it clear to me that NPS should remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking The National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you,

Joel Cox

**Correspondence ID: 9035**

As a committed voter and lifelong outdoorsperson, I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Further, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9036**

Elk are more important than cows, the eco system is more important than cows, don't appease the ranchers

**Correspondence ID: 9037**

Please tear down the fence, let them roam free!

**Correspondence ID: 9038**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, B Sitkin

**Correspondence ID: 9039**

The Tule Elk must be allowed to expand beyond a tiny foothold at Point Reyes, this is essential to create and maintain genetic diversity. The objections of adjacent cattle owners is not an acceptable excuse for not implementing this policy.

**Correspondence ID: 9040**

To the National Park Service:

Please destroy the fence and free the Tule Elk. Domestic cattle don't belong there at Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you.

Thank you,

Sue Cabrera

**Correspondence ID: 9041**

Please free the elk and any all animals

**Correspondence ID: 9042**

Please protect the wildlife, not the cattle ... sadly, the livestock people will slaughter the cattle to make money and appease fat meat-eaters; why must both elk and cattle starve and die because human beings are greedy?

**Correspondence ID: 9043**

Protect the Tule Elk. Let the native species enjoy their habitat. Tell the greedy selfish ranchers to move their cattle elsewhere. Americans eat too much beef anyway. Thinning out the herds of cattle would be healthier for everyone

**Correspondence ID: 9044**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Barry Schwartz

**Correspondence ID: 9045**

Please save the Tule elk at Point Reyes and stop giving the land to cattle. I'm tired of the destruction of habitat and wildlife so the cattle farmers can make more money.

We deserve to have the environment protected for future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 9046**

Point Reyes is for wildlife, NOT for commercial hamburger sourcing! Protect the Tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9047**

Please take down the fence and allow the Tule Elk to roam free, this is their land and they should have rights to it. When cattle populations prevent wildlife from prospering it is time to reevaluate our priorities. We must create safeguards for wildlife so we can keep ecosystems intact and biodiversity at its highest. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9048**

I have a hard time wrapping my head around how much humankind has remade the entire planet to suit its whim. So many species have gone extinct and so many will disappear in the future, just so that individual humans, especially those with money and clout, can have their way. Even animals not on a threatened or endangered list number only in the thousands, when they used to number in the millions. But that was before we came along.

Now individual ranchers have set their sights on severely limiting or extinguishing tule elk. If wild animals cannot live in the wild, where can they possibly go where we will finally leave them alone? When will we ever realize that we can't -- and shouldn't -- live in a vacuum?

**Correspondence ID: 9049**

I am a former long time resident of Marin, and hoping to move back. I urge you to choose Alternative B for the tule elk in Pt Reyes and remove the fence. We cannot stand by and watch these beautiful creatures, die of malnutrition and thirst. When we can do something about it, Marin is such a beautiful area and the creatures there deserve a healthy life. We can be role models for the rest of the state in the country in the world in our stewardship of this beautiful ecosystem. Please do the right thing!

**Correspondence ID: 9050**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9051**

Hello,

I used to live in the Bay Area and loved to visit Pt. Reyes National Seashore. I considered my visits extra special when I happened to see elk. Wildlife in general and tule elk in particular have such little land left on which to exist. The priority of wilderness and other protected areas should be to help wildlife recover. Cattle ranching should be ended on Pt Reyes, fences restricting the elks' movements should be removed, and no elk should be killed or harassed or otherwise harmed.

We don't need more cattle. We do need more elk and wild spaces.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment.

**Correspondence ID: 9052**

Free the Tule elk! Prioritize them over cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 9053**

Instead of protecting the native tule elk population in California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd. This action was taken to appease livestock owners. That is not acceptable. Livestock owners should not have that kind of power over the National Park Service.

Because of backlash on their decision, the Park Service is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. Unfortunately, this fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years and cuts animals off from adequate food and water sources.

I am writing to ask the Park Service to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, NOT CATER TO LIVESTOCK OWNERS.



Also, of the current alternatives, the Park Service should choose Alternative B, which is called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." This plan will remove the above-mentioned fatal fence and allow elk to roam naturally.

I am grateful that the Park Service has been willing to listen to those of us who oppose the fence. Fences for livestock are inappropriate in wilderness areas, FULL STOP, and the Park Service should absolutely NOT prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Wilderness does NOT mean animal rearing for profit. It means WILDerness. I have nothing against cattle at all. I love cattle. But cattle "owned" by ranchers for profit should not be in a wilderness designated area.

It is completely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. A national park that MY tax dollars go to. I don't want my tax dollars to support cattle raising for profit. (I am a vegetarian. I don't condone the practice, I don't support it.)

Once the elk fence is removed, if all goes well in this debate, free-roaming elk should NOT be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. This kind of behavior would be against the spirit of removing the fence in the first place.

To reiterate: private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes. And to honor the charter of the National Seashore, they should be stopped. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Let's take big money out of our parks, protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife, remove the fence, let the elk roam free and by so doing, restore the ecosystem.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9054**

Ranchers/farmers set up shop where wild animals live. It is minimally acceptable they share the land with those they would displace and any fencing that gets done is the proving of said ranchers/farmers, not the Park Service or taxpayers.

**Correspondence ID: 9055**

Please give precedence in rulings to the native tule elk herd who drastically need defense from the privately owned livestock. And please adopt Alternative B which would tear down the deadly elk-killing fence.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should NOT prioritize cattle over native wildlife. After the fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The Park Service ensures the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within Point Reyes. Thus it does NOT promise or give protection to, and in fact dispose of, private cattle operations.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation against private cattle operations would give life and preservation of the natural environment and its creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 9056**

Tule elk are being cut off from food and water so that ranchers can graze their livestock. This country has millions of cows and a handful of these elk. Get the cows off our public lands and allow the elk to eat, drink and live in peace.

**Correspondence ID: 9057**

On a recent trip to Pt. Reyes my wife and I were thrilled to see the elk living on their traditional range. We are in favor of eliminating the 8 foot fence that constrains the elk currently.

**Correspondence ID: 9058**

I am writing to ask The National Park Service to remove the elk fence to Point Reyes National Seashores native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I would like to thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I think it is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to please remove the fence and end this cruelty.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9059**

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. I trust that you will heed the overwhelming public support for removing this elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Because of the fence, confined native elk have died of thirst and malnutrition, something that should never happen, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment unless the elk themselves become too numerous for the area to support (without livestock grown for profit).

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Private cattle operations in Point Reyes should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and

historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Your agency has legal, ethical and fiduciary obligations to honor those words, and I demand that you do so.

**Correspondence ID: 9060**

It is critical to prioritize and protect our tule elk. They are a critical part of our ecosystem that has been undermined by undue prioritization of cattle which are not native to California. As our climate becomes more erratic, it is of critical importance to work with nature to stabilize our ecosystems as much as is possible. Tule elk, as major wildlife, are a key part of that effort. Indeed, not only should their current herds be fostered, but it would be valuable to consider where else in their historical habitat they might be reintroduced.

**Correspondence ID: 9061**

The tule elk are beautiful animals whose habitat is being taken over by ranchers. The elk are native animals that should be protected, not starved by letting ranchers graze animals in the area that “belongs” to the elk. Please care for the elk. Do not let farm animals eat their food and drive these elk to starvation.

**Correspondence ID: 9062**

Let the Tule Elk herds grow. If you are permitting ranchers to graze and the elk need more food/room then limit the grazing permits.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9063**

On behalf of myself and fellow hikers with whom I have had the pleasure of exploring the park, I wish to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence which is inappropriate in wilderness areas. Park Service do not exist to prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

The National Park Service must choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” to remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

With thanks

Zoe Bray and fellow hikers, conservationists and supporters of more wilderness protected areas

**Correspondence ID: 9064**

Please free the elk! No more leasing of national lands for cows, please please please let the elk free!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9065**

It is imperative that the National Park Service selects Alternative B, titled “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” as it will finally eliminate the fatal elk fence and grant these magnificent creatures the freedom they deserve. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the agency for heeding the resounding call from the public to dismantle this fence. Fences have no place in the wild, and it's essential for the Park Service to prioritize our native wildlife over cattle.

It is utterly unacceptable to allow our confined native elk to suffer from thirst and malnutrition, particularly within the confines of a national park. Once the elk fence is taken down, we must

ensure that free-roaming elk are not subjected to culling, hazing, or any form of harassment under any circumstances.

Furthermore, private cattle operations have no place in Point Reyes, and they should be discontinued in alignment with the National Seashore's charter. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates the "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act clearly designates national park lands as havens for the enjoyment of scenery, natural and historic wonders, and wildlife, all to be preserved unimpaired for future generations.

We fervently urge the agency to remove the elk fence promptly, not only to safeguard Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife but also to restore the ecosystem to its natural glory.

**Correspondence ID: 9066**

Cattle should not be more important than wildlife.

Free the elk and reduce the fenced cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9067**

I love seeing the elk when I visit Point Reyes National Seashore. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9068**

I am writing with strong support for a more natural management of native elk in and around National Park lands of Point Reyes. I strongly support elk over cattle on park property as I believe that the ecosystem processes by the elk far outweigh those of highly managed cows, a priority espoused by the National Park Service itself. Further, I advocate removing the fences keeping elk confined as they are wild herbivores that should be free to roam in California, most of which was occupied by these cervids before we co-opted our open spaces for domesticates such as cattle. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely, Elizabeth A Hadly

**Correspondence ID: 9069**

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**Correspondence ID: 9073**

The National Park Service needs to be above and better than appeasing livestock owners. And with recent droughts, that ridiculous fence had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Please, National Park Service TEAR DOWN that the elk-killing fence. Don't listen to those livestock owners--a special interest. Most of the public wants the fence down stop catering to special interests. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9074**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 9075**

When the coastal initiative was passed, a promise was made to foster and protect wildlife.

Please do it! Starving out the tule elk is a terrible idea and must stop. There is absolutely no excuse for this cruelty.

**Correspondence ID: 9076**

Please remove the Elk fences and provide adequate acreage for these animals to roam and feed.

The Elk were at Pt Reyes long before the cattle ranchers, and protecting the natural environments of native plants and animals is the mission of the park service.

Do your job and protect these wild animals and their home!

**Correspondence ID: 9077**

It's past time to favor elk and nature over ranching on Pt. Reyes. There have been many decades to prepare for this change. Ranchers were recently given a reprieve from the expectation when the seashore was created that they would need to vacate after a generation. Perhaps the time has come...

**Correspondence ID: 9078**

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**Correspondence ID: 9079**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Robert Durych

**Correspondence ID: 9080**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9081**

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You shouldn't need to be told the fence is all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

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**DO THE RIGHT THING AND REMOVE THE DAMN FENCE!!!**

**Correspondence ID: 9082**

Since when did the National Park Service become an auxiliary service for the Cattlemens' Association?



**Correspondence ID: 9083**

Please tear down the fence and eliminate the culling of the Tule Elk herd. You seem to be acting on behalf of the private sector by fencing and killing the animals. The point of a national park, monument or seashore is to protect it for all Americans (who own the land), not to enable corporations or ranchers or farmers. If it were intended to do the latter we'd call it an industrial park.

Thank you for your attention.

Steve Timberlake

**Correspondence ID: 9084**

The NPS should do the right and proper action and choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fencing that has been proven Fatal! and allow elk to naturally roam free!!

Thank you for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. That is wrong to choose cattle over our natural and beautiful animals.

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Private cattle operations are NOT appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended! The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." This is law and needs to be withheld, especially by the organization that established it in the first place.

REMOVE the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore our ecosystem! We have to take care of Nature, NOT continue to destroy it!

**Correspondence ID: 9085**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which would remove the fatal fence and allow elk to roam free.

Thank you for listening to the public, which is overwhelmingly in favor of removing the fence. Cattle should not be prioritized over native wildlife. In fact, cattle operations are inconsistent with the Point Reyes legislation and should be ended.

Once the fence is removed, the tule elk should not be culled or herded or harassed in any way. Please protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9086**

It is cruel to force these majestic animals onto a tiny area without access to enough food and

water to survive. The livestock industry is out of control and must be stopped from causing harm to other animals. Please take the fence down and allow them to live! There is enough land, food and water for all of these animals to survive. Please follow the rules - privately owned cattle shouldn't even be in this National Park - it is for the wild things and the public, not for greedy cattle ranchers. Please do what is right for these elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9087**

We are painting ourselves increasingly tightly into a shrinking corner. We burn too much, we destroy agriculture, we clear way too much land for raising food it's not healthy to eat (like animals), and we do this at the expense of ecology, like these tule elk. We are hurtling headlong into increasing disaster (such as the climate change that's already evident and destructive), and we don't seem to have the wherewithal and leadership to stop.

**Correspondence ID: 9088**

Please remove the fence confining the Tulle elk in Point Reyes National Park. The elk could die from malnutrition and thirst if they cannot roam freely throughout the park. Cattle should not be allowed in this park. This is an area set aside for the elk and for the public to view the beauty of the elk and this preserve. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9089**

Free these animals.

**Correspondence ID: 9090**

My family and I have always enjoyed our trips to Pt Reyes and have always enjoyed our elk sightings while there, particularly given how uncommon elk are in California. We appreciate the Park Service's listening to our request to remove the elk fence and urge the Park Service to choose Alternative B, allowing the elk to roam free. Nor should they be subject to culls or other harassment. They are more valuable to society than cattle and should be prioritized as such. Keeping them confined where they may die of starvation is inhumane.

Point Reyes is not the place for private cattle operations. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence, protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9091**

The wild herd is of far greater value than the most fragile cattle herd so please remove this fence and let them be unabstructed from roaming.

**Correspondence ID: 9092**

A park should be for all forms of wildlife which inhabit the area naturally and not for cattle. Animals such as the Tule Elk should not be confined thus causing them to die. Please assure that the natural characteristics and wildlife of the park are promoted, not threatened or destroyed by actions favoring interests not inherent to the park. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9093**

To The National Park Service

Re: Tomales Pt. Area Plan

\*\*\*In Support of Alternative B.\*\*\*

My family and I are writing to urge that The National Park Service choose Alternative B.

We feel that the Elk should be allowed to roam free and thus live their lives as naturally and normally as is possible at Tomales Point. Fences in wilderness areas only cause problems for wildlife, and not only for the Elk herds. Please see to it that the Elk are allowed to roam and also that these Elk are protected from any type of hunting, culling and harassment. These wonderful animals should be left alone, and fully able to live their lives free from human molestation.

Point Reyes is an extremely special place. Helping preserve and protect the wildlife of Point Reyes will be good not only for the wildlife but also for visitors. Furthermore, future generations must be afforded the opportunity to take pleasure in this enchanting natural environment, experiencing it as it is meant to be ----- wild and free.

Please choose Alternative B.

Thank you.

Sincerely, The Kelly Family:

Lisa Ann

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George and

Sergei

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Note: After the Center's advocacy campaign to save tule elk was so powerful in 2022, the Park Service is on the lookout for copied-and-pasted letters. Agency staff may try to discount your comments if they can tell you took them verbatim from us. Thank you for your passion in helping us protect these elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9094**

Keep Point Reyes for wildlife. No fence and no killing of rare elk. Tomales Point area.

We have plenty of people and plenty of farmed animals. What we don't have is many native animals such as Tule Elk left. If we do preserve our wild spaces and national parks properly we won't have a planet worth living on, for us and our children.

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**Correspondence ID: 9096**

Point Reyes is a national treasure. It belongs to the American people and to its native wildlife. It should not be turned over to cattle owners at the expense of native tule elk. There are very few tule elk left as most of this majestic native of Point Reyes have died because of human interference. Please remove all barriers to the free roaming of the remaining tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9097**

Please save the elk at Port Reyes and Tomales Point. They should take precedence over cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 9098**

Free the Tule Elk and protect Point Reyes for wildlife, please.

Thank you, Karen Emanuel

**Correspondence ID: 9099**

Thanks for hearing the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are grossly inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Private cattle operations are NOT appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. WILDLIFE OVER PRIVATE RANCHERS' PROFIT.

**Correspondence ID: 9100**

Do the right thing for the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9101**

Please remove the fencing that prohibits free roaming of Tule Elk. We are in the middle of a major extinction event for a wide range of species worldwide, often from loss of habitat like this. This particular species has less than 6,000 remaining. Tule Elk are essential to the long term restoration of California's native landscape, and serve a vital role as an umbrella species, for California's native grasslands, oak woodlands and landscape connectivity. We need to reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding our natural environment. Please do not let the interest of ranchers supersede the overwhelming importance of biodiversity by removing these unnatural barriers. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9102**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife; not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Tom Groeller

**Correspondence ID: 9103**

Please remove the fence.

I believe fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition due to being fenced off from food and water sources, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Also, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". Remove the fence and allow the elk to naturally roam, as to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9104**

Elk not cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 9105**

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**Correspondence ID: 9106**

We cannot allow the Tule Elk to be killed because of ranchers taking over the land. There cattle destroy the area that they have a right to live on. I want you to use your position to make sure they are protected.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely, Brenda

**Correspondence ID: 9107**

Your priority must be to protect native wildlife in all its diversity. Tule elk have been stressed by habitat loss

in an effort to appease cattle owners despite their encroachment into Tule Elk areas. The elk, as a native species, should be protected to restore ecological balance to this unique area.

**Correspondence ID: 9108**

What? Letting cattle eat up the land where the tule elk thrive? That would be terrible, absolutely horrible.

I love going to PT Reyes because it is so natural and we need more places in our country that are for the wildlife. I brought students in my environmental classes there and did beach cleanups as well too. It's an awesome place because it is preserved. Being at PT Reyes with the tule elk nourished and continues to nourish our hearts and sense of being part of what is natural and healthy.

There are SO MANY cattle in our country, and most of them are owned by wealthy people who value their money more than Nature and the vast community of people that love Nature and all of the wild plants and animals.

I and so many others I know want to preserve and expand more places for Nature to return and thrive.

Let's put Nature first instead of last. Let's care for the many who thrive at PT Reyes.

No cattle in PT Reyes. No more giving what is precious away.

Sincerely, Ken Robinson

**Correspondence ID: 9109**

Por favor, libere a los alces y proteja Point Reyes para la vida silvestre nativa, no para los dueños de ganado cuyo ganado está destruyendo su ecosistema.

**Correspondence ID: 9110**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Patricia Mitchell

**Correspondence ID: 9111**

Let the elk go free.

**Correspondence ID: 9112**

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Sincerely, Mrs Edith Marcus

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It's amazing that after hundreds of years humans still have not learned that putting profits over Nature brings disaster in the long run. Native animals kept the ground beneath them healthy for thousands of years, before humans came along, slaughtered them and replaced them with herds and crops, and in the process destroying the soil.

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**Correspondence ID: 9114**

Please let the Elk have their space take down the fence and get the cattle out of there. We have enough cows but not enough of those Elk.

I plead for the Elk thank you Bob Moore.

**Correspondence ID: 9115**

Remove the fence so the elk can get food and water!! Make cattle owners confine their animals!!

**Correspondence ID: 9116**

Please take down the 8-foot fence that leads to elk fatalities during droughts and free them for having access to food and water sources. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Please protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem! Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9117**

Please do your job and protect the elk. Stop kowtowing to the interests of the farmers, and do your job! Your job is to protect wildlife and its habitat, not to appease the farmers. DO THE



RIGHT THING AND TEAR DOWN THE FENCE AT TOMALES POINT ALREADY! Again, do your job and protect wildlife and its habitat - that is your mission.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9118**

Please let the Tule elk go free and live the way nature meant them to be. They have been abused long enough and KILLED through starvation and drought by the agency that is supposed to PROTECT wildlife. Get rid of the fences AND GET RID OF THE CATTLE that destroy habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 9119**

It is imperative that the Reyes National Seashore be managed FOR WILDLIFE and not for raising cattle. As human caused harms to wild species increases, the priority for remaining wildlife needs to be protected along with the land they call home. I have followed the sad plight of the Tule Elk and was dismayed that, at the behest of the beef and dairy lobbies, the elk were fenced within their land and were dying of thirst and hunger, unable to migrate to water and grazing land. The fencing imprisoning the elk must be removed, the elk allowed to move as they wish and the NPS not allowed to cull, limit or otherwise interfere with these native inhabitants. The NPS must also remove the cattle industries from the National Seashore. I was shocked when I first learned that National Seashore was being used to raise cattle rather than preserve the natural habitat! Animal agriculture does not belong at the National Seashore. Prioritize wildlife and preservation of their habitats.

**Correspondence ID: 9120**

Free the Tule elk and protect Point Reyes natural wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9121**

Any plan for Point Reyes must acknowledge the primary presence of tule elk herds. If the elk produced milk or meat, I'm sure their commercial viability would insure a profit driven expansion of their herds. Point Reyes is a jewel, a piece of our natural history we dare not risk losing through culling or unnaturally confining. Please let the tule elk roam freely. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9122**

Please rethink the park policy with regard to moose and other wildlife. The priority should be to protect the environment for these creatures not to restrict them in order to benefit domesticated animals such as cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9123**

National parks are public lands designated for the protection of the land and natural flora and fauna and for the enjoyment an education of the public, NOT for the exclusive use by, and profit of, specific individuals or organizations. Any activities within any park should not violate these goals and restrictions.

**Correspondence ID: 9124**

I live in Marin County and love the elk, so this is personal for me. They have suffered and died from being penned up without sufficient food and water, volunteers have not been allowed to help them. Please reverse this cruel situation and free the majestic elk and allow them to thrive. The NPS should be on their side!

Thank you, Janis Cherry

**Correspondence ID: 9125**

The Tule Elk are a better fit than cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 9126**

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes. Fencing in the Tule Elk herds or otherwise restricting their movements is a direct violation of this mandate. Further; the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

The guidance the National Park Service should follow in this matter is crystal clear. Alternative B is the only option that does not violate the Services responsibility to preserve Point Reyes.

Pressure from ranchers to impede or impair the free movement of the wildlife in this area should have no bearing on the decision making process. In fact, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you so much for your continuing efforts to preserve and safeguard our few remaining pristine natural environments. I have full faith and trust that you will make the right choice in regulating this matter.

Regards, Andrew Hefner

**Correspondence ID: 9127**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence to the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9128**

Are you trying to starve the herd ? ? ?

**Correspondence ID: 9129**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 9130**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences

are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9131**

Why do we feel like we have the right to take habitat away from wild animals or kill them because of explosive human growth and expansion? They have more right to the land than we do. We need to stop the growth of humans populations not limit animals who have done nothing to deserve it. When will this madness stop?

**Correspondence ID: 9132**

The plan to confine wild elk in order to serve the desires of those raising cattle in a national park is completely unacceptable. I'm a former California resident/tax payer and feel compelled to add my voice to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize ANY domesticated animal over native wildlife. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" - removing the offensive fence and allowing elk to roam free naturally.

It's unconscionable to let confined native elk continue to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Following removal of the fence, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are totally inappropriate in Point Reyes and violate the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The agency MUST remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Stop mucking around with nature in order to favor human selfishness!

**Correspondence ID: 9133**

Please consider the following comments:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

**Correspondence ID: 9134**

Regarding the disposition of Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore

I am writing to strongly encourage the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, known as "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will allow elk to naturally roam free by removing an obstructive, fatal fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Furthermore, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be restricted or ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I respectfully urge the agency to respond to the overwhelming support to remove the elk fence thereby protecting Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kate Larramendy

**Correspondence ID: 9135**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9136**

I visited Point Reyes a few years ago and became aware there were a number of historic ranches/ farms. Since the National Seashore is under the jurisdiction of the Park Service it would seem the Tule Elk should be afforded protection. It seems preference is being given to livestock on the ranches rather than native wildlife. Is that part of the mission statement of the Park Service?

**Correspondence ID: 9137**

These beautiful elk, found nowhere else, already endure a very small range. If this is a national seashore why are the plans to encroach by development? This area was intended as a natural area for animals, many of which are already endangered, and for people to enjoy into posterity.. AS things stand now, it is already a very small area to protect.

I respectfully request that the park service rebuff the requests of large interests to preserve and expand their elk numbers for biodiversity and future generations to watch and photograph..

**Correspondence ID: 9138**

Hello,

The elk need to be able to roam freely and not be confined by 8 ft fencing which results in unnecessary deaths of the animals due to dehydration and malnutrition.

The area of Port Reyes National Seashore and its surrounding wilderness is not an appropriate area for ranching as stated in the charter and enabling legislation. Both support a natural use without agricultural infringement that preserves the unique environment. Therefore the elk should have the ability to roam these areas without confinement (as being part of the natural environment), harassment to move off wilderness areas, hunting culling, etc.

Thank you for allowing for public comment on this subject.

**Correspondence ID: 9139**

I have seen the unique and majestic tule elk while visiting California, where they are native. They were once hunted to near extinction and now number a small 600 at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of protecting this special species and letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confining part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence. TO CATER TO LIVESTOCK OWNERS!!!!

With recent droughts, the fence has had deadly consequences - many confined elk died of thirst and starvation because they were unable to roam and forage naturally,

It has taken an outpouring of public outrage and a flood of comments from various groups to shame the Park Service into proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. Oh, but the livestock owners don't want that.

Well, livestock don't belong there, they are not what the Park Service is supposed to protect, and they are not what visitors to that park want to see. How dare you not protect the NATIVE, DISTINCTIVE SPECIES?!

You need to stop playing games and get that damn fence down, free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle that are destroying that ecosystem and that do not belong there.

Shame on you for dragging this out.

**Correspondence ID: 9140**

LEAVE animal enriched areas ALONE. Why do u continually try to tear down areas, allow mining, fracking, oil in these areas. All of these ruin water the animals depend on. Humans in their areas continually, even temp roads ruin areas. Do the only the right thing

**Correspondence ID: 9141**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Donna Sauer

**Correspondence ID: 9142**

Thank you for opening this to public comment. The elk should be allowed to roam and allowed to grow in population as a native species to the area.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9143**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. This will protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9144**

PLEASE FREE POINT REYES TULE ELK !!!

**Correspondence ID: 9145**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Finally, thanks to public outrage and a flood of comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that.

free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 9146**

*\*Why\** are so many People trying to Destroy our *\*WILDLIFE\**? The animals need our Protection & we need them to keep our Ecosystem Healthy!

**Correspondence ID: 9147**

Let the wildlife live peacefully and let people who want to raise animals, purchase land to raise them on.

**Correspondence ID: 9148**

You really need to protect Point Reyes for its native wildlife, including the tule elk. Cattle should not even be allowed to be in the area. They are ultra destructive. Buy them out or do whatever needs to be done to permanently exclude cattle from these publicly owned lands. You shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Tear down the fence (alternative B) that is totally inappropriate.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Free the elk. End cattle grazing.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9149**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9150**

First of all, how tacky and weak of you to try to discount comments simply because concerned citizens use language provided by the organization supporting freedom for tule elk.

Second, no matter where someone lives, releasing these elk is important to anyone with a heart, much less an understanding of nature.

Finally, stop prioritizing cattle over wildlife. If cattle have a lobby and wildlife do not, it is even more horrendous to follow what's in an agency's interest rather than the best interests of those creatures an agency is supposed to protect.

**Correspondence ID: 9151**

Thank you for taking comments on the possibility of removing the Tule Elk fence on Point Reyes National Seashore. We have visited Point Reyes more than once, a place stunning for its wildness and beauty, so close to the San Francisco. It is the definition of awesome.

I am writing to encourage you to remove the fence that confines the Tule Elk herd, a fence that exists for the sake of allowing farm cattle to thrive at the expense of the health and even lives of



the Tule Elk. The Point Reyes Seashore. In fact, private cattle operations should not even be allowed to operate on Point Reyes National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” I urge the Park Service to remove the fence AND to protect the Elk from disturbance as they roam the National Seashore.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9152**

Please choose Alternate B. Elk belong in the National Park. The cattle do not belong here. By confining the Elk they are denied water and food which constitutes animal cruelty and will ultimately lead to the extinction of the Point Reyes Tule Elk herd.

Thank you for considering a plan that with help the Tule Elk survive and thrive. Once the fence is removed, do not cull the Elk. It's the cattle, a non native species, that do not belong in our National Park. The amount of pollution to both water and land that cattle cause is immense. It's the cattle that need to be removed.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 9153**

The land should be used for wildlife . That was the intent . Farmers need to understand that and permit the elk to run free .

**Correspondence ID: 9154**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you to the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, the difference between wild and free and domesticated stock. It is time to rearrange the priorities of the NPS so that it never, ever prioritizes cattle over native wildlife. NPS should not stand for 'Nurturing Private Stock'!

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park, as the mission of NPS is not to maintain a concentration camp for wildlife.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Elk belong there, the cattle should only be tolerated if they don't impact the environment or the wildlife of the area, which of course is not the case. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge and demand that the agency live up to its actual mission, which is not 'raising cattle for private profit, and to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9155**

Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9156**

Our national parks are a vital part of preserving the planet for future generations

**Correspondence ID: 9157**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 9158**

Please add my name in support of protecting and preserving Point Reyes for the tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9159**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9160**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9161**

Dear to whom it may concern. Please ignore livestock ranchers as there selling live stock out anyways because of mega droughts and increasing meat costs onto consumers. Also elk are wild animals there we're here long before man was and we need to do more to save species. As we're facing an extinction crisis. If the animal kingdom goes man is next. Cattle ranchers are ranking in profits and they do this to wolves as well be because if we don't let the natural world alone we're asking to go extinct.

**Correspondence ID: 9162**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9163**

Please tear down the fence and protect the tule elk. At this point in our history, it is it, crucial that we protect and preserve what is left, and that are industries and economy, adjust to respect the natural world. The cattle industry should not be have the power to harm such a Vulnerable species.

**Correspondence ID: 9164**

To Whom It May Concern,

It's TIME to STOP “cow”towing (pun intended) to cattle ranchers. PLEASE listen to the overwhelming PUBLIC support for REMOVING the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Free the Point Reyes Tule Elk!

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank You

**Correspondence ID: 9165**

We can't afford to lose more species! Let the elk roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9166**

National Parks and Seashores exist for the protection of the environment and the wildlife within, for the benefit of the American people as a whole not private interests such as cattle ranchers, and the wildlife there should be safe from harassment. I have personally witnessed the awesome sight of a herd of Tule Elk moving freely across the landscape and it's one I will not soon forget. The “official” herd of Tule elk have been confined within tall fencing in the Point Reyes National Seashore, EVEN when that confinement has caused them to perish from lack of food or fresh water. I encourage you to adopt the option (“Alternative B”) of completely

removing that fence and allowing the National Seashore herd to roam free and graze naturally. Additionally, I encourage a complete ban on the destructive practice of cattle grazing within the perimeter of the park. The law establishing Point Reyes National Seashore requires "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Thank you for listening to the many Californians as well as the many of Americans who support freeing the herd of magnificent Tule Elk and restoration of the natural environment of Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 9167**

I understand that NATIVE tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore are being confined behind a fence to make the interlopers, livestock owners, happy. How like selfish humans!!!

Please stop the eradication of these elk who only want to live as they have always lived! The landowners can make other plans for their precious cows who are destroying the ecosystem. The cows are not at fault!

This is Not Right!!!

Your consideration and help is greatly appreciated!

**Correspondence ID: 9168**

Thank you for hearing the input from the public on this matter. As you are now aware, the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point has been responsible for massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from vital sources of both food and water. Here are my thoughts about what should happen moving forward:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. No fence should be erected again in the future.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It is unjust and inhumane to put native elk in situations that force them to be confined and unable to access water and food. In a national park, this is completely unacceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please act quickly to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9169**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Kim Fox

**Correspondence ID: 9170**

You know all of this.....Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition....I.

Please, while you can, take the opportunity to find a workable compromise to help save these beautiful creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 9171**

Do the right things for the right reason. Protect the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9172**

Hello, I am submitting comments to please ask that the Tule Elk at Point Reyes. Considering that we are in the beginning of the 6th mass extinction event and considering that we are losing another species of plant or animal every hour it would be very wise to protect the Tule Elk and other animals from hunting and trapping and not to give preferential treatment to any issue or animal but have specific guarded policies that protect the elk and other animals and promotes freedom and independence. That promotes the hydration and nourishment of the animals and cares for sick and injured animals. Please help us conserve what little we have left in the world. Thank you very much for your time and consideration

**Correspondence ID: 9173**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences

are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9174**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Hence, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9175**

Native fauna sustain the ecosystem. They must be allowed to flourish.

Remove support for non-native species. Oust them.

**Correspondence ID: 9176**

please free the elk and protect the land

**Correspondence ID: 9177**

Protect the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore

Tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9178**

Please choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's absolutely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park! Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are a terrible idea. This should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Cattle degrade the environment and encroach on wildlife.

Thank you for listening.

**Correspondence ID: 9179**

- The National Park Service must tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

- National Park Service, please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — instead of helping the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

- National Park Service please choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

- It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

- Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

- Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the



scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

- Please please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9180**

Thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence. These animals are an important part of the Point Reyes ecosystem, and I feel very strongly that they should not be allowed to die of thirst or malnutrition or culled in order to favor cattle operations. Private cattle operations are not appropriate at Point Reyes, and cattle do have a negative impact on that area.

**Correspondence ID: 9181**

The role of the National Park Service is in part to protect wild animals, not cattle. Nor is it the role of the National Park Service to protect and appease livestock owners. The fence at the Point Reyes National Seashore needs to be torn down once and for all! The elk should be allowed to roam freely, they are not in a zoo!

**Correspondence ID: 9182**

The time has come to Free the Wild and Free Native Elk so they can return to their ancestral home lands. that we our American 99% Federal Taxpayers own. The time has come for the American 99% Taxpayer funded National Park Service to stop behaving as lackeys to the 1% Billionaire Bilderberg Group Oligarch factory farm cattle industry..!

The American 99% Federal Taxpayer Funded National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined Native American elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The 1% Billionaire Bilderberg Group Factory Farm Private Corporate cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thus we are urging our American 99% Taxpayer Funded agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem now..!

Sincerely,

Richard Bartolomeo

**Correspondence ID: 9183**

I support Alternative B and respectfully ask the National Park Service to allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for considering my comment.

**Correspondence ID: 9184**

Thank you for hearing the voices of those of us who feel it would be a travesty to cull the heard, and fence them off from food and water that they need to survive. A Wilderness Area is designed to let wildlife thrive, not protect domestic animals. Please allow these magnificent animals to roam freely. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9185**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9186**

Protect these amazing creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 9187**

Please remove the fence that is preventing the Point Reyes elk from fending for themselves in regards to food and water. To rent public land for very low fees to livestock owners and then drive wild animals that are important to the ecosystem and treasured by the public to extinction is not a good policy supported by the public.

**Correspondence ID: 9188**

Why does mankind always feel compelled to contain or kill what makes (or used to make) our country so beautiful?

**Correspondence ID: 9189**

Please free the elk and do not kill them! The cattle do not belong there, the wildlife does. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9190**

I am concerned about the situation with the elk herd in the Pierce Ranch Core Area. I understand that there are at least two options for dealing with the situation, and I firmly support Alternative B. Native elk should not experience confinement in a National Park, especially when that confinement leads to the elk experiencing thirst and malnutrition. Such confinement definitely does not allow the public to enjoy the natural environment, including the elk herd,

unimpaired. While Marin County has a long history of family dairies, the elk herd has been there much longer. I admit that I appreciate the history of family dairies in the region, and prefer that to development. However, private cattle operations are not appropriate for National Lands anywhere, and any use of the National Seashore area by private cattle operations should be ended. Besides removing the fence the elk herd should be free from culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

I thank you for listening to the public's support for the removal of the elk fence. I hope that the next time my husband and I travel up to visit Point Reyes and the surrounding area we find elk roaming freely, without any fences to confine them and mar the view. That area is a treasure that I hope will continue to be protected for generations, allowing the natural elements, including the animals, to thrive.

**Correspondence ID: 9191**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. The cattle should be removed as soon as possible to allow the native elk to survive and thrive.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Immediately remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9192**

I am telling the Park Service to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9193**

The absolute audacity of the cattle industry to continue to usurp, displace, and render barren the natural and native areas that support other wildlife in untenable and needs to be curtailed once and for all. The notable damage done to areas where cattle graze, trample, and defecate make a mockery of the natural order of things. No wild indigenous animals should ever be relocated or otherwise marginalized to assuage the aggressive modes of the cattle industry. I fully urge the NPS to choose option B, take down the fences that confine and hinder the elk, and provide meaningful restoration of nature for the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore national Park.

**Correspondence ID: 9194**

I find confining these beautiful elk-who are indigenous to this specific area, to be extremely inhumane and totally unacceptable. They should be allowed to roam free and choose what habitat they take nourishment from. While I personally know some ranching families (not from Point Reyes) and have worked cattle myself, I absolutely do not support pushing native species from their lands to benefit Ranchers in their pursuit of more public lands for grazing livestock. That is just plain wrong and irresponsible. As a tax paying American I would like to see us affording more protections to our endangered wildlife. It is endangered because of mismanagement of our resources. This must be corrected ASAP.

**Correspondence ID: 9195**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 9196**

I am writing to support the Center for Biological Diversity's stance on tearing down the elk-killing fence. By opting for Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," The National Park Service can remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to allow confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park that taxpayers contribute toward. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. There is no reason that cattle operations are located in Point Reyes and they should be removed to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Cattle should also not be prioritized over native wildlife that has the same right to exist in their natural environment.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9197**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for the cattle destroying it. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9198**

If you've ever seen tule elk--or any type of elk--you know what magnificent creatures they are. All of California used to belong to them, and now they're confined behind fences, with barely more freedom than sheep raised for slaughter. As humans, we have an obligation to share the land with them. Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free--and, most importantly, to live.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely, Bonnie Thompson

**Correspondence ID: 9199**

Please tear down the fence that is confining the Point Reyes elk. this land is their native land and the cows are the invaders. Move the cows. Don't let the beautiful elk die of starvation.

**Correspondence ID: 9200**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence; fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urgent action is needed by NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9201**

Please remove the Tomales elk fence and preserve the area for the elk and other wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9202**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9203**

Remember, the Tule Elk are resident to California, they are not some recently released alien species. The elk must be allowed to roam free so we don't lose their valuable presence as native wildlife. I think the National Park Service (NPS) needs to go with Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,"

Assuming the NPS listens to the people and removes the elk fence, its reputation of supporting public lands and the animals on them, will be preserved. It is a no-brainer that naturally occurring species native to natural habitats must be prioritized over non-native, domestic animals, in this case being dairy cows. The cows have their protectors to see they receive food and water, and so must our non-domestic, native wildlife have a chance to get food and water on their own. Additionally at this point, considering the generally low numbers of native Tule Elk in California, there ought to be no killing or harassment of the elk herds, as they are where they belong and not a nuisance.

I've often visited Point Reyes and although the presence of the Point Reyes dairy farms is interesting, it ought to be gradually removed from the area. The privately owned dairy operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please honor our wildlife by removing the elk fence, and continuing to preserve and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9204**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Anita Thomason

**Correspondence ID: 9205**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife !

**Correspondence ID: 9206**

For once, do what is good for the animals, not the people.

**Correspondence ID: 9207**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank You,

Scott Nelson

**Correspondence ID: 9208**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9209**

Please protect the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9210**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I Urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.



**Correspondence ID: 9211**

To Whom It May Concern,

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I am urging the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Theodore King

**Correspondence ID: 9212**

Dear Park Service,

As a person who enjoys our national parks tremendously for the fact that the Park Service is supposed to protect wildlife, the flora and fauna of the particular landscape so that we as human beings can enjoy the limited amount of nature we have. So please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

My concern is that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. This is happening altogether too much, where Park officials are susceptible to caving to ranchers.

Elk should not be culled, hazed or harassed by human beings.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes. What happened to honoring the charter of the National Seashore? What has happened to "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment?" What has happened to concern for future generations?

Protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you. And by the way, I am not a bot, and I do not copy and paste. I am a human and concerned that you might think we don't notice that the world, the earth is precious and not a commodity to be destroyed by greed.

**Correspondence ID: 9213**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Our ecosystems are constantly under attack and must be protected in a natural state.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

National park lands must follow the mandate to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9214**

As a biologist, I am extremely disappointed that the confinement of Elk in Point Reyes has been debated for so many years. It is long past time for the fence to be removed, as scientists and environmentalists have been demanding for a decade.

NPS should choose Alternative B for management purposes. The national seashore is not a place for domestic livestock, and the management priority must be wildlife and ecosystem health.

Remove the fence and then protect wildlife from harassment by livestock owners.

**Correspondence ID: 9215**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence surrounding the elk and allow them to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9216**

Ranching operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9217**

Dear Sir/Miss:

National Park land belongs to the American People – not to Big Cattle Ranchers. When private use jeopardizes wildlife and the ecosystem, it is the National Park Service's job to protect the wildlife and the ecosystem – not the for-profit Cattle industry.

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It is horrifying to me that confined native elk are being forced by the fencing to die of thirst and hunger, while the cattle get fat and are sold off to slaughter – to make the rancher rich and deprive the American people of this beautiful wildlife inhabitant.

The fence needs to come down and the elk need to be treated and protected like the wonderful resource they are. Please stop prioritizing cows over elk. The American People do not come to Point Reyes to see cows.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." It is your job to fulfill this mandate.

Please remember the original Mission of the National Park Service. Thank you for listening to what the American People want.

**Correspondence ID: 9218**

It's time to let wildlife have space to live and breathe. Livestock do not have precedence over the wild. Their health and the health of their ecosystems contribute to people's welfare- to the air we breathe and the water we drink. Time to get our priorities straight and stop favoring an industry that is doomed to extinction anyway -- meat eating. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9219**

Dear nps,

I'm shocked and dismayed that the nps is prioritizing the livestock industry over the native fauna within their jurisdiction. Please allow all wildlife to roam free and certainly endangered fauna such as the Tuli Elk.

Thank you, Tom Dancer

**Correspondence ID: 9220**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9221**

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Given that mandate, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, (“Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area), so that the elk and other wildlife can naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations simply aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Please remove that fence!

**Correspondence ID: 9222**

Protect and release the tule elk—are you kidding me—find a way to co-exist or remove the cattle

**Correspondence ID: 9223**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The National park is to preserve wild resources, not benefit private cattle operations. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9224**

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These poor creatures deserve a far better environment to be able to live free and roam free. I ask you, what would it take to implement a non-cruelty solution.

The cattle that have a far better life, and I wouldn't want to deprive them of their right to roam, have a limited life span compared to the Tule Elk, under these cruel circumstances.

Sincerely, Jan Bailey

**Correspondence ID: 9225**

The NPS should tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 9226**

When I lived in Sonoma County, we often drove to Point Reyes to look for the tule elk. I was \*always\* disappointed to see the number of cows roaming freely, while the elk could be scarce - and it was disheartening to see them confined by the huge fence.

There are millions more acres available to cattle across the U.S. -- we do NOT need to sacrifice what little habitat is suitable for the tule elk just to appease cattle owners. I have reduced my beef consumption drastically in recent years in protest at how much of our wildlands are taken over and trampled by cattle. Also, consuming less beef is also doing my small part to mitigate climate change.

Please -- tear down the fences and let the tule elk roam, and DON'T kill them!!

**Correspondence ID: 9227**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9229**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 9230**

All of the federal agencies that are supposed to protect public lands and trust and make an effort to secure the future of the natural environment have become over the decades mere pawns of the entitled. The agencies have done nothing but contribute to the enrichment of their benefactors, the monied interests at tax payer expense. I saw how the Tule elk were “housed” near Taft, California in the 1950s, dying of dust pneumonia living on a dry fenced patch of ground. It sounds like nothing has improved including the brains and education of the people put in control of the future of the nation's natural resources, all at tax payer expense. Look in the mirror folks and see what your decisions wrought for your children's' and grandchildren's futures. Or do you lack a morale compass and suffer from terminal avarice and egocentricity?

Just saying your decisions have brought us to the brink, good going!

**Correspondence ID: 9231**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9232**

As habitat for wildlife disappears because of stupid human actions, so does wildlife itself. LET THE ELK ALONE in THEIR space! Let cattlemen graze their cattle on their own ranches (if any are left that aren't CAFOs).

How stupid can the Park Service be (!) to allow cattle (driven by profit-seeking, death-dealing humans) to graze on WILD LANDS! Very, very stupid, indeed. Or just evil. Either way, STOP IT! (That means, YOU, "livestock owners"!)

**Correspondence ID: 9233**

Thank you for listening to overwhelming public support of removing the elk fence.

There are plenty of advocates for private ranchers, but the Park Service is the only advocate for the elk, therefore, it should be obvious that Alternative B is the clear choice to successfully managing the future of the elk herd.

The Park Service has a duty to prioritize the elk over cattle, the elk were here first and deserve a home, protected by the Park Service.

Further, it's completely unacceptable to deprive the elk of vital food and water, forcing them to die from malnutrition. This seems so totally counter to the mission of the Park Service, especially when the elk are threatened and their home has been literally stolen by private ranchers.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem as directed by the park's charter.

**Correspondence ID: 9234**

Protect the Tule elk. They arrived at the park for protection. There are many cows. If you are determined to kill them at least transport them to another facility!

**Correspondence ID: 9235**

It is imperative that you protect the Tule elk immediately; stop killing them with fencing and water deprivation, and God knows what else you've done to them so that you can make money from cattle ranchers. It is inhumane and wrong, and I am disturbed greatly that my government authorizes animal torture that I am funding with my tax dollars. This has gone on for a long long time and must stop now. Cattle don't belong there. I urge you to stop torturing and mistreating these animals, restore them to the lands where they've lived for decades and care for them appropriately. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9236**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.



Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9237**

Please do not allow cattle grazing be more important than saving a species. Cows are strictly for food and profit.

**Correspondence ID: 9238**

Dear Park Service,

Please tear down the 8-foot high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. This fence cuts animals off from adequate food and water which leads to massive elk die-offs. This is morally wrong, especially in a National Park. Cattle farmers should not receive priority over wildlife, especially when their cattle are destroying the ecosystem.

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife!

Please choose Alternative B which will remove the fatal fence and allow the elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk are free, they must be protected from culling, hazing, and any form of harassment.

Additionally, please end the private cattle operations on Point Reyes to honor the charter of the National Seashore and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jennifer Finley

**Correspondence ID: 9239**

Dear USFS:

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time!

**Correspondence ID: 9240**

Please free the Point Reyes Tule Elk and protect Point Reyes for NATIVE wildlife...not the cattle destroying it. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9241**

It never ceases to amaze me that wildlife is not considered valuable, critical and a priority to maintain populations and that ranchers raising cattle are so selfish and uncaring about preservation and conservation.

Wildlife should have access to natural habitat and be allowed to roam free and forage naturally. Allowing an endangered species to suffer and die because of the interests of a few money-grabbing, greedy landowners is deplorable.

Wildlife should never be fenced in and deprived of survival. I know all too well the damage that wildlife can cause to livestock, but these are not even predatory animals! They deserve to be allowed to flourish. Ranchers should be thankful that wild animals are an option for predators to hunt that might keep their cattle from being killed for food.

Every creature is put on this earth for a reason, and each serves a purpose. If man is allowed to continue to destroy that natural balance, only bad things can come of it.

Thank you for preserving these beautiful animals for future generations to come, and for removing the fence that endangers their survival.

Sincerely, Susan Hintze

**Correspondence ID: 9242**

Please remove the barrier fence. Allowing the Elk to die of hunger and thirst is beyond cruel. I have seen these animals up close and they are magnificent. I expect more in regard to safe guarding our public lands.

I urge you to act quickly and stop this cruelty.

**Correspondence ID: 9243**

STOP ALL THIS NOW THIS NOT FOR HUMANS TO ENJOY BUT FOR US TO ENJOY THEM SINCE THEY HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

**Correspondence ID: 9244**

Wildlife is important as it is part of the environment. If we stopped encroaching on the lands of the wild animals, there would be no problem. One must be responsible with the environment as it is only here once and once it is destroyed, that's it-it's gone for good.

**Correspondence ID: 9245**

I am writing to ask you to protect the Tule Elk which are the native inhabitants of Point Reyes National Seashore, and to stop prioritizing cattle grazing over wildlife.

The dairy farms on Point Reyes should not take precedence over the elk. In fact, the dairy farms would be better off phased out. But even without phasing them out, the Tule Elk must be let to roam free.

Culling them is not an acceptable option. Neither is letting them die of starvation or thirst.

Point Reyes National Seashore is a place I love and visit often. It is a travesty to treat the Tule Elk with such casual cruelty as has been done in the past during our drought years.

Do the right thing by the wildlife. Point Reyes is a national treasure and should be preserved for the wildlife that belong there.

**Correspondence ID: 9246**

Please allow the elk to have free range access to the space, food and water they need.

**Correspondence ID: 9247**

Manage Tamoles Point for wildlife, not for corporate greed.

**Correspondence ID: 9248**

Free the elk because the earth is their home also.

**Correspondence ID: 9249**

HUMANS=DEVILS ARE MAKING ALL ANIMALS DISAPPEAR FROM SURFACE OF EARTH.

**Correspondence ID: 9250**

We can do better than this; figure out how to meet the legitimate needs of cattle grazing without destroying what is increasingly diminishing with respect to our wild lands and native species.

**Correspondence ID: 9251**

With all the science pointing to the tremendous negative impact livestock have on global warming, to restrict the movement of the Point Reyes Tule Elk seems completely counter to what one would expect to be the goals of our National Park Service. Please do not cave to the self-interests of livestock ranchers. Now more than ever we need to reign in, not protect, the cattle industry (and I am not a vegan or vegetarian).

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9252**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Elk are not cows, and their confinement can result in malnutrition and eventual starvation. Once the fence is removed, elk should only be culled, when appropriate or necessary, by Native Americans for traditional food.

The National Park Service needs to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to roam.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. National parks should not be used to subsidize the cattle

industry. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 9253**

Free the tule elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9254**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Remove the elk fence! Protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

**Correspondence ID: 9255**

Please protect the Tule Elk by tearing down the fence. These magnificent creatures are worth far more than greedy cattlemen.

**Correspondence ID: 9256**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Please heed the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Hence, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9257**

This is a no brainer.... Allow these beautiful animals to expand their range! We have too many species who are facing extinction! Maybe agencies like yours are to blame. Let these animals expand their range! Sounds like a huge win compared to other species!

**Correspondence ID: 9258**

The current management of the Point Reyes National Seashore is inappropriate and needs reform.

- National Parks, i.e. public lands, should not be reserved for private commercial gain, whether through drilling or mining or grazing of livestock, or any of a number of other possible uses.
- Wilderness regions can hardly be regarded as wilderness when bisected by a fence . In this case, the 8-foot fence which contains the Tule Elk population has prevented their natural foraging behaviour, leading to death from dehydration and malnutrition. Fences quite simply do not belong in wilderness.
- Public lands represent opportunities for natural ecosystems to thrive, for endangered species to survive. As such, the culling of Tule Elk runs counter to all reasonable practice on public lands. It seems to be an attempt to appease livestock owners who are afraid of the competition that the small numbers of these Elk might present.
- Various legal statutes, such as the Charter of the National Seashore, The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation and the Organic Act combine to say as follows: Point Reyes should provide “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” (which in my view does not include cattle grazing, but does include the naturally occurring Tule Elk), and national park lands should “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations” (which again does not include cattle grazing but does explicitly include wildlife, such as the Tule Elk).

In view of this, I strongly urge the National Park Service to remove the fence from Point Reyes National Seashore and to allow the Tule Elk there to roam free in their natural environment, this being Alternative B. If ranchers are unhappy about the grazing competition that the Elk present, they are at liberty to move their cattle on to their own land where they can dictate their own rules.

Thanks you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 9259**

Firstly, TEAR DOWN THAT FENCE!

Secondly, we've had enough of fences and walls, which only serves to protect the interests of landowners and even worse, cattle ranchers. As a vegan and animal lover, it's appalling to devastate the population of tule elk just so ranchers can maintain cattle (which they are then going to kill anyway for profit).

I appreciate and thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It is horrific and unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem! Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9260**

The development of an area plan for Tomales Point is needed at this time based on the severity and frequency of two historic droughts in Marin County and Point Reyes National Seashore within the last eight years. Current management guidance for this area did not anticipate these drought conditions or consider climate change, resulting in emergency actions taken to provide supplemental water and minerals for the tule elk at Tomales Point in the summer of 2021.

**Correspondence ID: 9261**

I'm writing to urge you to adopt Alternative B of the Tomales Point Area Plan, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area", removing, for all time, the native tule elk fence that prevents their free roaming range from being utilized to its fullest. The tule elk are part of the fauna of the Point Reyes National Seashore, of which the Tomales Point is part. In order to placate the cattleowners, whose cattle have been allowed to graze freely in the national seashore for decades, impinging on the health and numbers of tule elk in the area. If the National Park Service is a steward of American land, it's flora and fauna, then the tule elk must be allowed to roam freely within the jurisdictions of Tomales Bay, in particular, and the Point Reyes National Seashore, in general so that unwarranted harm and decimation cannot come to them.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this issue. I hope you pass Alternative B of the Tomales Point Area Plan and be the best stewards of both the tule elk and cattle possible.

**Correspondence ID: 9262**

Quit kissing the ranchers' collective ass and free the Tule Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9263**

Please free the tule elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not the cattle that are destroying it. Confining many of these sentient beings behind an 8-ft tall fence is inhumane. In fact, with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9264**

The elk are indigenous. The cattle are not.

As the Californian climate continues to change, the elk are more likely to adapt to those changes AND fit into the changed ecology.

Please remove the fences.

**Correspondence ID: 9265**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction.

Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. The proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confinement of part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence is unacceptable.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It is totally unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9266**

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These poor creatures deserve a far better environment to be able to live free and roam free. I ask you, what would it take to implement a non-cruelty solution.

The cattle that have a far better life, and I wouldn't want to deprive them of their right to roam, have a limited life span compared to the Tule Elk, under these cruel circumstances.

Sincerely, Jan Bailey

**Correspondence ID: 9267**

Please free the elk. Tear down the fences, so that the elk can roam freely and forage for food and water as needed. Do not sacrifice the elk for the sake of cattle grazers.

This is just one more instance in which the cattle industry is destroying biodiversity. On a larger scale, the industry is contributing to climate change. I quit eating beef decades ago, even before the problem of global warming was widely acknowledged, because of the environmental damage that the livestock industry does. I would urge anyone reading this to stop eating beef as well.

**Correspondence ID: 9268**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Jennifer Burish

**Correspondence ID: 9269**

Dear Point Reyes National Park Service,

I am writing as a long time guest on the unceded Coast Miwok land now known as Point Reyes National Park. We are all guests and as respectful guests must listen to the original inhabitants' teachings about how to be in relationship to the land and all its non human inhabitants. With this in mind it is not in compliance with a reciprocal relationship with the native tule elk to keep them penned in dying of hunger and thirst, while the invasive cattle get to roam free for the financial betterment of the ranchers. Even the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I request with a fierce heart that you remove the fences and when the elk are freed they are not subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you for your attention and righteous action.

Linda Hammond LMFT

Oakland, CA

**Correspondence ID: 9270**

I respectfully ask you to please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

As stewards of this land, we have a responsibility to love and cherish that which God created.



**Correspondence ID: 9271**

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding the Point Reyes Thule Elk. I believe NPS should remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free, which is Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area."

Confining native elk and allowing them to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park, is entirely unacceptable.

I would like to thank the agency for listening to the public's support for removing the elk fence, as NPS should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife; Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. Additionally, the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I am urging the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. And, if the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 9272**

Free the tule elk

**Correspondence ID: 9273**

tear down the elk-killing fence... my tax dollars are not meant for livestock owners interests

**Correspondence ID: 9274**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. You shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's inhumane and unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the entire ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9275**

Please allow the elk to roam freely in their natural habitat. They should not be forced to starve to death so that ranchers can let livestock consume all available resources

**Correspondence ID: 9276**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

i implore you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9277**

Free the Tule Elk and keep Point Reyes a National Park for wildlife only. Livestock do not belong and should be removed.

**Correspondence ID: 9278**

Please restore the native elk to these lands. Our public lands are not intended to be used by any profit making business such as the cattle industry. Native species help to keep the land in balance while the cattle destroy it. There is no justifiable reason to continue this policy of fencing out the elk while cattle from private owners are allowed to use public lands.

**Correspondence ID: 9279**

The elk are more important to the ecosystem than the cattle. And the elk have been there longer. Why are there cattle in a national seashore anyway? When I go to Point Reyes it's not to admire the beauty of a herd of cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9280**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9281**

Elk should be allowed to roam free, fences are inappropriate in a National Park please do everything you can for nature and for wildlife, thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9282**

Please free the elk and choose not to harm wildlife.

I'm asking the National Park Service to implement Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which removes the deadly fence/cruel confinement and allows elk to live freely in their natural environment. The elk should be allowed to live without unnatural and cruel confinement.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences have no place in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cows over native wildlife. One animal should not be prioritized over another.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. This is extremely cruel to let this suffering happen, and it is unacceptable to be the cause of it. National Park should be in area of compassion towards animals not the cause of their suffering.

Once the elk fence is removed, please don't subject free-roaming elk to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. They should be given the respect and allowed to live without being harmed simply for living in their natural habitat.

Private cow raising and slaughtering operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I am urging you to please do the right thing and get rid of the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. If you care about the ecosystem and wildlife it's time to put the good intentions into action.

**Correspondence ID: 9283**

Please remove the fences and allow the elk to roam the range freely to help stabilize the population and enhance the region.

**Correspondence ID: 9284**

I am writing today to lend my voice to the voiceless. Today, I give my voice to the Point Reyes

California tule elk. The elk are hoping that the Park Service will choose Alternative B and remove the fence and let us roam wild and free. Fences don't belong in our wilderness, freedom belongs in our wilderness. We share our home with all creatures, but don't want to lose our freedom sharing our space with cattle, or anything else. Once you take down the fence, we will no longer be subject to die horrible deaths due to thirst and hunger. Especially living on land that is supposed to give us protection. We just want to live free – free from harassment, starvation, thirst or culling. Please, remove the fence and take positive action towards protecting Point Reyes' wildlife and restore the ecosystem. On behalf of all of the tule elk and wild life that calls Point Reyes home, thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9285**

Tule Elk have always been a part of Pt. Reyes and have co-existed with cattle for over 100 years. Tule Elk are native to this area. Cattle are introduced and are not native. It is possible for the 2 species to co-exist and that has been done in many areas. Culling our native elk is a very bad idea. Cattle people in other areas have learned to live with deer and elk and other native wildlife including mountain lions.

I have also heard of a plan to move part of the herds to Pinnacles National Park, another place where Tule Elk are native. I could live with that.

Perhaps cattle dogs could keep the pastures free of Elk and wouldn't harm the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9286**

To whom it may concern,

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the 8-foot fence from Point Reyes and allow elk to naturally roam free. A fence would cause the deaths of confined native elk die due to thirst and malnutrition, which is unacceptable in a national park.

Also, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I implore you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the public's support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Thank you again.

**Correspondence ID: 9287**

Please free the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9288**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9289**

Cattle and ranchers should not be allowed to dictate our wildlife policy to whatever suits them. Cattle are allowed to overgraze habitat meant for wildlife and ranchers are allowed to shoot wolves with the unfounded claim that the wolves killed their livestock. PLEASE STOP CATERING TO RANCHERS! Now protect the tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9290**

I urge you to safeguard the native Elk that are on our public lands. Get rid of the ranchers rights just like the oyster farms.

**Correspondence ID: 9291**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9292**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

We urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9293**

Please protect the Point Reyes Tule Ella. I lived in Ca until about 15 years ago. A visit to Pt. Reyes was always more special when we got to see the Tule Elk. These beautiful creatures belong in the park and deserve protection

**Correspondence ID: 9294**

I urge you to preserve elk like in Point Reyes and support Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area."

Remove the fence and let the elk run free!

We have already destroyed so much of our wilderness and wildlife, and Trump's administration didn't make it any better. Supporting the elk at Point Reyes is the least we can do in an era of climate collapse and mass extinction. Do the right thing please.

Sincerely, Kate O'Rourke

**Correspondence ID: 9295**

Please remove the fence placed around the elk and allow them to roam free. Elk are wild animals that should be able to roam free to ensure their survival as climate change alters the elk's environment. It is not acceptable for these animals to die of thirst and malnutrition, fenced in a national park.

When the elk fence is removed, these beautiful free-roaming elk should not be culled, hazed or harassed at all.

Cattle that are managed by ranchers should not be prioritized over native wildlife. Private cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes. These operations should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore their natural ecosystem.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for listening to US citizens in support for removing this fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9296**

PLEASE DO NOT KILL THE TULE ELK IN POINT REYES, THEY DON'T BOTHER ANYONE, WE LOVE OUR WILDLIFE HERE IN CA AND STAND WITH IT!

THANK YOU, LINDA BELL ANIMAL ACTIVIST/VEGAN

**Correspondence ID: 9297**

Please protect the elk. Tear down the fence. Let the elk roam free and build up the herd!

**Correspondence ID: 9298**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

**Correspondence ID: 9299**

I'm strongly opposed to the proposed killing members of two free-roaming you herds and confining part of the largest herd of tule elk on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence. That's outrageous!

It's all to appease livestock owners and that's a pathetic and inhumane treatment of majestic California wildlife! I had the pleasure of seeing them in their natural environment. It was thrilling to see the herd. I don't even want to imagine them pinned in to a confined area or slaughtered so cows can graze on what is THEIR home habitat!

I stand STRONGLY AGAINST this proposal..

it seems that regardless of the wildlife, such as the elk, wild horses, donkeys, and more, if cattle ranchers want the land for grazing the unfortunate inhabitants are trapped and slaughtered. These policies and practices need to STOP. We're not being good caretakers of this earth and wildlife and that's painfully obvious when it comes to the way they're easily considered expendable.

**Correspondence ID: 9300**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9301**

Please protect Point Reyes for the home it provides for wildlife such as the elks and other creatures. Do not prohibit them from using their habitat so cattle can be pastured on it.

Thank you. Betty Gunz

**Correspondence ID: 9302**

Protect and care for these precious animals.

**Correspondence ID: 9303**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 9304**

These elk are native to California. They belong here. this is there territory. they should not be confined and definitely not killed. Cattle are private property. they should be restricted to privately owned land. They should not be allowed on public lands that belong to all of us who love wild areas and wild animals.

Your job is to protect our natural resources. You are the national park service. Elk are our natural resources. They are native animals and you are causing them unnecessary suffering and deprivation of what is their territory. the cows need to be banned from National Park land..

This ridiculous illegal situation has gone on way to long. Do your job. Protect the elk and THEIR habitat from destruction by cows and intruders,

**Correspondence ID: 9305**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.



Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9306**

As a scientist who spent much of my career working on ecosystem restoration, I know it is better and far easier to deal with ecosystems properly than to try and restore at a future date.

I believe that regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

We know that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. As a caring human, I believe it is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park. The elk should be allowed to roam free as in the wild. I know there is overwhelming public support for Alternative B.

I also believe, based on past experiences that cattle operations are absolutely NOT appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended. The presence of cattle does not honor the charter of the National Seashore. As you know, the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I ask you to choose Alternative B, remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife to restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9307**

Point Reyes National Seashore is a gem of the national park system. My family and I have spent many happy hours and days there.

But we have always found the cattle ranches to be an ugly stain on this otherwise amazing, wonderful place.

Cattle are — by far — the worst agricultural contributors to global warming. The United States Government should not — must not — continue to contribute to this catastrophe for the United States and the World. In addition, cattle never should be allowed to be such a blot on national parks or other Federal lands. Private profit is not the province of the United States Federal Government.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence, and allow elk to roam free naturally. Fences are always inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not — must

not — prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition anywhere, but especially in a national park.

After the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment ever, for any reason. Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended immediately to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act requires that national park lands “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

You must remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. DO YOUR JOB!

**Correspondence ID: 9308**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9309**

I have visited Pt.Reyes, and I agree that we should be providing as near a wild and natural setting for the Elk as possible. This land should be preserved for the Elk and other native wild animals. NOT FOR A COMMERCIAL CATTLE OPERATION.

**Correspondence ID: 9310**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9311**

Viewing such conflicts over the past 15-20 years, it seems that cattlemen believe they have a Heaven-sent right to any grazing land anywhere, under any jurisdiction.

In this case, I suspect the elk have a prior claim to the Point Reyes Park grazing lands, historically. Let's move or kill off the cattle (which can go to market) instead of the elk. Novel idea, eh?

Please preserve the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9312**

I lived in Novato, California from 1969 through 1980. I visit both in Marin County and Sonoma County often. I now live in Connecticut.

During my teenage years and thereafter I have visited both the Point Reyes and Tomales Point and the surrounding areas more times than I can count.

Why on God's green earth would anyone want to disrupt the natural beauty of the area, including the natural residents and animals of that beautiful and serene area?

Allowing cattle to graze on the land doesn't make any sense to me. All cattle do is consume everything and then move on to another location and do it all over again. Cattle need feed. I do not dispute that fact. What I do dispute is the need to have what are obviously privately owned cattle grazing on land not owned by whomever owns said cattle. If the cattle breeders want to raise cattle, I would assume for sale, then the owners should have sufficient land to accommodate the number of cattle they own and not use public land or otherwise owned land for their personal use. Cattle should not be disrupting natural land where existing wildlife, such as the elk, and then do things like erecting fences to keep the elk out and away from their natural grazing areas, while allowing privately owned cattle to consume the wildlife's grazing areas.

Stop this unnatural and uncalled for ridiculous movement and allow the wildlife its' natural rights in these areas.

**Correspondence ID: 9313**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9314**

It's time to take down the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9315**

When all the animals are gone, so will MAN... If tis planet doesn't respect the food chain and pollinators, we will have nothing, and so we will lose our planet... Please free the elk!!

**Correspondence ID: 9316**

Please, allow the Tule Elk to live in peace in our state. They are supposed to be protected, not deprived of water and starved to death. Please act on their behalf.

Luci Evanston

**Correspondence ID: 9317**

Free the elk and leave Point Reyes alone.

**Correspondence ID: 9318**

The point of a wildlife refuge is your priority job to succeed at.

**Correspondence ID: 9319**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr S Bramley

**Correspondence ID: 9320**

Thinning/culling your herd of Tule Elk is so wrong. Please consider letting the herd spread naturally out of the park or moving some to other parts of their original range through out the State. Just like deer they should be allowed to live through out their natural habitats.

**Correspondence ID: 9321**

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will once, and for all time, finally remove the outrageous inhumane fatal fence and at long last finally set the elk free to once again naturally roam free!!

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing this barbaric inhumane outrageous elk fence. Fences are wildly inappropriate in wilderness areas!! It is imperative the National Park Service should never ever again prioritize cattle/cattles interests over our precious irreplaceable native wildlife!!

It is beyond unacceptable at any time to permit precious confined native elk to HORRIFICALLY DIE OF THIRST AND MALNUTRITION, especially in a NATIONAL PARK OF ALL PLACES!!!

Once the elk fence is removed, our free-roaming elk must not ever be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment from any one/any entity for ANY reason.

**Correspondence ID: 9322**

I write to ask you to remove the fence that confines the elk herd by choosing Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd & Pierce Ranch Core Area. In the not to distant past, we nearly lost our native elk. In the name of biodiversity, which benefits all living species, including humans, we must allow our elk to roam free. It is unacceptable to allow confined elk to die of thirst & malnutrition & especially so in a national park. Once the fence is removed, the elk herd should be protected from harassment, culling, & any other traumatic activity. Fences are not suitable for wilderness areas, nor are private industries, such as commercial ranching. Do not prioritize cattle over our native wildlife. Commercial activity is most undesirable at Point Reyes & must be stopped because the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, & the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Once the fence is removed, the elk herd should be protected from culling, hazing, or harassment.

Please remove the fence, protect the elk, & restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9323**

Hello. As a regular visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore, I support Plan B. The cattle ranchers were supposed to leave this area long ago. These cattle ranches are polluting the water and causing great suffering by requiring the fencing of the tule elk. These elk have been starving and needed volunteers to bring water to them.

Point Reyes is a place to admire the natural environment, not a place to raise cattle! Please remove the ranches and fencing around the tule elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9324**

Stop using federal land for a few cattle men. We also pay taxes to preserve these lands for WILD LIFE, not domestic cattle. Keep the wild for wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9325**

Protect it please!

**Correspondence ID: 9326**

Please choose the alternative called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9327**

I have been a visitor to Point Reyes. I was disgusted that dairy farms have been allowed to continue there at the expense of our native elk. I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Clearly, fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cows over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9328**

Please allow the elk in Point Reyes to roam free, in the environment where they belong.

Thank You

**Correspondence ID: 9329**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce

Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Unacceptable to keep the elk confined.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” I remember the wonder and joy when Point Reyes National Seashore was created and the “wonder” never, ever envisioned cows instead of elk.

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9330**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge your agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9331**

Please do not allow cattle herds in Point Reyes National Seashore. Please remove the fence

and let the elk roam for their health and the strength of the herd. Please choose alternative B. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 9332**

Dear National Park Service,

I appreciate your willingness to seriously consider removing the elk fence in Point Reyes. As you are aware, The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Currently, wildlife worldwide is threatened to an extent that has not occurred since the Cretaceous–Paleogene extinction event 66 million years ago. This is because the climate is rapidly warming, too quickly for organisms and especially large animals with highly specialized systems to adapt.

Meanwhile, humans have artificially increased the numbers of animals that we either consume or enjoy as pets. The proliferation of cattle operations not only contributes massive amounts of methane, cattle manure and cattle carcasses that all threaten land and water resources but the lobbying power of the industry enables it to create policy that is harmful. Point Reyes it should not be open to cattle operators for the above reasons but also because their demand that the elk be confined threatens this species which is naturally found in this ecosystem. Confined elk will be susceptible to thirst and limited in their access to varying food sources. These will weaken and even kill them.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. These are consistent with your mission and Alternative B, “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area”.

Thank you, Julie Bernstein

**Correspondence ID: 9333**

Prioritize our native species, not invasive cattle that contribute to Climate Change! Our native species are much less hard on the ground since they belong to the ecosystem. Remove the cattle that is for private gain.

**Correspondence ID: 9334**

I am from the San Francisco Bay Area and currently live in Oregon. I am concerned that at Point Reyes National Seashore cattle are being prioritized instead of the Tule Elk that belong there. Please protect the Tule Elk at Point Reyes and wherever they remain in the US. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9335**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.



It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9336**

Cattle do not have a place in public lands. Cattle grazing is destructive to lands, plants and waterways. Cattle displaces natural animal inhabitants. The lives and evolutionary evolution must have priority over man-placed money making incentives such as cattle and other livestock. Cattle grazing and breeding must not be allowed to contaminate waterways or displace plants and animals in their natural habitats.

**Correspondence ID: 9337**

People have the gift of speech, animals have no such advocate so we have to speak up for them. Please keep fighting for the Tule elk

**Correspondence ID: 9338**

Fish & wildlife should work to protect this isolated herd. Perhaps they can relocate them elsewhere.

**Correspondence ID: 9339**

Remove the elk fence, thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9340**

DO WHATEVER IT TAKES ABOVE ALL TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND THE ELK AND THEIR HABITAT! OUR BELEAGUERED PLANET CANNOT TAKE ANY MORE DESTRUCTION!

**Correspondence ID: 9341**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and

manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Bill Drabik

**Correspondence ID: 9342**

As the stewards of this precious planet, it is our responsibility to protect the quality of the air, water, land/soil and the quality of life for the flora and fauna for future generations. We are all interdependent and there is a balance which must be protected.

We are in the midst of a climate catastrophe where we must make difficult decisions so we can ensure that this planet and its inhabitants (flora and fauna) survive.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow native elk to naturally roam free.

Point Reyes is not an appropriate site for cattle ranching. This is being done in the name of profit, not out of necessity. We can live a healthy, happy life without a dependence on dairy products and meat. There are many alternatives which meet our nutritional needs so we remain healthy and active.

The amount of land and the amount of feed needed to raise one cow is not unsustainable. A cow/calf pair will typically require closer to two acres of land to be grass-fed. The methane gas produced by cattle contributes to greenhouse gas emissions which threaten our planet and contribute to global warming and climate change/disruption.

Please do the right, moral, just and humane thing by taking down the fence, allowing the tule elk to roam free. Coordinate with all relevant agencies to create a plan which will allow cattle ranchers to move their cattle elsewhere. Have governmental agencies fairly compensate the ranchers for the move, or to change to farming appropriate native plants and/or organic farming of produce and native grains.

**Correspondence ID: 9343**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Lisa Salazar

**Correspondence ID: 9345**

Free the elk & protect Point Reyes for natural wildlife. Choose Alternative B to remove the fence and allow elk to roam free.

Thank you in advance for removing the fence to free the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9346**

Please do NOT kill a single elk or put up any fence. Wildlife is the main reason I spend so much time in our national parks. Terrible waste of money and unfair as well.

**Correspondence ID: 9347**

As regards the tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

We humans are the cause of the decline in almost all animal species, including tule elk. As a result, it is especially encumbant upon us to make sure the decline does continue. The numbers of these remaining elk are so low that it is extremely important to prevent further decline. It is utterly unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. And once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” I do not understand why private interests are currently more important than this charter.

Thank you for listening to me and others regarding this issue. There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Please immediately remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Our wildlife matters immensely, and tule elk are no exception.

Thank you and regards,

Judi Dressler

**Correspondence ID: 9348**

While livestock needs land to graze, nonetheless the needs of the native animals should take precedence in these decisions. Protect the Elk and indigenous wildlife first, with secondary considerations going to the ranchers. AND ERADICATE THE HUNTERS, TRAPPERS, ETC. That scum has no business having any say so at all, not to mention any rights to any of the wildlife or allowance to any of their serial killing activities on public lands, especially those set aside to protect the indigenous wildlife. KG

**Correspondence ID: 9349**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Best wishes,

Rajal

**Correspondence ID: 9350**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9351**

I support the plan to tear down the fence and free the Tule Elk herd. While the motivation behind allowing the legacy ranchers to continue their operations after the establishment of the park was noble, for too long their needs have been given priority over those of the resident Elk herds. Now that the Elk are sick and dying and their very existence is at stake, it is time to tear down the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9352**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The Tule Elk have a right to live free without fences and harassment. They were at Point Reyes before the ranchers!

Tear the fence down!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9353**

Dear President Biden,

I'm writing to about me grave environmental concerns. This can't be ignored.

Sincerely, Sofia Montemayor-Thomas

**Correspondence ID: 9354**

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem..

It is criminal you have allowed elk to die of thirst and malnutrition with this illegal fence for years. Free them now!!!! It is your job to protect them.

**Correspondence ID: 9355**

Protect the elk. Why does money have to always be the bottom line? Let the cattle people go other places. The cattle are bad for our environment but the elk are not. The elk cannot protect themselves and it is just wrong to kill them to satisfy the cattle people. I wonder if the cattle people grow their own food for the cows or they just keep on expecting it to come from the government. WRONG and thoughtless and inhumane.

**Correspondence ID: 9356**

Hello there,

I'm writing to express my support for tearing down the 8-foot-high fence at Tomales Point that is causing elk to die of starvation and malnutrition in a national park. I instead support pursuing Alternative B - the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area which will allow elk to naturally roam free.

Having camped around the Tomales Point area many times, it is a majestic sight to see these elk roaming through the fog, bugling, and having a generally grand time. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas especially when they prioritize cattle (boo soil degradation, boo methane) over native wildlife.

The NPS is one of the great institutions of our nation and I hope that you will no longer confine native elk. Additionally, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should remain free from culling, hazing, and any other form of harassment and cruelty from private ranchers.

I've recently learned that private cattle operations aren't even appropriate in Point Reyes. They should be ended ASAP to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." - not to the interests of private cattle ranchers.

Private cattle ranchers are already using inhumane methods to murder entire wolf packs, mountain lions, and other predators. You already know this, you are the NPS ;) California is, has, and always will be a leader - here is another chance to move the nation forward in the right direction and inspire other states to make positive changes to protect native wildlife.

Thank you for listening to public comments and hearing the overwhelming support for removing the elk fence.

These are our public lands and they belong to the people and to our native species.

Best,

Natalya

**Correspondence ID: 9357**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you,

Chris Leverich & Family

**Correspondence ID: 9358**

Please help in protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore- for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners.

We need to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

Thanks in advance 🙏

Jen

**Correspondence ID: 9359**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9360**

Plan B is the best for the continued existence of the Tule Elk of Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 9361**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area"), which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thanks for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 9362**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9363**

Dear National Park Service Representative.

Please ensure California native flora and fauna and their habitat are protected for their survival. It is your duty to prevent the extinction of these species, especially the Tule Elk after tremendous efforts in re-establishing the herds at Point Reyes. Remember that you should not favor livestock and their owners over your responsibility and dedication to safeguard those indigenous species in all National Parks for current and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and valuable time.

Respectfully,

CYee

**Correspondence ID: 9364**

RE: Point Reyes National Seashore - Tomales Point Area Plan

I support prioritizing the well being of native animals and habitat, rather than continuing harmful cattle ranching in an area that supposed to be wilderness. The cattle ranchers at PRNS have had a free ride long enough.

It is possible to balance low-impact human uses with the presence of elk and other wildlife. Point Reyes National Seashore is a national and worldwide treasure, yet is has been degraded over the years by the impacts of livestock operations.



We now live in a world threatened by climate collapse and mass extinctions of wild species. It is time stop placing a high value on livestock ranching and treat our wild native animals and habitats with the care and respect they need and deserve.

Sincerely, Lori Jirak

Little River, CA

**Correspondence ID: 9365**

Remove the fence in the Point Reyes area so that elk may roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9366**

I lived in San Francisco for eight years. Point Reyes was one of my favorite spots to visit. The tule elk must be saved from extinction!

**Correspondence ID: 9367**

My wife and I having been to Point Reyes National Seashore about 15 years ago were so disappointed in what we found. Cattle, muck and mud everywhere! This is what we are using our tax dollars for? I don't understand how these conditions are still going on in the year 2023.

The National Park Service needs to start doing their job in this park and return these lands back to their natural and original condition, long before the cattle and dairy industry set up shop. We wanted to see Tule Elk and the other wildlife in their natural setting, not a cattle ranching industry. I can see that anywhere.

My wife and I urge the National Park Service to implement Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," alternative. We want to see Tule Elk on their natural landscape, not confined behind a fence, not be starved, not being hazed but treated with respect like all our indigenous wildlife should be.

This treatment of the land and the wildlife at Point Reyes was and is a national disgrace and is a shameful blot on the NPS record.

Please choose Alt. B

Thank you,

**Correspondence ID: 9368**

Dear NPS,

I'm writing to you because of my concern for wildlife. This can't ignored.

Sincerely, Sofia

**Correspondence ID: 9369**

Please free the Tule Elk and protect them and other native wildlife. Don't cave to the interests of the cattle industry and cattle that are killing them. Would the Endangered Species Act sanction likely driving the Tule Elk to extinction?

**Correspondence ID: 9370**

Take the elk fence down, don't cull the herd. I am so sick and tired of taxpayer dollars supporting cattle ranchers. That is not what the parks are for. Thanks, Anne

**Correspondence ID: 9371**

I am an American who is passionate about preserving our national natural heritage. I'm writing, as I have done before, to urge the National Park Service to protect Point Reyes for wildlife and stop allowing private cattle operations on public land.

I support Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which would allow elk to roam free and get rid of the fence that has caused the unnecessary deaths of so many elk from starvation and dehydration. The current situation is an abomination and frankly, I'm outraged.

It goes without saying that when the fence is taken down, the elk should be allowed to roam free of harassment, hazing or culling. They have suffered enough!

I also enthusiastically support the permanent banishment of private cattle from Point Reyes, so that the natural environment can be preserved for future generations to enjoy. It is an outrage that private interests are allowed to use public lands for private profit, harming the environment and native wildlife, while the National Park Service just sits by and does nothing.

I appreciate your considering my comments. I have to add, though, that while I am glad to pay taxes to support the Park Service, I am infuriated that there is no accountability for the failure of park service staff to protect Point Reyes and the elk.

But there's no time like the present. Please get rid of the cattle, take down that terrible fence and let the elk have access to life-saving water and food immediately. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9372**

The land that you are trying to take, does not belong to you. You are all a bunch of sellouts to the cattle industry. The People want the wildlife, like the Elk deer to flourish. We've had enough of our land and positions of power via decision making, tear this country apart. Do the right thing and reject any and All rezoning, hunting, or land grabs.

**Correspondence ID: 9373**

It is unbelievable that year after year I am commenting on a Pt. Reyes Tule Elk "management plan," or whatever you are calling it this year. It has always been the "Tule Elk Murder Plan." These elk are NATIVE to the area. They are cut off from access to water because nearby ranchers demand ALL the water for their beef cattle, which are NOT NATIVE to the area. The value of these very localized elk far surpass the price per pound of the cattle. If elk and cattle produce an equal amount of methane from their metabolism, then the air pollution emitted would be much less, as there are fewer elk than cows in the area. Anyway, the elk have at least as good a claim to access to water as the johnny-come-lately ranchers, as the elk have been present a few thousand years or so.

**Correspondence ID: 9374**

We have plenty of cattle and not enough Tule elk and other wildlife. I know this was a compromise when the park was developed but it is time to prioritize wildlife on our parkland.

**Correspondence ID: 9375**

Please protect our wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9376**

There is almost no wilderness left in all the world, but especially in California.

We have to stop making wilderness and wild animals suffer because we can't keep our own population numbers under control. Cattle have no place in a national seashore. Remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 9377**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 9378**

Please tear down the high fence, and allow elk to roam freely.

Concessions do not need to be made to livestock owners. We need, instead, to protect the few remaining of this species.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9379**

Let the elk roam and flourish.

**Correspondence ID: 9380**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9381**

Cattle are destroying the ecosystem and my tax dollars are paying for it. That is reprehensible! The elk were here long before cattle and they need their habitat back!

**Correspondence ID: 9382**

Free the elk and protect the wildlife at Point Reyes!

Thank you!

B. Darlington

**Correspondence ID: 9383**

The tule elk need protection and more land to roam free. Please allow these beautiful animals the dignity and the land they deserve. Make their lives a priority.

**Correspondence ID: 9384**

I do not want my tax dollars used to prop up rich ranchers whose cattle pollute the environment, deplete scarce water resources and destroy the land.

FENCE THE CATTLE

FREE THE TULE ELK

**Correspondence ID: 9385**

Don't let cattle farming destroy another ecosystem. Free the elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9386**

Thank you for hearing me and I'm sure the many others who will write.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please remove the fencing and allow the wildlife to roam free.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9387**

I grew up in Marin, and my parents retired in Inverness. I don't go back there for a glass of milk, or even a slice of Pt. Reyes blue: I go back to admire the unparalleled natural splendor -- and that includes native fauna! Please do YOUR job and start spending MY tax dollars in accord with MY priorities!

**Correspondence ID: 9388**

It is a crime that the Tule Elk are suffering and dying due to the cattle industry.

Free the elk, move the cows away! Return to what nature intended.

**Correspondence ID: 9389**

Elk are wonderful majestic creatures who deserve every support to thrive in nature.

**Correspondence ID: 9390**

I support Alternative B. Take down the fence and allow the tule elk to roam free. Once the fence is removed, free-roaming elk should neither be culled nor restricted or harassed in any way. End cattle operations within the national seashore. This should have been done decades ago. Protect the elk, remove the fence, thereby restoring the wilderness. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9391**

Please protect elk and any other wildlife. We need to ensure that we don't encroach on their territory and are respectful of it.

Please always protect wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9392**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Cattle aren't native wildlife and don't need our protection.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. That's appalling.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9394**

We must absolutely, without fail, prioritize protecting this herd. The tule elk in California are at risk of extinction because of herd isolation. These animals need to take precedence over other

non-native species. I implore you to do the right thing to make sure they can roam and forage naturally.

**Correspondence ID: 9395**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 9397**

Alternative B Free the elk. This is their home. Let the ranchers take their cows home and feed them hay. they are domesticated animals and do not belong in a National park.

thank you for saving the elk and setting them free FINALLY!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9398**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It seems as though this is all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Thankfully you are now proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence but livestock owners don't want that.

PLEASE FREE THE ELK AND PROTECT POINT REYES FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE...NOT FOR THE CATTLE DESTROYING IT!

With kindness,

Dr. Sue Maxam

**Correspondence ID: 9399**

The Park Service has the obligation to conserve nature. It has no obligation to pander to private interests.

**Correspondence ID: 9400**

Allow the natural world to recover without any preference for domestic cattle operations.

**Correspondence ID: 9401**

Dear Park Service staff,

Please protect the elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. The elk should not be sacrificed for cattle ranchers in the area. The two free roaming herds should be protected and allowed to live out their lives enjoying the ecosystem they share with other plants and animals. I visited Point Reyes National Seashore many years ago and was always impressed by its beauty and wildlife. The elk are a vital part of this wonderful landscape and should be protected.

Thank you.

Kay Reibold

Raleigh NC

**Correspondence ID: 9402**

Please let the tule elk roam free. They should take precedence over cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9403**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9404**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9405**

Dear National Park Service:

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and allow the Tule Elk to roam free.

Fences are counterintuitive and not appropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should stop giving cattle precedence over our native wildlife.



It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Please end private cattle operations in Point Reyes. They do not belong there, and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem, so that we can all enjoy the wildness of an incomparable place.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence - please listen to the will of the people, and do not give cattle ranchers priority over the welfare of the natural environment.

Although I now live in AZ, I lived in the Bay Area for years, and hiked on a regular basis at Point Reyes.

Please protect the Tule Elk.

Thank you,

Donna Chesner

**Correspondence ID: 9406**

Let the Tule Elk roam freely. They deserve to live with the area they need. Stop interfering with the natural order .

**Correspondence ID: 9407**

Please don't cave in to the livestock interest by confining two herds of tule elk by a barrier fence. They exist

nowhere else but in Point Reyes NP. Isn't there enough places in CA to graze cattle? I want to experience

biodiversity, not a monoculture of non native species destroying the environment !

**Correspondence ID: 9408**

As a mom and an educator, I am concerned for our planet's biodiversity. Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. Please put the planet over profits.

**Correspondence ID: 9409**

Cows are intelligent, beautiful, sentient beings - that should not be raised and killed for food. It's unhealthy for us, the Earth, and certainly them.

Please remove the Elk fence, and the cows, and assist the owners of the cows in transitioning to a sustainable and healthy way of making a living.

We all have to change if we are going to have a human-habitable, peaceful planet.

**Correspondence ID: 9410**

Dear National Park Service:

The American people, through their agent the NPS, should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I am in full agreement with the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence, and I thank you for listening to our voices and our concerns. Fences are rarely if ever appropriate in wilderness areas, and the interests of private cattle and dairy operations should never take priority over native wildlife in such settings.

We cannot continue to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition for the sake of private interests, especially in a national park.

And once we (the NPS) have removed the elk fence, there should be no further culling, hazing, or harassment of the park's free-roaming elk for any reason.

Private cattle operations are plainly inconsistent with the public point and purpose of Point Reyes National Seashore, and should be discontinued forthwith. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Our current practices betray this mandate.

Again, I urge you to remove the elk fence for the sake of the public good, thereby protecting Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restoring its native ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9411**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Sherry Compton

**Correspondence ID: 9412**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 9413**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It is apparent that there is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially on public land due to artificial barriers. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended in honor of the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Gabriel Newton

**Correspondence ID: 9414**

I encourage the implementation of “Plan B” with the hope that water distribution elements existant in the park be retained for a period of ten years if it is found that water augmentation is required. Putting a sunset clause on the systems would ensure that they would be eliminated if found to be unnecessary.

On plans A and C: why is my National Park accommodating cattle? Are they the natural resource that your recitations mention?

**Correspondence ID: 9415**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9416**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9417**

Dear National Park Service,

Please consider the following points and protect the Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle ranching, including continuing to allow the Tule elk to roam free, by removing the fence installed around the Point Reyes National Seashore :

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

For all of these reasons, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for considering the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

Sincerely, Marc Garcelon

**Correspondence ID: 9418**

Please return to the Park Services original role as responsible stewards of the parklands and protectors of biodiversity!

**Correspondence ID: 9419**

I would like to thank the agency for listening to the public in support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I don't feel the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free within the park. I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9420**

Please remove the fence. Ranchers Need to share the space with the original inhabitants. Give the Tule Elk the space they need to survive.

**Correspondence ID: 9421**

Emotionally, I feel the tule elk should be allowed to roam more freely. To at least not be confined to an area where food and water are scarce and they are dying from neglect. We keep spreading into the undeveloped areas and destroying natural habitats for all the wild creatures that lived there. This is so disruptive to the balance of nature and to our need to know and care for the wild aspects of our existence. We must not do harm.

Domestic livestock are apparently doing more harm to our ecosystem and climate than the elk ever could. Ranchers should do what any property owner would and protect their property, but certainly they cannot expect to control public lands.

**Correspondence ID: 9422**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point

Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9423**

This email is to confirm our commitment to freeing the Tule Elk. Our wildlife is the heritage of the United States. This area needs to be closed to livestock grazing.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9424**

National Parks are for wildlife, not cattle. Free the elk and fence the cows in, or even better—get rid of the cattle ranches.

**Correspondence ID: 9425**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9426**

STOP KILLING THE TULE ELK!

**Correspondence ID: 9427**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's shameful to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

The agency should remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9428**

Please protect these wonderful animals once and for all, and tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years,

cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Where are your consciences? Did you ever have one?

**Correspondence ID: 9429**

soon there will be no animals left including humans. stop the madness

**Correspondence ID: 9430**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I believe that there is great public support for removing the elk fence, which is inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

WE LOVE TO HIKE IN THIS AREA AND GREATLY ENJOY SEEING THE UNIQUE TULE ELK.

**Correspondence ID: 9431**

It's not right to sacrifice and let the confined elk die. They, like all creatures, have a right to live. Please remove the elk fence.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9432**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point

Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9433**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9434**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9435**

Please protect elk and native wildlife.

Thank you, J Sorenson

**Correspondence ID: 9436**

Remove the goddamned fence!

**Correspondence ID: 9437**

Protect the ELK-not some ranchers cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 9438**

I live in Northern California, have visited Point Reyes many times, and care about the welfare of the wild elk herd (not so much for cattle ranging there). Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Also, fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.



I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9439**

Please Free the Elk & Protect Point Reyes for Native Wildlife & not for the cattle destroying it. Thank You.

**Correspondence ID: 9440**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 9441**

The elk must be able to forage. Our public lands should put for profit business last. The many before the few. If a business cannot make it without a taxpayer gift, it needs to dissolve, and the people find another source of income.

**Correspondence ID: 9442**

Please free the Tule Elk from their penned area and allow them to graze naturally. Please do not kill the elk in order to appease livestock owners in the area. They are a treasure in Point Reyes and should be treated as such.

**Correspondence ID: 9443**

Please free the elk and consider the following important points. I recently learned that:

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Cheryl Trospen

**Correspondence ID: 9444**

NPS, please consider:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. The tule elk are beautiful and deserve to be preserved and perpetuated.

**Correspondence ID: 9445**

Native tule elk, yes. Cattle no.

**Correspondence ID: 9446**

To whom it may concern,

I encourage the park service to reconsider the confinement of the Tule Elk on the Point Reyes Park.

Please “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Given the drought conditions it is imperative that we don't confine native elk, and not allow them to roam in order to not be deprived of water and forage, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration for this overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. These animals are a benefit to this ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9447**

Protect the elk

**Correspondence ID: 9448**

I agree fully with the comments from Center for Biological Diversity. Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners. The mandate of the National Park Service is to protect the natural and native landscape and wildlife. This does not apply to livestock which or not native nor is it to support a very few rich ranchers with incredibly cheap grazing rights. It is past time to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. I agree with the Centers points as noted here:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9449**

I learned that a plan was underway to cull the elk herd a few years ago. For what reason? I am among the many in support of removing the fence that confines them and allowing the animals to roam free. It is inhumane to force them to slowly starve and die of thirst. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife, especially in a national park.

I have seen these elk first hand and it is a very sad situation. I urge the agency to remove the fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem for "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. This is a national park, not cattle grazing ground, despite what cattle ranchers want.

**Correspondence ID: 9450**

I feel very strongly that the elk have more right to the Point Reyes land than the cattle ranchers. I'm sorry that the cattle ranchers will be financially hit by these changes, but they have to realize that they invested in a dying industry with incorrect assumptions. I could go on about how damaging beef consumption is for our environment, but sticking to the point at hand, it's much wiser and healthier for the elk to have priority on that land than it is for the cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9451**

Support the native wild elk over freeloading ranchers! This is public property in trust for all Americans not only a few lucky neighbors.

**Correspondence ID: 9452**

I am writing in support of removing existing fencing that impacts native Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. I'm a retired wildlife biologist and conducted research at the national seashore as part of my UC Davis graduate work. It makes much more sense to allow free roaming elk to forage naturally and help manage vegetation. The current situation was put in place to favor ongoing cattle grazing in spite of conversion of these lands to public status. As a result elk have suffered for lack of adequate water and forage. Removal of existing fencing would correct this impact to native wildlife.

It will be necessary to monitor elk populations numbers and health over time as well as habitat restoration. This is normal wildlife management and would also serve to educate the public about the value of native species and ecosystem restoration. These types of actions will be more important as the impacts of climate change continue and increase.

It is critical that the National Park Service moves forward with elk fencing removal in spite of special interest pressures to favor cattle grazing.

Sincerely, Dale T. Steele

**Correspondence ID: 9453**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9454**

Please protect the elk. Not the cattle ruining the ecosystem.

We need wildlife in every area of our lives to make us complete as human beings.

Only then can we truly be called spiritual beings.

Sincerely, Lynda Means

**Correspondence ID: 9455**

Please protect the native tule elk. The eight foot fence should be taken down. There is no reason to allow local cattle interests to abuse our natural native tule elk and California's Point Reyes National Seashore. The National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd with inadequate habitat, and limited access to food and water sources. Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for a few greedy livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. Our National Park system management must not put the greed of a very few local cattle interests ahead of National public interest for the rest of us citizens who want the parks and wildlife protected. Please consult with biologists as to what is the best way to protect and preserve this ecosystem and the elk.

Sincerely, Fred Greef

**Correspondence ID: 9456**

Please protect the elk instead of livestock owner's interests, thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9457**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Jane Broendel

**Correspondence ID: 9458**

The Elk Herd needs to be freed within the National Park Service. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife which is what the Seashore park was set up for and restore the ecosystem. Cattle should not be in National Parks.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9459**

Please allow the animal to live in their current space as free wild animals.

They are not destructive and the fence must come down to like as was intended.

The cattle people are on public's land and as a wildlife advocate tge cattle are dirty destructive animals who tear up tge

Soil and tge kabd.

The elk are not those who tear up the land and it continues to produce natural grass not mud and pikes if muck as the cattle do

The elk are a natural part of animal kingdom. The cattle are an invasive species who squander the earthly soil

Please take the fence down and allow them to live in a natural environment

Thank you for reading

Cheryl Kindschy

**Correspondence ID: 9460**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and cattle shouldn't be prioritized over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9461**

Thank you very much for considering the big public support for the removal of the elk fencing. Fences and wilderness areas do not go together. The NPS should prioritize native wildlife over private ranching of cattle or other livestock. I understand that the Alternative B choice (called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area") will remove the restrictive fencing and allow elk to roam free; I support this approach. Private cattle ranching in Point Reyes is not acceptable and should be terminated to honor the charter and purpose of the National Seashore.

Two male and eight female elk were translocated to Point Reyes National Seashore (at Tomales Point) in 1978. They showed signs of nutritional stress and antler anomalies, and 2 elk died by summer of 1979. Explanations included the failure to remove cattle until 1979, and that 1977 and '78 were drought years.

Tule Elk are an elk subspecies found ONLY in California. 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 velvet grass—a highly invasive exotic grass. This is not true of cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9462**

Thank you for accepting comments on the Tomales Point Area Plan.

I encourage the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, unless there is no other way to prevent wildlife fatalities as they cross roads, and it's particularly unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

I would hope the Park Service would prioritize native wildlife over cattle; protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and let it restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9463**

As a 3rd generation Bay Area native, and a lover of Point Reyes, I implore you to restore the ecosystem there by removing the Tule elk fences. Cattle should not have priority over our native species, which should be protected, and their habitat restored. Furthermore, I am very sad that private cattle companies are even allowed in Point Reyes - I find this shocking and inappropriate. As a National Seashore, I expect Point Reyes to protect, preserve, and restore the natural habitat and it's species, not bow down to money from cattle companies.

I love when I visit the park and see the magnificent elk herd roaming, but I know they are not really truly free to roam, penned in by these fences. The herds should be able to roam freely - and safely - on their native lands, how crazy that I even have to write in to ask that this be the case. Fences have no place in the wilderness, it is the opposite of wilderness.

I appreciate you taking public comments on this extremely important issue. I have been following this for years and years, and hope that the right decision - to take down the fences - will ultimately triumph.

With regards,

Megan Eding

**Correspondence ID: 9464**

The National Park Service is supposed to be the trusted steward of our wild spaces and wildlife. As such the Park Service should choose Alternative B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. This plan removes the fatal fence, allowing elk to roam naturally in their habitat. It is absolutely unconscionable to leave confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park! Once the fence has been removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment by private contractors, individuals or park employees.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To that end, private cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes and must be permanently discontinued to honor the charter of the National Seashore, protect native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence which is wholly inappropriate in a wilderness area. And the National Park Service should never prioritize cattle grazing over native wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9465**

you should be protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Please choose the plan B to let the elk roam free and take down the fence.

you should be rounding up all the cattle owners and confining to a small island in hell.

**Correspondence ID: 9466**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.



Take the corrective action required!

Thank you,

**Correspondence ID: 9467**

Dear National Park Service,

Wild animals should not be fenced in. They should be allowed to go where they need to go to get food and water on public lands, especially in a National Park. The fence should be removed so Tule Elk can roam freely like a wild animal need to do. Tule Elk are important United States wildlife and should be treated like wildlife and far more humanely. Thank you.

Judy Hoy

**Correspondence ID: 9468**

I can remember hearing that tule elk were threatened at least 60 years ago, even before my first visit to Point Reyes in 1964. It is about time that the elk and other wildlife of Point Reyes National Seashore get more respect.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9469**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9470**

The 8-foot-high fence at Tomales Point has been killing many elk for years. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle or other livestock over native wildlife. Wild animals have too much against them already, in many ways. Please remove the fence immediately before more elk die painfully. This confinement is so cruel to these sentient animals; it makes me and many other people sad and angry.

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Large herds of tule elk used to roam California's Central Valley and coastal plains, but they were hunted to near-extinction in the mid-1800s, just like bison. Please let them live in peace.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9471**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Finally, thanks to public outrage and a flood of comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that.

**Correspondence ID: 9472**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. However, it's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9473**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9474**

Let the Point Reyes Elks roam! This is their land. Cattle do not belong in our natural areas.

**Correspondence ID: 9475**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9476**

Elk are in their natural habitat. Cattle do not belong in this habitat. Free the elk to preserve their existence and flourishing.

**Correspondence ID: 9477**

Protect nature not corporate profits derived from public Owned lands such as Pt. Reyes

**Correspondence ID: 9478**

To Whom it may Concern,

I'm deeply concerned for the welfare and integrity of the Point Reyes National Seashore ecosystem. Cattle are notoriously hard on any ecosystem they are allowed to range in, competing with native fauna and largely destroying habitats if not monitored and controlled very closely. We must all do our best to preserve our parkland habitats, not favoring cattle ranching over native wildlife. If we don't come down on the side of preservation, there will not be much left to preserve.

Please, choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It is my understanding that the elk, which are confined, have a hard time acquiring adequate water and feed. And, once freed, the elk should be protected from any form harassment or culling.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the Park Service to remove the fence and restore this wonderful region and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration, time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

jim milner

**Correspondence ID: 9479**

Please free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 9480**

We have about 120 Tule Elk here on Coyote Ridge where the rancher also grazes about 350 cows. They co-exist wonderfully and live in harmony since they eat different forbs and grasses from the cattle.

They are doing well and so are the cows. The rancher is happy as well.

Thanks

Mike Hundt

**Correspondence ID: 9481**

Please preserve this park for wildlife and choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. There is no reason to fence in wildlife- it will restrict their food options and is inhumane. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Kelly Schwartz

**Correspondence ID: 9482**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9483**

Leave the Elk alone! They deserve to live in peace in their own habitat. The ranchers should keep their livestock behind fences! The Elk have been on this land for hundreds of years! People need to learn to respect all creatures !! am so tired of people thinking they are more important than wildlife!

**Correspondence ID: 9484**

Please choose Alternative B (“Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area”) to allow elk to naturally roam free.

Wilderness areas should be fence-free to allow free movement of native species. We need all natives to be able to thrive in order to maintain ecological balance.

Cattle are not native and shouldn't be prioritized over native species in a National Park!

Thanks for soliciting public input and for “hearing” the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9485**

Elk need space to roam for food and water at different times of the year. The herd is already endangered and fencing them in not allowing them to roam will not allow them to meet their needs. Please tear down the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9486**

Elk are native time North America. Cattle are not. Elk don't destroy the land or the ecosystem they are a part of. Cattle do. Protect the elk, not the cattle and the ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 9487**

FREE THE MAGNIFICENT ELK OF POINT REYES!

**Correspondence ID: 9488**

I am writing to ask you to please free the tile elk and remove all the cattle in the reserve. The natural habitat would return closer to its former glory and only diminish further if the cattle remain to despoil it more.

**Correspondence ID: 9489**

Remove the cattle and the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9490**

Dear NPS,

When it comes to addressing the elk population at Point Reyes National Seashore, I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I am of the opinion that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. (It seems there's overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.) It's totally unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. And if/when the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” The NPS's mission should be to protect native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Mario Rivas

**Correspondence ID: 9491**

TEAR DOWN THE FENCES AND LET THE TULE ELK ROAM FREE!!

**Correspondence ID: 9492**

Please tear down the fence and let the elk live. There must be a way to fence I. The care of the ranchers without killing another species of life. When does the killing stop of wildlife who were in this area probably long before ranchers moved in.

Thank you.

I'm tired of reading there are no more of whatever animal.

**Correspondence ID: 9493**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Sheila Pimentel

**Correspondence ID: 9494**

Tear down the elk fence! It's not right to intentionally hurt wild animals just to give in to livestock owners' demands. These elks are wild animals that deserve to roam free and expand their numbers. Keeping their herds small and even proposing to kill some is completely barbaric and cruel. These poor animals deserve a chance at life and growth in the wilderness. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9495**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9496**

Help the elk and stop destroying their habitat and food source with cattle you're going to murder to eat

**Correspondence ID: 9497**

Please allow the Pt. Reyes tule elk to roam free and thrive in their natural habitat. Their existence should not be allowed to be threatened by the continued presence of cattle, who have overstayed their "welcome" in this environment. This area is a national treasure that should be restored to its natural state and protected and enjoyed by all, including it's wild inhabitants.

**Correspondence ID: 9498**

Free the elk! Please. They are a treasure. I hope that we can treat them as such. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9499**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.



**Correspondence ID: 9500**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9501**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9502**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the high fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9503**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you so much!

**Correspondence ID: 9504**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter

**Correspondence ID: 9505**

Most people look to the US for the just & right thing to do. It seems to me that more & more the US shows a blatant abuse of power in so many ways. Does this mean "absolute power corrupts?"

The fact remains that instead of protecting the native Tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the National Park Service has confined/jailed members of the largest Tule elk herd, all to appease livestock owners. Livestock owners are not superior to California's wildlife!

I urge the The National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. In my opinion it is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. This is an outrage!

Decisions such as this are taken with superior mindedness & arrogance. Tule elk deserve to roam free, it is their God given right. In my opinion nature belongs to the pure & innocent because the greedy human beings who think only of profit do not deserve to live free.

This is not an emotional outcry, it is a fact. FREE the Tule elk.

Sincerely, Caroline Van Haeften

**Correspondence ID: 9506**

Cattle destroy nature, especially cattle used in factory farming. American wildlife is losing more and more space. Please keep this area for wildlife alone.

**Correspondence ID: 9507**

My husband and I have plans to visit Pt Reyes next week, and are looking forward to seeing the Tule Elk herd. I just learned about the public comment period for this area, and strongly urge you to follow Alternative B - Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area, and allow the natural ecosystem to be restored and evolve.

We oppose cattle grazing in the National Parks.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9508**

Please do what you can to preserve the existence of the tule elk species. They are a part of the local ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9509**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point

Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9510**

I support Alternative B, the “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” for the Tomales Point Area Plan, which would remove dangerous fences and allow the native wild elk to roam free. It is unacceptable to confine native elk and allow them to die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park.

Please heed the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fencing. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize private cattle grazing over the public's native wildlife.

Cattle grazing is inappropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended, upholding the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Please adhere to this public mandate.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9511**

I am requesting that the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,”, to remove the fence and allow elk to roam. It seems to me that farming on national park service land should not take precedence over the purpose of a national park.

I appreciate your considering the public wish to the elk fence.

Thank you.

K Kandus

**Correspondence ID: 9512**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 9513**

Please protect these deer at all costs

**Correspondence ID: 9514**

Please free the elk and protect the wildlife in Tomales Point.

**Correspondence ID: 9515**

I am calling on NPS to choose Alternative B and protect the elk at Point Reyes. Wildlife should not be fenced off to die in protected wilderness areas.

**Correspondence ID: 9516**

You are supposed to protect the wild animals and their environment. Farmers living near park borders must accept the risk of those animals encroaching on private property, and must protect their property themselves, without official help, and without using inhumane means.

**Correspondence ID: 9517**

PLEASE help save the tule ELK!, Do not allow them to die!

**Correspondence ID: 9518**

Elk are majestic animals hunted to near extinction in nearly every every every area in which they live. Such is the history of the the Tule Elk. They deserve to be free and to become a part of the territory they previously ranged becoming a vital part of the ecosystem once again with protections in place due to their very small numbers. I am so fortunate to be able to live where elk run free and add tremendous value to the lives of us who love wildlife and preservation.

**Correspondence ID: 9519**

This madness must stop -- cattle subsidies, and cattle grazing on public lands must stop.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I understand that I am in the majority in requesting that (1) fencing should be removed because fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife; and (2) it is absolutely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Moreover, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should NOT be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Legally, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please do your job, honor the public trust doctrine and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife which will go a long way to restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Leah L. Jones

**Correspondence ID: 9520**

Protect the Point for native wildlife who call this place home!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9521**

The Elk and other wildlife should be considered with the highest of priority. All efforts should be used for there well being. This a National Park not a for profit cattle ranch.

**Correspondence ID: 9522**

Please honor this communication even though I was unable to self compose. Thank you.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9523**

On this issue, I urge you to choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area).

We've destroyed so much wilderness. The interests of a handful of cattle ranchers should not supercede the interests of the rest of us. Point Reyes is for all of us, a national park. The elk should be protected, not killed or harassed.

Please--remove the fence and help us protect the ecosystem and the animals who live there.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 9524**

Pleaes free the Pt Reyes elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9525**

Please protect the elk and their habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 9526**

The Tule Elk at Point Reyes need more space. They should NOT be culled or continue to be confined to that little peninsula they've been stuck on for more than 30 years while cattle and cattle feed lots are allowed to continue polluting and hogging the surrounding area. Let them expand. The elk are the natives. They need protection, and they need the space that is rightfully theirs. That area has been handed over for far too long to heartless cattle owners and their cruel and stinking lots. The Park Service and the Forest service need to stop pandering to special interests and start preserving and restoring the natural ecosystem.

Thank you for letting me comment; I spent years in that area and loved it. But didn't love the feed lots and their sad little captives.

**Correspondence ID: 9527**

please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,"

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you,

Alejandro Artigas

**Correspondence ID: 9528**

I am requesting that the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fence and allow elk to roam. It seems to me that farming on national park service land should not take precedence over the purpose of a national park.

I appreciate your considering the public wish to the elk fence.

Thank you.

K Kandus

**Correspondence ID: 9529**

Public Land should be for native wildlife and not cattle grazing. Please protect this area.

**Correspondence ID: 9530**

Concerning Point Reyes Elk population

Please consider alternate B and remove the fences restricting the elk's ability to graze freely

Livestock should be limited to a small area

Thank you for your consideration

Don Murtaugh

**Correspondence ID: 9531**

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my concern about the Point Reyes National Seashore's ecosystem. I've been a long-time resident of California and have frequented the park over the years. I have been concerned for some time about the negative effects of cattle in this fragile ecosystem area.

Cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I would like to also voice my concern with fencing certain areas for the Elk. Although the Elk have successfully made a comeback, they are still a vital part of the area ecosystem. They need our protections in order to survive. They are also one of the main attractions for visitors. It would be cruel to keep them from roaming, hindering them from access to proper nourishment and water.

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9532**

Dear National Park Service,

As an American, I feel the natural species, the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore who have roamed these lands well before the introduction of cattle or sheep must be protected and encouraged. Beef demand is much lower now and for good reason. Cattlemen for years have abused our national park areas and made lots of money for pennies on the dollar for our land and cattle have a much larger Carbon footprint and aren't as sustainable as the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9533**

I don't know how many times I need to write to the NPS about this issue but I'll do it at least once more—for OUR elf.

I can't articulate the disappointment I've felt over the years that the NPS has allowed cattle ranching in the National Seashore. Further, these ranchers (as ranchers tend to do) have shown the public and the natural environment a flaunting disrespect that frankly, disgusts me. The recent death toll on the elk herd caused by the fencing to keep the ranchers happy—in OUR National Seashore—during drought conditions underscores the contempt by both the ranchers and Park officials towards OUR natural heritage. THIS MUST STOP!

It's time to remove the fence—AND THE CATTLE!

**Correspondence ID: 9534**

You must protect the Elk this is their land and the cows can go graze some where else. Save the Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9535**

Please protect the Point Reyes elk! Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9536**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.



It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9537**

Open the park remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9538**

Hello,

I am contacting you today in support of removing the fence that is blocking the beloved Tule Elk from their water source. The existence of the Tule Elk depends on this water source for survival. Further, a national park should prioritize preserving and protecting the ecosystem of the land, not the profits of neighboring businesses.

Thank you.

Cristina Bacca

**Correspondence ID: 9539**

I urge The National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9540**

Thank you so much for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas and it should be removed to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and to restore the ecosystem. We should not be confining native elk. This is their land. Private cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. I urge you to please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow the elk to naturally roam free. This is their home. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9541**

The National Park Service needs to choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence to allow elk to naturally roam free.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk must not be subject to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and this practice needs to be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." This does not mean cattle.

The public has continued to urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem and we will continue to do so until the area is returned to the natural, fenceless environment it should be.

**Correspondence ID: 9542**

Thank you for listening to public support for removing the Tule Elk fence. The National Park Service should be prioritizing native wildlife vs cattle in wilderness areas. Fences aren't right. The elk also shouldn't be subject to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Please remove the fence and protect the Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9543**

The fight between ranchers/farmers and wildlife (that was there first and often can only live in that area) has been ongoing as long as the fight between colonists and people who were there first. Priority should be given to animals who rely on the freedom to live as they have for centuries in order to survive.

**Correspondence ID: 9544**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9545**

Tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. This fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years which keeps animals from adequate food and water sources. Plus why should private cattle owners use public land for their benefit? Public land is for the wildlife, not private owners who misuse public land for their profit.

**Correspondence ID: 9546**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9547**

I grew up in this area on farms and was always in awe of the grace and beauty of these animals. It pains my heart to see what is happening to them now. As for the farmer, most are richer than the average citizen. Also their cattle are making the climate issue worse. Do us all a favor and stop the farmers and yank down those fences.

**Correspondence ID: 9548**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9549**

Please remove the fence blocking Tule Elk from water and appropriate amounts of food. It's THEIR land, not the land of cattle ranchers no matter how much money was spent by the ranchers purchasing the land. If the NPS doesn't protect wildlife, who will? Thank you. Lynn Noel

**Correspondence ID: 9550**

Please free the Tule Elk and allow them to roam freely. They are a vital and beautiful part of our national heritage.

**Correspondence ID: 9551**

It is time we humans started giving wildlife priority instead of always taking the human needs or wants over what wildlife needs. The elk need to be free to roam the area where they live and not be fenced in with problems around them having water and food.

**Correspondence ID: 9552**

As a as an American citizen, I thank you for allowing input from regular Americans like me. I believe the national park service should use the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area plan.

**Correspondence ID: 9553**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence so no animals are trapped and unable to access food and/or water. That is cruelty. Once the fence is removed, there must be no harassment, culling or other actions against the elk who will be able roam freely.

The US public is strongly opposed to the elk fence. As well, fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts, and also in advance for your removal of the fence and prioritization of the Point Reyes elk and other wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9554**

We are supposed to be preserving wildlife, not killing it. The cattle do not belong there just because you take hush money in the form of pac funds does not excuse you from your responsibility to the wildlife and not ranchers.

Respectfully

Susan

**Correspondence ID: 9555**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, which will start the process of removing the fence that endangers elks' lives by blocking them from getting to water and food they need.

Please remember that wildlife came first and prioritizing the homes of wild animals in turn protects our own planet we call home. In contrast prioritizing cattle and commerce leads to worsening climate conditions for everyone

It is completely unacceptable for a National Park to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition. It goes against the reason the NPS was created to begin with!

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please uphold the original spirit of the NPS and remove the elk fence. This will in turn protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you sincerely for heeding the public voice asking to protect the elks. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9556**

You are the National Park Service. Your priority should be U.S. wildlife, not people who own livestock. Protect and free tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

**Correspondence ID: 9557**

Here are my comments;

\* The National Park Service should remove the fatal fence and allow elk on the park to naturally roam free, by choosing an alternative option. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

\* It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 9558**

Please free the elk and protect the wildlife...

**Correspondence ID: 9559**

Point Reyes for Tule Elk -- not livestock.

I'm a farmer and support Pt Reyes being rehabilitated for Tule Elk and related species in that ecosystem.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Don't let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9560**

Remove the fence. Free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 9561**

Confining elk to appease cattle ranchers is going to have devastating consequences for these herds. These animals need access to water and food and only they know where those sources lie judging from the fact that we are already seeing animals dying of starvation and thirst, there is an incomplete understanding of their needs. Please desist from the idea of fencing these majestic wild animals in

**Correspondence ID: 9562**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9564**

Please free the tule elk of Point Reyes. Take down the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 9565**

Thank you for this the opportunity to express my belief that your agency needs to do everything in its power to protect tule elk and their habitat.

Alternative B is the way to go. Remove the fence.

Additionally, it's time to end cattle grazing in Point Reyes. The land must be restored to allow indigenous flora and fauna to thrive again.

This you can do.

**Correspondence ID: 9566**

A year ago, I visited Point Reyes for the first time, hiking to the lighthouse, birding near the fish docks, and stopping numerous times along the park roads to take in the elk and other incredible wildlife. It is one of the most wild and beautiful places I've been to. Seeing the elk was awe-inspiring, and I was troubled to learn that NPS has been neglecting the welfare of hundreds of elk in the Tomales Point area of the park. Elk have been dying, and the plan that is open for comment still includes this very problematic fencing and allows the suffering and death of these beautiful animals. In a national park of all places, I'm disappointed that the commercial interests of the farmers leasing land is allowed to come at the cost of the wild animals whose home this is. I am usually very supportive of NPS, and I very much hope that in this case the agency will do the right thing and put the welfare and protection of these magnificent wild animals first.

**Correspondence ID: 9567**

I couldn't even believe this was going on when I heard about it. Fencing in wild animals all in the interest of serving livestock owners' interests. It's sickening. Please tear down this fence and let these (now rare) and majestic animals roam free! Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9568**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 9569**

Please protect the Tulle Elk in Point Reyes. They should have priority over the cows. Get a grip!

Vera Davis

**Correspondence ID: 9570**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the



maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9571**

I am a National Park Lover as shown in my e-mail address. I have worked 3 summers as a seasonal employee of AmFac, which became Xanterra, in Yellowstone National Park I have visited more National Parks than the vast majority of Americans. I am a contributor to the National Park Foundation, the National Parks Conservation Association, Yellowstone Forever, and the Grand Canyon and Yosemite Conservancies. My appreciation of national parks is related to their mission to preserve and protect the natural environment, including protecting the wild animal populations in the parks and lands under the authority of the National Park Service. That mission is not being upheld under present conditions at Point Reyes where elk populations have barriers which can injure or kill them in times of drought. The National Park Service should remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Other agencies can allow commercial use of public land, but the National Park Service violates its mission when it does so and when it allows confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, clearly unacceptable in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations may be allowed on Federal land managed by other agencies but aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Thank you for reading this and for seeking public comment .

PLEASE LIVE UP TO YOUR ENABLING LEGISLATION AND REMOVE THE ELK FENCE IN POINT REYES.

**Correspondence ID: 9572**

I have been to Pt. Reyes many times and delighted in seeing the elk. They are unique to area and to be protected. Cattle are not unique nor necessary. We must stop pandering to 'big agriculture' and save species that are natural to ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9573**

Please free the Tule Elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife - NOT for the cattle destroying it.

Shame on you people.

**Correspondence ID: 9574**

Farmed animals can be grazed anywhere but Tule elk can't. Don't put PRIVATE economic interests ahead of a unique specie. Don't cull the herd but find a way to expand their range.

**Correspondence ID: 9575**

Thank you for heeding the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence, which confine the elk and lead them to die of thirst and malnutrition.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The Park Service should prioritize native wildlife over domestic cattle.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Please also end private cattle operations in Point Reyes to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9576**

Please reconsider culling the herds of these majestic, native elk at Tomales Point, whose numbers are few. Genetic diversity is improved with a greater number within the herds and they should be allowed to expand naturally. Ulterior motives to thin these herds, driven by profit seeking cattlemen, should not determine the health and the ultimate fate of these elk.

Thank you for taking and considering my comments.

Best regards

**Correspondence ID: 9577**

I am asking that the Park service release the Tule deer at Point Reyes & let them have a natural life not die of thirst & malnutrition's. I think the ranchers should be required to move their cows to their own private land & off of public land. They are not wild animals & the deer are & this is a National Park not a ranch! I don't imagine the ranchers are even paying a fair price to graze their cows on public land. The deer should not be culled as they are endangered the cows are not. The ranchers should not win at the cost of wildlife which you are supposed to protect.

**Correspondence ID: 9578**

Public parks should be for the benefit of all, including native wildlife and ecosystems, not for the profit of private businesses. Save the Tule Elk! Save Point Reyes National Seashore!

**Correspondence ID: 9579**

I support National Parks and the wild life who live in them. It makes no sense to me to put a priority on domestic cattle rather than wild elk in a national park. Cattle do not belong in national parks. Please put a priority on tule elk in the Point Reyes National Park.

**Correspondence ID: 9580**

Please consider the poor elk and release them. That part of the country belongs to them more than your rich ranchers and their cattle, just as the horses you're killing to protect your rich friends. Why cattle and ranchers are protected more than the wild creatures that YOU'RE supposed to protect????? I feel a bit nauseous every time I see something you're doing to kill off our wildlife, especially wolves and bears. WHY do you do this?

Please consider my plea for our wildlife's lives.

Thank you,

Martha Metcalf

**Correspondence ID: 9581**

Hello,

I am writing to advocate for plan B (the unconfined Elk Herd plan). I believe the Elk should be able to roam free and am concerned about reports of confined Elk dying of starvation and dehydration and even more concerned this is occurring within a national park. I am also concerned the plan to fence the elk prioritize commercial cattle over the native wildlife within our parks and feel private cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes and violate the charter of the National Seashore. Further, the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.". Confining these Elk to unnatural boundaries goes against the tenants of the act and legislation. I urge you to adopt plan B and further further protect the free-roaming Elk from culling or harassment and allow them to function as a vital part of the balanced ecosystem.

Thank you for reading this and listening to my concerns.

**Correspondence ID: 9582**

I strongly urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and to remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. It's unconscionable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park where they should be allowed to roam freely. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Cattle should never be prioritized over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes, and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes; and, the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9583**

Protect Nature.

**Correspondence ID: 9584**

Please stop confining the elk and keeping them from their forage. They are native to the area and adapted to the environment and ecosystem. The cattle/livestock are non-native, destructive to the habitat and should be maintained and fed by their owners, not by taxpayers, and to the detriment of the local native wildlife.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9585**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Jan Harvell

**Correspondence ID: 9586**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Removing the awful, fatal fence can restore the ecosystem and let the Elk and other native living creatures run free as it should happen. This land should not be used for cattle to destroy.

Please hear the public's pleas for Elk to be protected, free from thinning the herd, and safe to live naturally as they should in This area.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9587**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9588**

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Thanks for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 9589**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Sarah Roland

**Correspondence ID: 9590**

Cattle should not be placed above elk. Period.

**Correspondence ID: 9591**

Since the tule elk are found only in Point Reyes, it's hard for me to understand why the NPS would prioritize livestock over these rare and beautiful animals. Please let these majestic animals roam free instead of keeping them penned. Please treat them with all the respect we can have for wild animals.

**Correspondence ID: 9592**

First, thank you for listening to the overwhelming public sentiment and removing your elk fences. Fences are inappropriate and serve no purpose in this wilderness area except to appease cattle farmers. I oppose using barriers to limit elk movement.

I urge you to choose Alternative B, also known as the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. Elk fences have caused unacceptable harm to Tule Elk resulting in many eld dying of thirst and malnutrition.

I also oppose culling, hazing or harassing these animals once the elk fences have been removed. Elk, not cattle, are the natural inhabitants of Point Reyes and according to the Point Reyes Enabling legislation should be given "maximum protection." These majestic animals must be protected for future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 9593**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Allowing the elk free roaming will improve the natural ecology of this vital area and preserve biodiversity.

**Correspondence ID: 9594**

The preservation of these Elk should be a top priority. They need access to all of the necessary land needed to protect them and allow them to prosper.

I believe that too much consideration is given in these matters to cattle owners. Our public lands should not be used to feed livestock if it in any way interferes with the lives of wild animals.

Sincerely, Mrs. Denise Featherstone

**Correspondence ID: 9595**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9596**

just do it

**Correspondence ID: 9597**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9598**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Alternativa B” preferida del Servicio de Parques Nacionales para la Reserva de Alces de Tule de Tomales Point en Point Reyes National Seashore, para eliminar la cerca y liberar a la manada más grande del parque de alces de Tule. Las cercas y los animales confinados no tienen cabida en las unidades del parque nacional.

Además, rescinda oficialmente la regulación actual en el Plan General de Gestión que permite matar (“sacrificar”) alces en los otros dos rebaños, ya que los rebaños pueden entremezclarse cuando se retira la cerca. Me opongo a toda “gestión” letal de cualquier animal salvaje en nuestros parques nacionales.

Finalmente, el alce Tule de Seashore no puede ser libre, saludable y seguro hasta que se eliminen las operaciones privadas de ganado porque exponen a los alces a bacterias fecales en el suelo, arroyos y estanques, y enfermedades del ganado transmitidas por el estiércol, incluida la enfermedad de Johne. El propio NPS cita un estudio de 1979 que encontró que la mitad de los ranchos lecheros del parque estaban infectados con la enfermedad de Johne. Las operaciones privadas de ganado no tienen negocios en nuestros parques nacionales.

Agradezco al Servicio de Parques Nacionales por solicitar y considerar los comentarios públicos sobre este tema tan importante.

Sincerely, Mrs. VICKY JUNOT

**Correspondence ID: 9599**

save the yule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9600**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9601**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Stanley Hutchison

**Correspondence ID: 9602**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Mary Moderacki

**Correspondence ID: 9603**

Greetings all!

I'm writing today to comment on Tomales Point Area Plan during the Public Scoping Comment Period, and I urge The National Park Service to select Alternative B, called: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. This Alternative removes fencing and frees elk to forage, roam, and live as intended.

This Alternative is important because the removal of this fencing in this National Park would keep elk from being trapped and unable to find adequate food and water, and would also be consistent with the values and mission assigned these National Park lands.

Likewise, the elk should be allowed to be elk, and not be interfered with. The elk need to be free, with access to food, water, and peace, in order to survive. This will also improve the whole ecosystem, especially if incompatible cattle grazing is removed from the National Park lands.

Thank you for including Alternative B in your options. It's my hope that this will become the Preferred Alternative.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely, Lizann

**Correspondence ID: 9604**

Please do not hunt the Tule elk in Point Reyes. Please protect the native wildlife there. It is the cattle & other domestic animals that are destroying the ecosystem. Make the cattle ranchers contain their animals & leave the wildlife alone. Thank you.

Suzanne Dragan LPN, BA

Director WILDLIFE GOODWILL AMBASSADOR TRAINING

**Correspondence ID: 9605**

I have read your scoping newsletter and find it hard to believe that Option C is even under consideration. On page 2 we see that ~85% of the area under discussion has official wilderness status. It seems from your document that private cattle ranching is occurring in the wilderness. This is quite puzzling. Unless they are wild cattle, that wouldn't be appropriate. However, we know that cattle are not native and that the elk are.

I am turning 69 and have been a supporter of the environment my whole life. Currently, I am supporting the researching and writing of the UN Sustainable Development Goal Corporate Guidebook Series. SDG15 is the one that applies here - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification,

and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss. Multiple targets under Goal 15 apply here. The US is one of 193 countries that agreed the SDGs in 2015.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife states that “Tule elk are an example of genetic bottlenecking.” <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Elk/Tule-Elk> With this human-caused situation, additional bottlenecking is contraindicated. Option A - No Action in effect promotes bottlenecking. It is not a solution, just what is currently happening.

Option C which includes 'lethal removal' in effect turns the bottleneck into an opportunity to sell or donate the protected elk's meat, probably so cattle can graze on wilderness areas. It is also a false choice.

The only reasonable option that conforms to international and US law, wilderness status, and protection of threatened species is Option B. Understand that there is a standard format and requirement to how to handle these decisions with public input, but in this case, Option B is a no-brainer.

Thank you,

Carla Holder,

Research Director

**Correspondence ID: 9606**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9607**

I don't understand why you support cattle grazing over elk, doesn't seem like what we are paying tax money for you to do. Ranchers are destroying our environment and eating red meat is unhealthy.

**Correspondence ID: 9608**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence and urge them not to prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9609**

The Tule elk are more important than cattle ranchers using public land & pay nothing for using taxpayers land for the cattlemen's profit.

My Grandmother raised cattle & watermelons. She had several hundred acres, her land that the cattle grazed on her land. She & my uncles leased an additional 700 acres to plant watermelons, their money crop. My Grandmother taught me "nobody owes you anything you have to work for it."

That area is for the Elk not cattle ranchers!

Sincerely, Charlotte Whitlock

**Correspondence ID: 9610**

I have had the honor of leading hikes with refugee families and city kids who rarely get out to experience nature. What they tell me at the end of the day almost brings tears to my eyes. Never in their life have they witnessed wildlife—in the wild. They are overjoyed by watching the clouds, feeling the breeze, and finding acorns. At first it shocked me to hear these things but over time I learned there are so many people who simply do not have access to wild places with wild animals. They have been deprived of nature.

So it is with heartfelt urgency that I ask you to please give the elk room to roam naturally. It is our duty as stewards of this amazing planet to look out for the interests of species that have nearly gone extinct. If they die on our watch, they are gone forever.

Our National Parks are true treasures. It is a huge responsibility to restore and manage these special ecosystems that support so much life. Keep up the good work. You never know how your actions today may inspire others to be good stewards of our planet, who are curious about wildlife, and kind to others.

**Correspondence ID: 9611**

Please choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9612**

I lived in Marin County for 5 years and visited Pt. Reyes 3 times (the last time was to release a sea lion I helped to rehabilitate at The Marine Mammal Center). All three times, I CRIED my eyes out as I drove past the veal crates cruelly confining baby boy calves. It also stinks as you drive through the cattle parts of the park, which cannot be good for the ecosystem. It is shocking and upsetting, hardly the picturesque scenery one expects to find in a National Park.

I find it outrageous that the profits of private cattle farmers are being prioritized on public lands over the needs of our native Elk to forage for food and water. The 8 foot fences are unsightly and especially cruel knowing they are killing natural wildlife.

I respectfully implore you to prioritize the needs of the Elk and other native wild animals in the National Park over the profits of the cattle ranchers allowed to lease those public lands. We are living through the biggest mass extinction of species since the dinosaurs right now, and irresponsible human activity like this is to blame. It is unconscionable for the Park Service to allow the profits of private cattle ranchers to cause the suffering and death of the native Tule Elk.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical issue.

**Correspondence ID: 9613**

Please remove your fence and give the elk a chance to survive. It is time to protect what is most important to all of us.

**Correspondence ID: 9614**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9615**

Protect the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9616**

It is absolutely inappropriate to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and cattle grazing completely inappropriate. NPS must stop prioritizing cattle over native wildlife.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment.

Private cattle operations in Point Reyes and should be ENDED to be in compliance with the charter of the National Seashore.

As you know, the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects,

and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

It is long past time for NPS to correct this shameful situation.

Again, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and to restore this critically important environment.

**Correspondence ID: 9617**

Tear down the fence. Free the elk. Protect the elk and their habitat. Do what is best for the wild and not the ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 9618**

The National Park Service should restore the park to a natural, unconfined and undisturbed, free ranging tule elk reserve as it is funded by public tax monies as a national park. American taxpayers do NOT want to fund private ranching interests nor should they.

When the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for under any circumstances. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife nor should private interests supercede those of the publics'.

It's inhumane and unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas...They contradict the concept all together.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I thank the Park Service for allowing public comment and urge them to consider restoration of the park to a natural state. I believe this to be what the park service was established for...the protection of public lands for the public and wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9619**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9620**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9621**

The Tule Elk are rare and beautiful animals that we cherish. We who spend time recreationally in this area enjoy seeing them and love the fact that they're so rare and exotic that they exist only here. BLM land is not up for sale to the lowest bidder or any better at all – especially cattle ranchers. Karel destroy the environment and do not add to the beauty of this area but take away from it in many ways. The fact that you have done something is cruel as containing this beautiful elk herd that is existed here for hundreds of years all by the request of individuals who have no right on this land and are not wanted by the people of California on this land, is exceptionally bold and irresponsible. Your organization exists solely for the purpose of protecting these lands not for making it available for distraction was under the table payments. This is a travesty end it should be illegal. The fact that you're willing to see these animals die out all so we can have more polluting cattle on this precious and delicate land is truly horrifying. Too many elk have already died due to your actions and the N actions of putting a stop to the cattle ranchers arrogance and common during this land. This land belongs to the people in the state of California not the ranchers. Please do your job and protect these animals as you were hired to do and remove the cattle immediately from this land. This is an absolutely obscene situation that needs to be rectified immediately.

**Correspondence ID: 9622**

Please prioritize tule elk and native habitat over livestock for the Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 9623**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thankyou for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge you, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9624**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences force native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9625**

I love Point Reyes. I visit it regularly. I hate to see the elk fenced in. Please tear down the fence so these gorgeous animals can roam as they need to. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9626**

Continued cattle grazing is in violation of the original agreement for the area and never should have been renewed. I find the decision to continue cattle grazing suspect and urge the National Park System to do the right thing and remove the grazing of cattle permanently and create a National Park environment that reflects care and foresight in dealing with the Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9627**

Point Reyes was once such a magnificent area, in terms of scenery and free-roaming wildlife! How wonderful it would be to see tule elk return, in place of grazing, domestic dairy cows!

Please keep California's coastal areas the scenic destinations for which they've been known! Commercial dairies can find other places for their cows where they would fit into the rural landscape.

**Correspondence ID: 9628**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Finally, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that.

Please free the tule elk and protect the ecosystem from the livestock that are destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 9629**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9630**

Please let the Tule Elk roam free. Take down the fence. They belong there; the cattle don't. Let the ranchers take care of their own damn cattle. Get them out of our National Seashore and let the elk be free to live and survive as they have for many generations.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for administering the Park according to its intention and mandate.

**Correspondence ID: 9631**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Once again, considering all the above, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9632**

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife. It is the only way to restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9633**

Unnecessary confinement of any animal in a National Park which causes natural disruption and death is unacceptable! The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9634**

Let the wild animals, which includes the elk, roam free and live off the land as they need to. No fences to cage them in. Pamela Machete

**Correspondence ID: 9635**

The Elk come first, always....., and not the damn ranchers or other money hungry vultures.

**Correspondence ID: 9636**

Free Point Reyes Tule Elk

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. We are happy that about 600 roam the Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. We need to ensure the elk numbers expand, not kill them or confine the herd with fences.

With recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Do the right thing, tear down the elk-killing fence. Thank you and God bless.

**Correspondence ID: 9637**

Protect the Point Reyes Tule Elk . Put wildlife ahead of cattle grazing interests. NO CATTLE ON PUBLIC LAND. Let elk numbers expand and take down the 8-foot-high fence. The heck with the cattle! Please keep me posted on the status of this case.

Sincerely, Stephen Sample

**Correspondence ID: 9638**

Protect these elks! BASTA!

**Correspondence ID: 9639**

Having grown up in the Bay Area I have always had a special fondness for the elk residing at Point Reyes. I find it shocking and disturbing that our last remaining native elk are confined by a tall fence and not allowed to roam freely to sustain themselves. I understand that this confinement creates a host of problems including malnourished elk and even death. To have this take place in a beloved national park is even more alarming!

Please remove the elk fence and allow the elk to roam without culling or hazing. (I personally can't imagine why I need to write something so obvious!) Visitors and locals vastly prefer their native elk to cattle. Private cattle ranching operations should be banned and moved to appropriate locations, not popular national parks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9640**

Please save and protect the Tule Elk! That is what the mandate is. They are irreplaceable and precious and should not be shut off from their own home, food and water.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable, cruel and unconscionable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate and possibly not legal in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation

mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the fence detaining the elk to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. The people need this.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9641**

It is time to prioritize natural life over that which is domesticated. We do not need more grazing land for the fartars causing global warming. Please make greed the last party in the line.

Thank you,

-randy

**Correspondence ID: 9642**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. These are wild animals and must be treated as such.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Private cattle operations do none of those things.

**Correspondence ID: 9643**

To the National Park Service,

Re:Tomales Point Area Plan,

I had the wonderful pleasure of visiting Point Reyes and Tomales Point for the first time in 2019.

I was captivated by the sweeping views, the tranquility (okay, the wind is intense but no traffic!) and the surprising wildlife! I didn't know anything about the Tule elk.

This area is truly a national treasure and a delicate habitat. I add my voice to the millions of Americans

who want to see the native habitat and wildlife of this place protected, preserved and thoughtfully managed.

Please, give these herds the chance to forage freely on this remarkable seashore, unmolested as has been successfully done with elephants in parts of Africa. I do understand the historical context for the dairy farms. However, with the increasing pressure on habitat, these kinds of

land degrading enterprises don't fit with and are the opposite of the intent of the Point Reyes Enabling legislation and the Organic Act.

Thank you and please, see this vision for preservation secured. I would love nothing more than to visit again and take in this special place.

Sincerely, Toni Natoli

**Correspondence ID: 9644**

Please support Tule Elk and remove the fences at Point Reye

**Correspondence ID: 9645**

Protect the wildlife and free the elk. The national park/seashore is not for cow grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 9646**

Animals are God's creations, we need to take better care of them, and their environment.

**Correspondence ID: 9647**

The tule elk are so close to extinction, and cattle raised for meat and for profit certainly are not. This is the only place in the country where they have survived, and they need our help.

The 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. They deserve a place in the U.S. where they can live unmolested and free.

**Correspondence ID: 9648**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 9649**

LET NATURE BE

**Correspondence ID: 9650**

As a retired national park ranger who served as an interpreter and a resource manager in several western parks over 36 years, I am appalled at the conditions reported from Point Reyes.

For the Tomales Point Area Plan please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason but to balance their numbers with available forage.

Cattle grazing is inappropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 9651**

Please choose Alternative B to remove the fencing that encloses the Tule Elk at Point Reyes.

Thank you for heeding all of the public support for removing the fences.

Joe

**Correspondence ID: 9652**

I am so sick of government agencies "cow"towing to ranchers. You are supposed to be protecting wildlife nor ranchers.! In this situation the cows are destroying the land and probably the ozone. Enough sacrificing what belongs on and to the land!

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9653**

I strongly urge Alternative B, called that will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences And cows are inappropriate in wilderness areas, get rid of the cows and protect native wildlife instead!

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Your attention in protecting Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem, would be much appreciated.

Thank you

Lydia Garvey Public Health Nurse

**Correspondence ID: 9654**

take down the fences

**Correspondence ID: 9655**

I am very concerned about protecting our fabulous wildlife and natural areas in this country. The elk herd living in Point Reyes are under threat and already have a limited and confined population. The National Park Service must make a choice to protect these vulnerable animals and should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove damaging fences that prevent the elk from roaming naturally. All sorts of pressures on these creatures lessen their chance of long term survival and their survival should be prioritized over local herds of cattle in this majestic and sensitive area. We should maximize the protection, restoration, and preservation of our precious natural areas.

**Correspondence ID: 9656**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Ellen Samson

**Correspondence ID: 9657**

Fences have no place in wilderness areas. Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam and have free access to food and water. It is unacceptable to confine native elk, forcing them to die of starvation. Point Reyes National Seashore should protect native wildlife populations, not private cattle operations.

**Correspondence ID: 9658**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9659**

We need to do everything we can to preserve the ecology and its systems - that includes diversity and preserving natural life. We must do everything we can

**Correspondence ID: 9660**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9661**

You're STILL killing the Tule Elk! -Margaret Wentworth Oweings (Voice from the Sea)

Thos nasty cattle are polluting the sea! Get them the heck off the land and tear down those fences for the Tule Elk.

Joe Racano

**Correspondence ID: 9662**

Dear National Park Service,

I am writing to you today to express my support for the tule elk of Point Reyes National Seashore.

I understand that the tule elk are an important part of the park's ecosystem. They help to control the growth of vegetation, which in turn provides habitat for other wildlife. They are also a popular tourist attraction, and they help to bring in revenue that supports the park.

I am concerned about the future of the tule elk at Point Reyes. The herd is currently fenced in, but there is a proposal to remove the fence and allow the elk to roam freely. I am supportive of this proposal, but I believe that it is important to take steps to protect the elk from poachers and other threats.

I urge you to continue to manage the tule elk population carefully and to do everything you can to ensure their survival. These animals are a treasure, and they deserve our protection.

In addition to my support for the tule elk, I would also like to express my appreciation for the work that you do to protect all of the natural and cultural resources at Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you for your dedication to this special place.

Sincerely, Donald Sanger

**Correspondence ID: 9663**

This situation has been ongoing for quite some time!

The Elk deserve to live their lives, with interference from the ranching; cattle industry.! To deny the Elk respect and dignity, is not acceptable. Be humane; fair, if that is possible.

**Correspondence ID: 9664**

Please prioritize the protection of Tule Elks!

**Correspondence ID: 9665**

Good afternoon,

I would love for the National Park Service to choose Alternative B or "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

And once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point



Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

**Correspondence ID: 9666**

As a tax payer and an American who cares about Native Wildlife, I am writing today to urge you to choose Alternative B. Alternative B is known as the “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area” which will remove the deadly fence and allow Elk to roam free. It is unacceptable to allow confined native Elk to die of thirst and hunger, particularly in a National Park all because private cattle companies don't want grazing competition for their herds on the peoples land. Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended as soon as possible to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you for reading and I am hoping this message reaches the right eyes and heart of someone who cares about the survival of these magnificent wild Elk, who need to be saved for future generations to enjoy.

**Correspondence ID: 9667**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9668**

Obviously help nature smothered by human greed and number

**Correspondence ID: 9669**

As a scientist who is concerned with the health and survival of native wildlife, particularly those under NPS stewardship, I recommend the adoption of Alternative B. In no way should cattle be

fostered at the expense of native species. I understand that NPS walks a tight line between preservation and meeting the requirements of the enabling legislation for the Seashore. However cattle are found everywhere while Tule Elk distribution is limited. For that reason alone, confining elk to a fenced pasture is unsustainable and against the principles of NPS.

**Correspondence ID: 9670**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9671**

I used to live in Northern California and hope you will consider allowing tule elk to be free and not allow the cattle grazing to continue.

**Correspondence ID: 9672**

I urge you to remove the fence confining the tule elk on Point Reyes and end the private cattle operation.

This is a National Park and restricting and endangering the native wildlife for the benefit of private persons should be illegal.

It's outrageous that native elk are dying of thirst and hunger because they can't move freely in this parkland. They not right to be there than the cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9673**

As an almost lifetime resident of Marin County, we have loved the Tule Elk and appreciated their place in the Ecological System that they are a crucial part of ..

Please allow them their freedom or we will be dealing with an unbalanced ecosystem and a domino effect of other problems.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

We wish you the highest guidance in your decision making.

Ms Brown

**Correspondence ID: 9674**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Andreas Kaluza

**Correspondence ID: 9675**

Point Reyes is for wildlife. Period. Gina Obrien.

**Correspondence ID: 9676**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashores - and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Elk shouldn't die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Further, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

In summary, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9677**

The elk that live on national park lands should be allowed free range. Putting them in fenced in areas that deprive them access to water and grazing areas that sustain their lives is abhorrent. Cattle from neighboring ranches should not be in competition with wildlife that the park lands were established to protect. The cattle should not be allowed to graze on lands designated as being set aside for wildlife. Cattle production is a large source of greenhouse gas which is

exacerbating the climate issues facing this planet. If anything cattle production should be curtailed and wildlife should take precedence. The extinction rate has been increasing exponentially with our policies of allowing trespass on habitats needed for species to survive. I understand they are considered livelihood for the ranchers but in the long run the more species we lose to extinction the less chances are for our survival. The elk should take precedence. Their lives are no less valuable than cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9678**

Free the Elk of Point Reyes. Keep Point Reyes for the natural wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9679**

I am writing to advocate for the Point Reyes elk and native wildlife. Please manage the area for the elk and other wildlife that depend on it for their mere survival. Do not allow livestock (cattle) of private parties to take precedence.

Thanks Ruth Swenson

**Correspondence ID: 9680**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9681**

Point Reyes is a special and unique environment that needs and deserves protection.

**Correspondence ID: 9682**

TULE ELK DESERVE TO BE ALLOWED TO FREE GRAZE. CATTLE AND THE RIGHTS OF THEIR OWNERS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLACE THEIR ANIMALS ON GRAZING LANDS OF THE TULE ELK.

**Correspondence ID: 9683**

Greetings:

I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect the native Tule Elk herd at the Point Reyes National Seashore by choosing alternative 'B' :Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area'.

The confinement fence should be removed and free ranging elk should not be culled, harassed or hazed for any reason.

The Park Service should not prioritize cattle operations at the expense of native wildlife. Cattle operations are not appropriate and need to be phased out to honor the charter of the National Seashore; comply with The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, which mandates 'maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment' within the seashore; and, fulfill the requirements of the Organic Act, which designates national park lands as lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please, do the right thing: free the elk and restore the ecosystem of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely, James Thompson

Portland, Oregon

**Correspondence ID: 9684**

As a Californian and frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore, I urge the National Park Service to take all possible measures to protect and preserve the natural ecosystem and wildlife in the National Seashore. Specifically, the Park Service should not harm the native elk to promote destructive cattle operations in the park. I urge the park service to remove fences that confine the elk and allow them and other wildlife to roam freely. It is cruel and not within the mission of a National Seashore to confine the elk with the result that many die of thirst and malnutrition. I have been thrilled to see the elk herds in the park and also disturbed by the intrusive and destructive cattle in the park. As a native Californian, I have witnessed the distressing loss of wilderness, open spaces and wildlife in my lifetime. Please take all steps to protect what is left of our native natural environment.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9685**

PLEASE free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9686**

Dear Park Service,

I often visit family and friends in this California area and hike in Point Reyes. The highlight of these trips are seeing the beautiful elk.

Please consider my comments below.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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I Urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9687**

These are the points I would like to emphasize:

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Elisa Gonzalez

**Correspondence ID: 9688**

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**Correspondence ID: 9690**

Save the native Tule Elk. Ranchers should buy their own land.

**Correspondence ID: 9691**

I urge you to remove the Tule Elk Fence! The Tule Elk are native wildlife and they deserve to roam free. I don't see why cattle should take priority in a \*national park.\* Pt Reyes is a treasure shared by all of us and supported by tax dollars. Cattle are proving to be disastrous to the ecosystem locally and globally and only fueling climate change. Thank you for hearing our voices.

**Correspondence ID: 9692**

Here we are in the middle of climate crisis all around us and yet here we are destroying the ecosystem for what - CATTLE GRAZING - one of the major reasons that we are now in the middle of this crisis! We hurt our wildlife, fence off migrating animals that can no longer source food and water! What has become of us that we think we can continue down this incredibly destructive path!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE REMOVE THIS FENCING THAT IS KILLING OUR WILDLIFE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES FROM LIVESTOCK OWNERS THAT SEEK PROFIT ABOVE ALL ELSE AND DO NOT CARE ABOUT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, OUR PLANET, OUR PRECIOUS WILDLIFE THAT WE ARE LOSING QUICKLY EVER SINGLE DAY!

Thank you for your time and consideration on this critical matter!

Sincerely,

Betty and Myron Buck

**Correspondence ID: 9693**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. J. Reyna Crow

**Correspondence ID: 9694**

Do not kill the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9695**

I realize that National Parks serve many purposes, but they also need to be a sanctuary for the animals that traditionally exist on those lands. That doesn't mean hunting cannot occur, but to corral them to confined areas so that cattle can graze on lands that were once theirs is a total mistake and a skewed priority. So I support Alternative B, and tear down the fence. Or to paraphrase President Reagan over a different type of barrier, tear down that fence. Letting cattle, which by any stretch of the imagination are not native to that area, compete with impaired resources of native animals is not what a National Park should do. Decades from now, people should be able to go there and see that the animals that are traditional to that area were given the chance to survive, not simply to see a sign of what was before the cattle took priority.

**Correspondence ID: 9696**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

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Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that



found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Viktoria Schuhmann

**Correspondence ID: 9698**

As a concerned citizen and American voter, I stand and agree with those who want the fencing at Tomales Point to be torn down. I believe, as do others I stand with, that Alternative B should be chosen above all. We thank you so much for listening to our voices when we say overwhelmingly: "Pull the fence down". After that is done, the free-roaming elk should not be harassed for any reason whatsoever.

**Correspondence ID: 9699**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9701**

I implore you to choose Alternative B, “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.” Please remove the elk fence and restore the ecosystem to a more natural state.

Time and again, we see the devastation of natural environments and wildlife in national parks (and elsewhere) caused by cattle grazing. The biodiversity of this planet is in peril, which affects all life including humans. It is unconscionable to let native wildlife, like the elk, to die of starvation and/or thirst by being fenced in and kept away from natural water and grazing sources. Cattle grazing has no place in Point Reyes, or any national park. Additionally, the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment.”

Fences simply do not belong in a wilderness area, nor do private cattle. After the removal of the fence, the elk should be free to roam as they naturally do, and should not be harassed or culled.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to share my thoughts.

**Correspondence ID: 9702**

Please continue to help the tule elk. I like Alternative B in your proposal to do so. Thank you for taking down the problem fence. And continue to refuse to allow future elk harassment. Please, no livestock in this special place. Thank you.

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**Correspondence ID: 9704**

I don't care about the detailed plans but the highest priority should be to protect the elk herds and give them free run of the preserve and higher priority and importance than cattle ranching throughout all phases of the planning. They have a right to be there.

**Correspondence ID: 9705**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B and allow the Tule Elk population in this area to live freely without being cut off from vital resources and killed because of the personal interests of livestock owners. These are beautiful animals that deserve to be protected and respect in their native land. Thank you for already taking action and listening to the public in regards to this issue, but please go one step further and remove the fence. Please show these animals the respect they deserve in recognizing that they were here first and have lived here much longer than we have. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9706**

It's time to take down the fence. Let the elk roam free, and let cattle on ranches accommodate this change. Let nature determine the outcome. Maybe ranchers need to switch to crops and away from livestock.

Diane Bolman

**Correspondence ID: 9707**

I am a former San Francisco and Marin County resident, and I spent many enjoyable hours in the Point Reyes area. I intend to return and do the same in the future.

For that reason, I have followed the 'management' of the Point Reyes National Seashore for many years, including the 'management' of the area's Tule elk herd. I have been consistently appalled at the favor shown to ranching interests that should have long since left the National Seashore.

The National Park Service needs to do better, particularly with regard to the Tule elk herd. At this moment, I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence that has been confining the herd, and allow elk to naturally roam free. The fence has caused unnecessary suffering and mortality of the Elk herd and it needs to be removed.

Free the elk and let nature run its course. Don't start culling or otherwise downsizing the herd until the ranches are gone, the fences are taken down, and the elk have had time to adjust to new circumstance.

It is time to end all private cattle operations on the National Seashore. They were given a 25 year grace period in 1962, when the National Seashore was established. They can move their operations to plenty of other locations. We the people can't move the national seashore and its elk, offshore marine life, and all the rest that makes the Seashore such a special place.

The National Park Service needs to do its job. In this case, that means remove the elk fence; truly protect the Seashore's native wildlife; take steps to restore the Seashore's ecosystem; and get rid of the ranching and other human-centric operations that don't belong there.

**Correspondence ID: 9708**

First of all, the Tule Elk have been in the area for a long time and established this as their home.

The idea of managing their population by whatever means you intend is terrible and inappropriate. While there are cattle sharing this grazing area, obviously that is intended for profit both for the ranchers and for the park planning agency. I hope the kind and humane approach of leaving the Elk alone, stop interfering with the natural order of non-human species. The disappointment that this is even considered an option (most likely encouraged by ranchers for their own monetary gain) is really troublesome.

We have been so destructive to nature and the natural world, I hope your agency can make a compassionate decision here and leave the Tule Elk alone. Live and let live, please!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9709**

Please do not allow the execution of Elk that is suggested. These magnificent animals used to roam a

much of the North Coast and they are integral to the ecosystem. The federal government is obliged to serve the best interests of the people, and that best interest is ecosystem restoration. not further harm to the few remaining elk.

I live near the elk herd at Redwood National Park, and I find them breath taking. They add immensely to the character of the area. Please care for,nurture, and expand your herd. They are irreplaceable.

**Correspondence ID: 9710**

I remember have written a similar comment on the Tule elk several years ago. I guess good things take time....

Tule elk are a wonderful addition to a national park. People expect to see them there instead of cattle.

Please take down the fence and don't cull the two herds beautifying the park. Stop yielding to ranchers. Enough is enough

**Correspondence ID: 9711**

I urge the NPS to adopt Option B, and allow the tule elk to inhabit any suitable habitat at Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 9712**

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Sincerely, Filip Fintic

**Correspondence ID: 9713**

Please protect the tule elk in Point Reyes and stop siding with the cattle industry!

Thank you.

Wrenn Reed

**Correspondence ID: 9714**

It is frustrating that I even have to write about this. The National Park Service needs to protect wildlife, not kill it. Please listen to the over whelming public support for Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the vicious fatal fence that is killing so many elk. Let them roam on National Park land where they belong and should be safe.

Please do not prioritize ranchers and cattle over elk. We are in the middle of a MASS EXTINCTION event. We need to be doing everything we can to support wildlife and their natural habitat before it is too late for all of us. Grazing for cattle should not be allowed at all in this area.

I am horrified to learn that native elk are dieing of thirst and malnutrition due to this stupid fence. A national park should be a place of refuge for them, not a death trap.

Once the elk fence is removed, this shouldn't be turned into a free-for-all killing spree to "cull" the heard.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 9715**

Please free the elk and protect point reyes for native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9716**

I am a birdwatcher and wildlife lover who loves to visit Point Reyes. Because this is a national park, it is of concern to all Americans whether or not they live in California. Because wildlife management practices by the NPS may happen anywhere, all Americans should be concerned about the current elk management practices in Pt Reyes. First of all, why is the NPS bowing to private cattle interests and allowing them to make policy in a national seashore? These are public lands, not commercial operations. Cattle operations at Pt Reyes should be ended. The needs of wildlife should absolutely take precedent over cattle operations. The public desire to eat beef is decreasing rapidly, while the public's concern for protecting wildlife is increasing.

Secondly it is totally unacceptable to fence in wild animals in a national park, especially when the fencing causes confined elk to die of malnutrition and thirst. The fencing must be removed, the elk must roam freely, and free elk must not be subject to culling and harassment. Wildlife first!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9717**

Hello, This may be copied & pasted but that does not negate the validity:

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9718**

DO IT!

**Correspondence ID: 9719**

protect the elk

**Correspondence ID: 9720**

I am writing in support of Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area - otherwise, elk in this area will suffer from malnutrition or die of hunger or thirst, Removing the fences will help support wildlife in this area which is an important goal of our National Parks. Once the fence is removed, the elk need to be protected from culling or harassment.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9721**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9722**

Leave all the native animals, including the elk at Point Reyes alone. Take your cattle to your house and out of Point Reyes. I'm disquisted by capitalists who ruin everything they touch as they pursue more money, it is beyond evil. Leave nature alone, protect native animals, or simply leave it alone. Don't put cattle where they don't belong. Don't let greed ruin more life.

**Correspondence ID: 9723**

Good afternoon. I write to you to express my support for the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and the removal of a fence that stops the tule elk from roaming.

At this time in our history we must not give priority to cattle, which contribute so much to global warming, but rather insure the survival of wildlife in wilderness areas!

In that regard, the Point Reyes National Seashore should not be allowing private cattle operations, which are contrary to its founding legislation.

Please remove the fence!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9724**

Please remove the 8-foot fencing that is compromising the health of the tule elk. Thanks you.

**Correspondence ID: 9725**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9726**

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9727**

I understand that the Tule Elk population at Point Reyes National Park have severely limited access to food and water and that some of them have died miserable deaths secondary to this restriction (allegedly imposed by the National Park Service). If this is the case, please remove this restriction and permit this population to humanely live.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9728**

Stop pandering to the cattle industry and stop the destruction of natural habitat from cattle. Protect the native elk and let them roam free. Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9729**

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should NOT prioritize cattle over native wildlife. That's madness! It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

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Please, do the right thing and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9730**

Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners. STOP THIS.

Thanks to public outrage and comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters, the Park Service is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. STOP EXPLOITING NATIVE SPECIES



Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. They kill pumas here in Arizona because they reintroduced Bighorn Sheep. Ranchers have a strong lobby and too much power.

I am defending the rights of Mother Earth as a Jane Goodall Institute Grantee for Stewardship and the Preservation of Life. I am adding my voice to help the elk survive.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. RESPECT AND PROTECT MOTHER EARTH AND HER BELOVED ONES. IT IS UNSUSTAINABLE TO HAVE COWS GRAZING IN OUR NATIONAL SEASHORE. REMOVE NON-NATIVE AND INVASIVE SPECIES.

DO RIGHT. WE CANNOT LIVE ON IF THE NATURAL WORLD DIES.

BE BOLD. RESPECT AND PROTECT FIRST NATIONS SACRED TURTLE ISLAND. MOTHER EARTH IS IN CRISIS AND YOU MUST DO RIGHT AND BE WISE.

Sincerely, Dr. Amy Eisenberg

The University of Arizona and Center for World Indigenous Studies

Jane Goodall Institute grantee for Stewardship and the Preservation of Life

**Correspondence ID: 9731**

Hello,

I am writing to encourage the NPS to allow elk to multiply and thrive at Point Reyes. There are only 600 left and millions of cattle.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Heather Williams

**Correspondence ID: 9732**

These animals should be protected and the fence removed so they are free to roam a larger range.

These are beautiful creatures. In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand and we will understand only what we are taught.

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**Correspondence ID: 9734**

Protect the tule elk. Don't let them suffer.

**Correspondence ID: 9735**

PLEASE free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

No CATTLE in any NATIONAL PARKS!!

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,"

REMOVE the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

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**Correspondence ID: 9736**

Save the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9737**

Please leave the elk alone to live their lives and protect native wildlife. This land is not meant for livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 9738**

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Sincerely, Miss Dawn Nicholls

**Correspondence ID: 9739**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9742**

I oppose these elk being fenced in, that's not how they were meant to be, especially if its to appease cattle ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 9743**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you, National Park Service, for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason, especially not the entitled complaints from livestock holders. Why

do THEY have the privilege to decide whether native wildlife can exist on National Park Land?  
That makes no sense.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I beg the National Park service to please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. I have visited Point Reyes several times and LOVE the wildscape that greets me every time I arrive. It a beautiful place that should NEVER be forced to yield to a bunch of cattle ranchers.

Thanks!

**Correspondence ID: 9744**

I have spent many days at Point Reyes National Seashore, bird watching, hiking and removing invasive plants, and have a particular love for the area. Please allow the Tule Elk to roam free by removing the fence and protect the native wildlife - birds, mammals including the Tule Elk, etc. The ecosystem there is unique and worthy of maximum protection for all the historical species.

**Correspondence ID: 9745**

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I strongly urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9746**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9747**

Tule elk are wild creature. Fencing is torture and evidently deadly.. Tear down the fences.

**Correspondence ID: 9748**

Over 70 years ago, I used to stay with my grandparents on the Bear Valley Ranch which is now an entry point to the National Seashore. My grandfather was a ranch hand and cattleman. At that time, all the bears were gone as well as the elk. So it is good to see the tule elk there now; although I never saw a tule elk during the 10 years I visited there each summer. While I was there, the owners of the Bear Valley Ranch (Bruce Kelham and his wife) had beef cattle and for a year or two also had milk cows as well; but the plentiful deer never posed any issues with feed for the cattle.

Wildlife never competed with the cattle for feed; so it is hard to understand why the tule elk are being so restricted now. It is tough enough for wildlife to survive these days with the encroachment on their habitat. To further restrict them in an unpopulated area is hard to fathom. A large part of the enjoyment of national lands is the chance encounter with wildlife. After all, preservation of a large wildlife population is so restricted now because of pressure on habitat that whenever we have room for them to roam is in the best interest of the public.

For that reason, I encourage your selection of Alternative B so that these beautiful creatures can flourish and bring great pleasure to the visitors who come there each year.. I remember the few chance encounters I had with the amazing mountain lions who lived there. Quite an experience that I still remember from 75 years ago.

Don Gay

**Correspondence ID: 9749**

I was disturbed to hear of the plan to kill and confine elk at Tomales Point. Public lands should be managed with priority given to wildlife and maintaining ecosystems, which are being damaged and lost at alarming rates. Please preserve these natural areas for wildlife, including the elk. Cattle are destroying ecosystems and contributing yo climate change. Please

manage this area in a responsible way, with foresight that will allow future generations to enjoy natural areas as well.

Thank you.

Nancy Behrens

**Correspondence ID: 9750**

I support alternative b “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area” to allow for the Tule Elk to expand their range. They need the additional space to seek pasture in drought conditions and as a species with a very small population they should not be culled.

Thank you,

Paul O'Hearn

**Correspondence ID: 9751**

Please free the elk that are imprisoned by tearing down the fence enclosing them. They deserve to live on their native land freely. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9752**

I URGE YOU TO TEAR DOWN THE FENCES THAT ARE KILLING NATIVE WILDLIFE IN POINT REYES AND PROTECT THE TULE ELK. IT IS A TRAGEDY THAT WE ARE USURPING THE DIVERSE WILDLIFE'S HABITAT, FENCING THEM FROM FOOD AND THEY ARE STARVING AND DYING. NOW MORE THAN EVER, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SEE WILDERNESS AND BIODIVERSITY AS WORTHLESS AND EXPENDABLE. THESE RESOURCES AND SPECIES ARE IRREPLACEABLE - THE TULE ELK IN PARTICULAR ARE GOING TO GO EXTINCT WITH THE DROUGHTS IN THEIR NARROW FENCED AREA — WE MUST NOT SACRIFICE WHAT IS LEFT OF THE WILD PERIOD, LET ALONE WITH SUCH BRUTALITY. THE WILD HAS NO VOICE, NO RECOURSE, EXCEPT FOR THOSE OF US WHO SPEAK UP AND OUT -

PLEASE PROTECT POINT REYES FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE.

**Correspondence ID: 9753**

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scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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PLEASE, I strongly urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your attention,

Kathy Sugarman

**Correspondence ID: 9755**

It's absurd to build a structure to prevent wildlife from moving around, especially when it ends up with the death of a species. Please take it down.

**Correspondence ID: 9756**

Please tear down the damn fence that is killing our beautiful tule elk. My husband & I used to drive to PtReyes & particularly loved seeing these amazing creatures. We will not be going back. It is criminal that the ranchers & their damn lobbies are killing some of the most wonderful free animals for ranchers to profit & cows to graze on our free land. They are also working w/BLM to kill off our magnificent horses on free land to make room for the Ranchers

Everyone knows it is a nasty conspiracy & speaks volumes about how the govt agencies place money over our natural wonders!

Take the fence down. It is barbaric & torture to deny them access to water & food

The Ranchers are running our country & paying everyone involved off w/money. Wild horses are rounded up w/helicopters, maiming even the babies as they run from the fear. This country needs some serious overhauling. America has become a backward country

Return PtReyes to its intended glory

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9757**

Hi. I am writing to urge you to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I appreciate that you have listened to the massive public support for removing the elk fence. I feel that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and we shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I feel that it is not acceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Please remove the fencing and make sure free-roaming elk are not subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. In doing so, this will protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ray Grimsinger

**Correspondence ID: 9758**

Let the wildlife roam freely. Stop the grazing of cattle and other non native hoof stock. Remove fencing. Stop authorizing cattle permits.

**Correspondence ID: 9759**

Free the elk! This country is being destroyed by the exponential increase of cattle farming and non-native animals. We should be preserving land for native animals, not the billion dollar cattle industry that is taking over the majority of open land in this country.

**Correspondence ID: 9760**

The tule elk are more important than livestock. They were here before the livestock were. Protect the tule elk and let them have the range they need.

**Correspondence ID: 9761**

Hello

Wild and natural areas should be for wildlife, not livestock. TheNPS must choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unconscionable to have confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once this fence is removed, free-roaming elk absolutely MUST NOT be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for ANY reason.

Private cattle operations are in NO way appropriate in Point Reyes and should be terminated to honor the charter of the National Seashore. What is so difficult to understand about the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates? "The MAXIMUM protection, restoration, and preservation of the NATURAL environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and WILDLIFE in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Do your job and keep these areas natural and wild. REMOVE the fence and remove the cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 9762**

Please release the elk so that they can thrive in a more natural setting.

**Correspondence ID: 9763**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 9764**

Help Free Point Reyes Tule Elk

**Correspondence ID: 9765**

Please save the elk from ranchers

**Correspondence ID: 9766**

Public lands belong to me and tax payers. F\*\*K THE LIVESTOCK RANCHERS ON MY PUBLIC LANDS. They are ripping off the public with deals made with the NPS for their benefit. Wildlife has priority over human greed.

**Correspondence ID: 9767**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 9768**

This is the home of the elk. Cattle is something that is managed not by free-roaming cattle but under control of ranchers. The two should not mix. The elk should not be put out of their home - an unfortunate routine - and their habitat for the sake of hamburgers and steaks.

**Correspondence ID: 9769**

get rid of cattle, free Pt. Reyes elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9770**

Alternative B is the best choice moving forward and gives the elk a better chance at survival. Thousands of people have already spoken about this during the last public comment period. Do the right thing and help the elk and improve the wilderness at Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 9771**

Dear NPS,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

As a professional botanist, PhD researcher and resident of the San Francisco Bay Area, I have been appalled by the management of Point Reyes National Seashore. It is tragic to see one of the largest coastal natural areas in California managed largely for the benefit of cattle and to the

detriment of native wildlife, including Elk. Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,"

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The fences excluding Tule Elk from the parklands are at odds with this mandate, and the presence of cattle is demonstrably impairing the enjoyment of future generations by promoting weeds and promoting pasture where native coastal prairie should be restored.

The potential for PRNS to provide much needed habitat for California's exceptional and imperiled biodiversity is immense. I hope NPS will take this important step towards living up to that potential.

Thanks for your consideration,

Susan Fawcett, PhD

**Correspondence ID: 9772**

Hello,

First, thank you for creating this space for the public and for listening to supporting comments to removing the elk fence. Fences feel like a slow death and confinement for elks (and other species). It doesn't feel like the right decision for any species. Elk should be able to roam free, be able to feed and fend for themselves in an area that enables them to thrive, not struggle. If we choose to prioritize the cattle for our own meat consumption purpose, there may be other ways to do that, rather than condemn a species to slowly wither and die.

I understand there is an alternative solution called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I hope you are willing to consider a better, more humane and less disruptive solution.

As our environment suffers great changes, we need more national park lands for humans and wildlife alike. Humans need spaces to find refuge from our turbulent life and wildlife deserve to thrive and have the space to roam free, feed and teach us more about the secrets we can learn from nature.

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. For the wildlife, for us humans and for knowing that you contributed to a change that is more supportive of whole ecosystems.

Thank you for reading my note,

Revital Ever

**Correspondence ID: 9773**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9774**

Well you please tear down the fence and protect the elk. Ship the cows out.

**Correspondence ID: 9775**

I urge the agency to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 9776**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

My family and I thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Please REMOVE the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9777**

Set them free.

**Correspondence ID: 9778**

Please do not enclose the Tule Elk because of cattle ranchers. It's ecocidal and short sighted. Same behavior by ranchers that led to them being this endangered. They need more space !

**Correspondence ID: 9779**

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Please do the right thing and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

**Correspondence ID: 9780**

PRIVATE LIVESTOCK INVADING PUBLIC LANDS..DESTROYING ECO-SYSTEM IS INSANE...!!! WHY AND HOW IS THIS ALLOWED..????!!! SPECIAL INTERESTS ARE CONTROLLING POLICY...WHY..?????!!!! ENOUGH ALREADY...!! BLM MUST EXERT IT'S POWER OVER PROTECTING ,PRESERVING PUBLIC LANDS , SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND ALLOWING WILDLIFE TO EXSIST IN PEACE....NOW...!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9781**

Please free the elk and use Point Reyes for nature wildlife only.

**Correspondence ID: 9782**

Hello.

Please tear down the fence, which will be a life-saving benefit to the elk herd.

Thanks,

Gordon V. Smith

**Correspondence ID: 9783**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are wildly inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over

native wildlife. That is their home first. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. When the elk fence is removed, the free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to hazing, culling, or harassment for any reason.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for taking these points into consideration!

**Correspondence ID: 9784**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9785**

Point Reyes National Seashore is like no other place on earth, it is magnificent. I've spent my lifetime sailing, hiking, camping, horseback riding, fishing, bird watching, whale watching and enjoying the solitude and wonder of nature. Just last month we visited to show our daughter the Tule Elk, as always it was breathtaking. But we were saddened to see the fence still in place, the Tule Elk confined. We were also disappointed to see the cattle ranches and the terrible damage they inflict on the park still in operation.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. As such I strongly urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, the

“Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this crucially important topic.

**Correspondence ID: 9786**

Having taken millions of acres of land from indigenous wildlife and turned it over to the cattle industry, when is enough, enough? We know raising cattle contributes to global warming and is a cruel business. Why can't our natural heritage be as protected as corporations?

Give the land back to the Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9787**

I've visited Point Reyes and was amazed by the beautiful landscapes as well as the wildlife there, including the tule elk. I'm writing today to urge you to remove the elk fencing and allow the native elk to roam free. I believe that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

**Correspondence ID: 9788**

Magnificent Tule Elk. And, in a spectacular location.

Don't waste it on cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9789**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs.

**Correspondence ID: 9790**

Thank you for listening to the huge public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and cattle should never be prioritised over native wildlife.

Choose Alternative B “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Letting confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition is totally unacceptable, especially in a national park.



Free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason once the fence is removed

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Please remove the elk fence to restore the ecosystem and protect important Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9791**

Do the right thing ..... be kind, compassionate, logical.

**Correspondence ID: 9792**

I support Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Conservation of wildlife is consistent with the Park Service mission and the management mandate for Point Reyes. Supporting commercial livestock doesn't belong and should be phased out. The United States has too much cattle and land damaged by grazing. There is no need to devote public lands to private ranching and farming. Eliminating these practices on public lands supports our need for a sustainable economy and future.

**Correspondence ID: 9793**

You should FREE the elk and protect Point Reyes FOR NATIVE wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

You need to get your priorities straight!

**Correspondence ID: 9794**

We need to co-exist with nature, share the land, water, and national treasures. Building a fence is not co-existing or sharing; it's purpose is to divide. Please provide some measures of protection to the native tule elk, like you are providing some measures of protection to the area farmers and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9795**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9797**

Please protect these magnificent animals and their environment!

**Correspondence ID: 9798**

I want the tule elk to remain in the National Seashore area. 1) The tule elk are rare and a part of the United States wildlife.2) I want the fence removed so that the Tule elk have access to water, forage, and space to roam. 3) I don't want the Tule Elk cut off from their needs so that they face dehydration or starvation.4) I want the cattle, a profit endeavor, gone as this is no area for them which is a public area set aside for the public's benefit Most ranchers have their own private ranches wherein they pay about \$23 per cow/calf and receive the profit when the cattle go to market. Why should it be different for the rancher in this monument area. As a country we are destroying our public landscapes and public wildlife and wild horses and burros for a few profit seekers involved in ranching, mining,

and fracking. Do you really want to leave barren land devoid of animals for our grandchildren. Our government destroyed the Native American's land, way of life and

many of the people themselves. Are we willing to do this same to our National Seashore Monument and its native inhabitants?

**Correspondence ID: 9799**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 9800**

Please free the elks. This is a horribly cruel thing to do.

**Correspondence ID: 9801**

Please free and protect the elk — not the cattle destroying it.

Tule elk are majestic, highly social animals, with only 600 remaining and roaming Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. Instead of protecting them, the National Park Service proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confining part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence...This is all to appease livestock owners!

Further, with the recent droughts, the consequences have been deadly: Unable to roam and forage naturally, the confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Please tear down the elk-killing fence! And stop killing them! I implore you to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 9802**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 9803**

Living in CA for 30 years, and having worked in, vacationed, and family who yet live in the region I have visited this incredible area and been fortunate enough to have seen tule elk.

The elk and their habitats should not just be preserved but expanded.

**Correspondence ID: 9804**

Tear down the fence and protect Point Reyes for the native wildlife and not the invasive cattle that are destroying it. Livestock owners should not get preference over the native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9805**

These impressive animals deserve restoration of their native land. It should NOT be lost to commercial

livestock interests.

**Correspondence ID: 9806**

I fully support removing the the fencing at Tomales Point. It's long overdue, let the elk free and support native wildlife. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9807**

Protect tule elk, not ranchers, in Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 9808**

I sincerely hope that the NPS follows the science and tear down the barriers that prevent the Point Reyes Elk survive. They need this additional space to find food otherwise they will perish. The farm/cattle industry never wants to compromise, and data for decades has shown that cattle have a devastating effect on the environment. They do not belong at Point Reyes and should be banned.

**Correspondence ID: 9809**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 9810**

Choose Alternative B. Remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. An "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" is best suited for native wildlife, and will protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem by removing the fence. Post fence removal, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Letting confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition is inhumane and contradictory to the mission of a national park. Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9811**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 9812**

Thank you for listening and reevaluating the choice to leave Tule Elk fenced in. Please choose to remove the fence and let them roam, so they can find water when needed, and be free in the park. Cattle should NOT take priority over wildlife in national parks, or anywhere really. It should be illegal for ranchers to harass the elk also. Thank you so much for your time. Shelley Fitch

**Correspondence ID: 9813**

tear down the elk-killing fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9814**

Native stock should ALWAYS take precedent over introduced stock! Let the elk roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9815**

Please keep Tomales Point Area Plan free of ranchers. Leave it open to the natural wildlife that requires it's area to graze and live. The meat industry will only ruin the area and pollute all surrounding areas. They bring nothing. Leave the land as it is. Thank you, Jolianne Baum

No More Encroachment

**Correspondence ID: 9816**

To Whom It May Concern:

I implore the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal 8-foot-high fence and allow elk to naturally roam free and regain access to adequate food and water sources.

With all due respect, the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. They should not be in the business of appeasing livestock owners. Furthermore, if the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason whatsoever.

Thank you for taking the time in reviewing our comments.

Sincerely, Enzo Barrios

**Correspondence ID: 9817**

PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. . Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9818**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the potentially lethal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time and attention.

**Correspondence ID: 9819**

With our vast majority, representative American taxpayers, free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the far outdated minority livestock owners whose cattle, also brutalized, are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9820**

We visited this area a few years ago and saw the elk. This is a national park with farms included in it. As I understand it, the elk are native to the area. They should be allowed freedom in this area. Farmers should supplement the feed for their livestock if there is not enough for them where the elk are. I do not know what diseases might be spread from wild stock to domestic livestock, but the elk were there before the farmers and they need to be responsible for keeping their livestock healthy.

**Correspondence ID: 9821**

Please choose Alternative B “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife, especially species with low populations or genetic diversity.

Once the elk fence is removed, please put in place measure in place to ensure that free-roaming elk are not subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Thank you for the work of the agency to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9822**

Free the Elk, farmers should buy their own land to raise their livestock on.

**Correspondence ID: 9823**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9824**

Free the Tule elk and give them back their grazing land. Kick the cattle out.

**Correspondence ID: 9825**

Please free the elk from the 8-foot fence that traps them so they cannot get food or water! They need to survive as a species and this confined space will probably make them go extinct! The elk and other wildlife of this ecosystem should be considered better in planning for grazing domestic animals. All the wildlife needs to survive, especially the tule elk. Human beings have messed with Nature enough! Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 9826**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 9827**

To the National Park Service:

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife - not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the



scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

So please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9828**

NPS mission includes "...preserve UNIMPAIRED the natural resources..."

Please do what is right and protect the Point Reyes Tule Elk removing the dangerous fences and allowing the elk to roam freely. Choose Alternative B: "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area".

**Correspondence ID: 9829**

Protect wildlife over for profit livestock owners.

**Correspondence ID: 9830**

It is long past time to allow the tule elk herds of Point Reyes to wander across their original, natural habitat without artificial fencing that limits their migration. Limitations on elk migration recently resulted in catastrophic losses from thirst due to restrictions on their access to water. Prioritizing the needs of wandering cattle, which can be fed and watered by alternative means, is an inappropriate choice that conflicts with the duty of public lands to sustain wildlife endemic to reserved areas.

Please allow the tule elk to roam naturally, and limit access of their native territory to commercial ranching interests.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9831**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Kelly Henderson

**Correspondence ID: 9832**

Dear NPS,

Thank you for taking public comment on this important matter.

I feel strongly that there should be no fence in a wilderness area - it should be actual wilderness, one small part of this earth where human impact is less visible. The fence has harmed elk by preventing them from accessing food and water.

Please don't allow private cattle ranching in Point Reyes, our public land; and please prohibit any kind of hunting/trapping/culling of the elk in this area.

The NPS should choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fence, allow the elk to roam free, and restore the native ecosystem.

Sincerely, Karin Ascot

**Correspondence ID: 9833**

I am opposed to the proposed action

**Correspondence ID: 9834**

Leave God's creature alone!!

**Correspondence ID: 9835**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 9836**

Please do the right thing for the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 9837**

Please:

Elk, yes.

Cows, no.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9838**

Could you please see beyond mans greed for money and help the elk on point Reyes please removed the fence which is causing elks and other native wildlife to die horrible deaths because of no water or food if a cattlemen have cattlemen that you make sure get water and food and freedom then you should have a heart let the elk have the right to life and all the other animals on this land the right to live please think about it thru the eyes of the elks see as one of their children and family members die a very horrible deaths Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9839**

Cattle have taken precedence over native species such as tule elk. Cattle are changing the environment making it less natural and wild. Cattle shouldn't graze on public land, especially at the expense of native animals. Elk have been placed second to cattle by means of fencing that restricts their movement and they have more difficulty getting to water and food. Many have died as a result and this is wrong. At least remove the fencing.

Sincerely, Janice Jones

**Correspondence ID: 9840**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I Urge your agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9841**

Damn the cattle! Let those rare elk run free. Exclude those cattle from public land. They can go elsewhere and fon't need to be ripping off ttaxpayers.

**Correspondence ID: 9842**

As a Senior, and an outdoor person who has personally recreated in Point Reyes National Park, I am submitting the following comments on the Tomales Point Plan for your Planning Process.

It is my firmly held belief that the Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and

malnutrition, especially in a national park. I strongly urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Clearly, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Moreover private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I want to thank the NPS for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9843**

Free the elk and protect the area for native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9844**

Having been a State Park (Marin Area) and National Park Ranger for much of my youth, and a Family Physician commuting from Petaluma to Pt. Reyes and Bolinas I would like to encourage management of this jewel of an area for Elk and other native plants and animals, rather than for cows and cattle. There are lots of nearby ranches where grazing cattle is more tolerable.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Sharon Paltin, M.D.

**Correspondence ID: 9845**

Stop playing silly buggers. Leave the elk alone and free.

**Correspondence ID: 9846**

I urge you to consider Alternative B, allowing the elk to have freedom without fencing and remove the invasive cattle that are not part of the natural environment. Cattle should no longer be considered a priority when people are being encouraged to eat less red meat for their health and the environment does not need the methane they produce, causing climate problems, in addition to the damage they do to the people's National Park's property. Ranchers need to learn new ways of making a living.

**Correspondence ID: 9847**

Ensure cattle do not enter the wilderness area once the 8-foot elk fence is removed;

Enhance and restore habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife within the planning area;

Develop fire management practices within the planning area to maintain healthy ecosystems and natural processes;

Inventory and restore native coastal prairies within the planning area;

Assess climate-related impacts on water resources and native vegetation within the planning area;

Increase public access, use and enjoyment via new trails, camping, and other activities that integrate the planning area into a parkwide trail network

Expand public education and interpretation of Native American culture and history in consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and other descendants of Coast Miwok inhabitants;

Improve public education and interpretation about the Tomales Point elk and their role in the ecology of the Point Reyes peninsula.

**Correspondence ID: 9848**

The 8 foot fence confining the park's tule elk needs to be taken down. During drought years, this artificial barrier has caused many elk to die, blockading these majestic animals from reaching adequate food and water sources. The tule elk are native wildlife unique to the state of California, and wildlife should naturally be allowed to roam freely within a national park. Average summer temperatures have risen across the West, causing warmer and drier conditions. Given these current climate factors, elk will continue to be vulnerable to dying of starvation or thirst in the heat in subsequent years, as long as the barrier fence remains in place. The NPS should make the right decision and choose Alternative B to remove the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9849**

Please preserve the land for native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9850**

I write as somebody who was born and raised in California. I care very much that the native habitats there and everywhere are preserved for native species. Please expand areas where the Tule elk can live and roam at Point Reyes. This native species is an important contributor to the eco system. Livestock do not belong there. Let the private livestock owners find other appropriate places for their animals to graze rather than having them destroy the native ecosystem.

Kindly,

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**Correspondence ID: 9851**

Thank you for taking comments from the public.

I support Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,

This requires the elk fence to be removed so the Tule elk will have more area.

The Tule elk are native to California and should be part of the wilderness of Point Reyes.

Cattle are not native.

Restore the native wildlife and ecosystem.

Thank you,

**Correspondence ID: 9852**

Please save the elk. They belong there, not the cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 9853**

I implore the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 9854**

The purpose of my comment today is to request that the Park Service immediately tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. These wild animals deserve to live in the park with free range. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9855**

Hello,

I am urging the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

We appreciate you listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

**Correspondence ID: 9856**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals. Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 9857**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 9858**

ce back - for them!

**Correspondence ID: 9859**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9860**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and let these beautiful indigenous animals roam free. Cattle are nothing more than a money making enterprise that use up valuable natural resources while indigenous creatures die of thirst and malnutrition. It's 's a National Park, not meant to be a cattle reserve. National Parks were never meant to be a private meat and dairy supplier. I can't stand the smell of cows which permeates everything!

Once the elk fence is removed, these elk should not be harmed in any way

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended! The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" (cows are not part of the natural environment) within Point Reyes and the Organic Act states that "national park lands are to provide for the enjoyment of the scenery,

natural and historic objects and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

please urge for the removal of the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife & restore the ecosystem.

Respectfully,

Laurie Hidy

**Correspondence ID: 9861**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9862**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. These elk are indigenous animals natural to the area and only natural indigenous species should be allowed in all federally owned lands.

I wish to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle, an invasive and non- natural species that destroys all areas they inhabit over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park where people go specifically to natural species and spend a lot of money to do so!

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 9863**

Let this Tule Elk population survive and thrive as nature intended. Do not further restrict their movements and therefore access to food and water so their numbers may expand beyond a limited, small number of around 600 Elk that exist today. This small number may not sustain them into the future and could through climate change, disease, human encroachment etc. lead to their eventual extinction.

**Correspondence ID: 9864**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Jen Scibetta

**Correspondence ID: 9865**

Free and Protect the Point Reyes Tule Elk!! This land is for wild animals, not livestock.

Only roughly 600 of these beautiful animals roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence. This must be stopped.

Not protecting these elk is equivalent to caving to livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

I understand that the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence, but livestock owners don't want that.

I implore you - don't let livestock owners get their way. This is a natural area and the wild animals that make it their home must be able to live there unencumbered by human greed.

**Correspondence ID: 9866**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 9867**

Please protect the Elk and do away with the cattle ranchers who are destroying the ecosystem. The earth is on fire! We should save the natural wild creatures and help them survive in their natural habitat. Humans and animals belong together!

**Correspondence ID: 9868**

Should be all wild

**Correspondence ID: 9869**

After reading the planning for the TPAP, I feel that Alternative B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area sounds like the perfect plan for this National Park site. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my thoughts on this project.

**Correspondence ID: 9870**

Please allow our native elk their freedom to roam. We don't owe anything to livestock owners on our national seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 9871**

I am appealing to the National Park Service to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

Thank you,

Barbara Goodhill

**Correspondence ID: 9872**

WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO DRIVE ANOTHER NATIVE SPECIES TO EXTINCTION? What kind of blind arrogance does it take to wipe out creatures that we have no hope of recreating? DO NOT KEEP THE POINT REYES TULE ELK RESTRICTED OR MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO LESSEN THEIR NUMBERS BY CULLING, STARVATION, OR ANY OTHER WICKED MANEUVER. LET THEM RANGE FREE.

WE HUMANS HAVE ALREADY CREATED GLOBAL CLIMATE CATASTROPHE WITH OUR SELFISHNESS AND REFUSAL TO FACE THE TRUTH. ARE WE NOW INTENDING TO WIPE OUT ALL THE BLAMELESS SPECIES SO WE WON'T GO EXTINCT ALONE? WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IN GOD OR NOT, THAT CONSTITUTES SHEER EVIL.

**Correspondence ID: 9873**

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**Correspondence ID: 9874**

I learned about this last year over the radio and was absolutely horrified. Please do something!  
K. Miles

**Correspondence ID: 9875**

Please tear down the fence and set the Tile Elk free. It is past time to restore the ecosystem at Point Reyes which has been damaged by the cattle ranches.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9876**

Protect the Keyes point elk. Remove the fences and let them have access to fresh water . Remove the cattle from this area, they are destroying the native plants in this area.

**Correspondence ID: 9877**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

**Correspondence ID: 9878**

Please stop torturing the native elk. I have been in and around the Tomales coastal area, heading north and heading west to the beach, and while I have no problem with cattle operations, I detest what you have done to harm these Tule Elk. Please stop it!!!! Be Fair. Respect Nature. Thanks. Susan Lea

**Correspondence ID: 9879**

Our state and national parks exist, at least in part, to provide a sanctuary for wildlife and for native plants. The tule elk should be free to wander the park and to increase their herd numbers. Outside-the-parks concerns have no business on the agenda of park administration or management.

**Correspondence ID: 9880**

Free the Elk please. Please protect this public land for native wildlife. Our planet is literally on fire, and you want this land for cattle? Isn't it clear which option would be best for the land? Please let these majestic creatures run free along with other native animals. This is their land. Please do what's best for the elk, Point Reyes, and ultimately us! Thank you for your time. God bless!

**Correspondence ID: 9881**

It is outrageous that Tule Elk have been and continue to be sacrificed to appease livestock owners.

I wholeheartedly support Alternative B, the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. I also urge the agency to remove the elk fence in order to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restoration of the ecosystem.

Thank You.

**Correspondence ID: 9882**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9883**

Please remove this fence and allow the Tule Elk, a native species and only present in California, to roam freely. They shouldn't be harmed in favor of cattle grazing, and if the two are incompatible it should be the cattle that vacate the area. There should be no hunting or culling of Tule Elk. This has been a heartache for many years and now is the time to end it.

Thank you for considering this action. Society's feelings are changing with regard to nature and animals; too much has been lost already. We don't want to lose more. Taking action now to protect the Tule Elk would be much appreciated.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9884**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9885**

You must protect our wildlife and NOT the cattle ranchers. In a time where we are right to save our climate, environment and wildlife to save our planet! Stop siding with the ranchers. Start protecting our wildlife!

**Correspondence ID: 9886**

I lived in the Bay Area for 10 years and loved to visit the Point Reyes Park. Back then, it was a natural habitat, not a cattle ranch.

I firmly believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9887**

Greetings, this message is in support of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I want to thank you all for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 9888**

Please protect the Tule Elk of Point Reyes. Take down fences and barriers that keep them from being able to free roam and sustain themselves. I believe that in a National Park this rare species needs to be the first priority. The cattle should either be limited in area and number, or ideally eliminated over a period of time. The goal needs to be to turn the Point Reyes National Seashore back to native habitat for native species of the unique peninsula ecosystem.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment.

**Correspondence ID: 9889**

Protect the tule elk herds. They belong on the Pt.Reyes peninsula. The cattle are second comers not original wildlife. Wilderness areas and wildlife need full protection. Cattle can live elsewhere.

**Correspondence ID: 9890**

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I therefore urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called

“Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I understand that there is overwhelming public support for removal of the elk fencing.

I am sure the Park Service agrees that it is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” In concert with this legislation, free-roaming elk should be kept free of culling, hazing or harassment of any kind once the elk fence is removed.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife, restore the ecosystem, and enhance visitor education and enjoyment of Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 9891**

Point Reyes should be open to wild, and the Elk: our agriculture needs can be addressed elsewhere. Please adopt plan B, and get rid of those fences for the Elk. We have pretty much set everything in motion to wipe out nature for far outdated priorities.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9892**

Thank you for taking public comments on the Tule Elk plans. I support making the land once again a protected park area, disallowing cattle grazing, and returning the area to a wilderness area.

For far too long the elk have suffered due to lack of clean water sources and poor vegetation. Ranchers and cattle take the blame as do the people that allowed the wilderness area to be fenced by using an eight foot fence that the elk can't jump.

Please listen to those of us that love our wilderness areas and the Indigenous people that have long held the area in esteem. We value giving the elk the freedom they were born to experience.

Sincerely, Betty Ramsey

**Correspondence ID: 9893**

If the elk are unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition. Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes National Seashore for the elk not for the cattle and cattle ranchers that are destroying this natural habitat. Once destroyed it will never be a balanced ecosystem again and quite likely the elk will become extinct. Please preserve what is already there and thriving.

Thank you for your time

Tiffany Casler

**Correspondence ID: 9894**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9895**

I urge the Park Service to remove the "Elk. Fence" which has been erected to restrict the movement of the Tule Elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore Park. It is not proper to restrict the movement of this endangered species in a National Park. This restriction which is to benefit local cattle ranchers is completely unacceptable and should be stopped immediately. The limitation of free movement of the Tule Elk has resulted in the death of some elk due to malnutrition and lack of ready access to fresh water.

National Parks are for the benefit of all Americans and to protect endangered species they should not benefit a special interest group ie cattle ranchers in this instance.

Thank you for considering these issues and I urge you to remove the Elk Fence as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Stephen Olcott

**Correspondence ID: 9896**

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**Correspondence ID: 9897**

THERE IS A PURPOSE FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN!!!

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**Correspondence ID: 9898**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Marco Salvetti

**Correspondence ID: 9899**

In a nutshell, parks like Point Reyes are supposed to be there to protect nature, especially rare

animals like these elk. It should not be managed for the benefit of cattle ranchers. It seems they want everything killed that eats grass their precious cows could be eating. Please protect the wildlife first!

**Correspondence ID: 9900**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Joy McGinty

**Correspondence ID: 9901**

I'm writing to say that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness a

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes.

Let Point Reyes National Seashore become a truly natural environment.

Let the Tule Elk roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 9902**

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**Correspondence ID: 9903**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences

are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment unless it's a huge natural emergency. Thank you for prioritizing nature over financial interests.

**Correspondence ID: 9904**

As a lover of Point Reyes and its wildlife since 1969: choose Alternative B.

**Correspondence ID: 9905**

Please help support the Tule elk, the priority should be on the natural populations not private labs owners.

**Correspondence ID: 9906**

Thank you for listening and welcoming comments.

I believe the fences need to be removed so that elk can roam free. How can we prioritize cattle over the naturally-occurring animals of North American. We need to consume LESS meat, help climate problems improve by not having the methane.

**Correspondence ID: 9907**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9908**

U S Park Service:

Please protect the tule elk herds at Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

I am a retired biologist who has worked as an instructor and as a field biologist in California for fifty years. I lived in Marin and Sonoma Counties for a combined 34 years. I know Pt Reyes well. I understand the plight of the tule elk. Your park herds need all the help they can get.

Remember, tule elk and other endangered species were in California long before ranchers and their livestock. Their rights as inhabitants have been seriously abused to the point of near-extinction.

Lynn Stafford

**Correspondence ID: 9909**

Free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 9910**

I use to live in California and this region was a beautiful area. I am writing to say please protect the elk and other wildlife. Too many cattle farms as it is. Keep California beautiful. Thanks!

**Correspondence ID: 9911**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9912**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9913**

I urge the National Park Service to employ the practices that will protect the native Tule Elk and the seashore's ecosystem. This would include the following:

- Employ Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the elk fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Removing the fence will also protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

- Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment. It's unacceptable to let native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

- Private cattle operations don't belong in Point Reyes and should be ended in accord with the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes.

Please do the right thing! Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9914**

Hello

I am writing to you in regards the elk herd and the Pierce Ranch Core Area hoping that the Park Service will choose Alternative B called "The Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area".

Thank you for listening to the public,s support for removing the fence. I love our National Parks, State Parks and Wilderness Refuge Areas. In fact my husband and I plan our RV vacations around visiting all three of these. Before living in NC we lived in Wyoming. There is nothing like being in a true wildness amongst our fellow creatures who roam wild over this land we call ours, but which in truth belongs to them. I do not think private livestock operations belong in Point Reyes, nor in any National Park or wilderness area.Please continue your good work protecting the wildlife and restoring ecosystems, leaving them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. I would like to think my grandsons will be able to wander in nature and stumble upon the beauty of a wild animal,

one who lives unimpeded by a fence, or hemmed in by grazing livestock. So again, thank you for supporting the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation which mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" and removing the man made elk fence.

Sincerely, Linda Olinger

**Correspondence ID: 9915**

Please let the elk roam free. They should have priority over cattle. They are also better for the environment than cattle.

Thank you, Elizabeth Kloefer

**Correspondence ID: 9916**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I appreciate that the Park Service listened to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. I have learned that the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Please protect our wild life and the environment they

thrive in, this action is especially important given the pressure on elk and other life forms currently threatened with extinction due to climate change.

**Correspondence ID: 9917**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Sandra Dragan

**Correspondence ID: 9918**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9919**

It is imperative that we save endangered species from extinction. Less illegal immigrants and more species!!

**Correspondence ID: 9920**

Please stop preventing the elk from traveling wherever they want and need to go for survival. They need to find streams and meadows that provide nourishment. I want to thank you for the removal of the fence.

There is no reason to disturb their natural behaviors and the elk should not be bullied to satisfy the cattle farmers who should be grateful for the gift of park usage which is not suitable for Point Reyes. The natural environment and creatures that live there need protection.

National parks have been created for people to enjoy the beauty they naturally contain and educate themselves on the history of the areas. Parks need to be retained for future generations.

It is time to end private cattle ranching now. Such farming is destructive to the environment of the parks.

Please remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife to restore the ecological environment. Thank you for removing the fence for it is the most appropriate thing for the protection of the land and creatures that live there.

**Correspondence ID: 9921**

Let the elk live, in Peace!!

**Correspondence ID: 9922**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations ARE NOT appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9923**

The elk were here first, and they should have priority for increased range to support their herd health. They are magnificent!

**Correspondence ID: 9924**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Sandra Dragan

**Correspondence ID: 9925**

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals. The confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason. Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 9926**

Please free the elk trapped behind the fence at Point Reyes and preserve the area for wildlife, not livestock raised for slaughter. These animal were almost hunted to extinction and need to come back. These animals are native to this area and parks belong to everyone, not just the for profit ranchers. We need to stop destroying native animals for the profits of a few. They belong to everyone.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Usha Peddamatham



**Correspondence ID: 9928**

Please free the Elk and protect Reyes Point for wildlife only..It's the right thing to do.

**Correspondence ID: 9929**

I know the area, was a Bay area resident for 37 years. Of course the elk are the areas wildlife and must free to roam, to forage, get enough water to drink, and to find shelter with weather changes. They must be protected and given freedom to roam, this is only right. Humans continue to impose on all our wildlife lands, hey they were here first.

**Correspondence ID: 9930**

Our family urges your Agency to remove the, elk, fence to protect "Point Reyes National Seashore" 's, native, wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

Instead of protecting the, native, tule elk of California's "Point Reyes National Seashore", for years, the "National Park Service" has confined members of the, largest, herd, all to appease, livestock owners. Tell the Park Service" to free the elk and protect "Point Reyes" for, native, wildlife — NOT for the, livestock, owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem!

The "Park Service" is, finally, proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high, elk-killing, fence at "Tomales Point". The fence causes, massive, elk die-offs during, drought, years, cutting animals off from, adequate, food and water sources.

The "National Park Service" MUST choose "Alternative B", called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the, fatal, fence and allow elk to, naturally, roam free!

We want to thank the Agency for listening to the. overwhelming, public support for removing the, elk, fence!. Fences are inappropriate in, wilderness, areas, and, the "Park Service" MUST NOT prioritize cattle over, native, wildlife!

It is unacceptable to force confined, native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially, in a National Park!.

Once the, elk, fence is removed, free-roaming, elk MUST NOT be subjected to culling, hazing, or, harassment for, any, reason!

Private, cattle, operations are NOT appropriate in "Point Reyes" and MUST be ended to honor the charter of the "National Seashore"! The "Point Reyes Enabling Legislation" mandates "the, maximum, protection, restoration, and, preservation, of the, natural, environment" within Point Reyes", and the "Organic Act" designates, National Park, lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural, and, historic, objects, and, wildlife, in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of, future, generations."

**Correspondence ID: 9931**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time!

**Correspondence ID: 9932**

Please remove the fence, NPS, and Alternative "B" is the best choice so the Elk do roam free, we don't think it's okay for the Elk to die of thirst or starve to death, especially in a national park.

And, important is that private cattle operations are no longer and NOT allowed, they are not okay in Point Reyes and should be stopped.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 9933**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for considering this, and hopefully removing the fence which will restore the ecosystem and save the elk. The cattle belong on private grazing ground; not ruining Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 9935**

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The agency must remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 9936**

Please do the RIGHT thing.

**Correspondence ID: 9937**

We have destroyed the balance of nature and endangered the lives of non-human animals by prioritizing human intervention and human profit. Anything we can do to assist in rebalancing should be a top priority.

**Correspondence ID: 9938**

Please save the time elk

**Correspondence ID: 9939**

FREE THE ELK!

DEDICATE POINT REYES TO ITS NATURAL WILD LIFE!!

FENCE THE CATTLE!!! ...THEY ARE DOMESTICS...THE INTRUDERS

**Correspondence ID: 9940**

We need to protect our animals, land and country!

**Correspondence ID: 9941**

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**Correspondence ID: 9943**

What your agency is doing to these poor Thule Elk is appalling, disgraceful and barbaric! What the HELL are you thinking???? Oh, of course - - - big oil wins again.

What a travesty that you, whose entire being is to protect wildlife and their habitat, should be in the pocket of big oil.

YOU ARE SIGNING THE DEATH WARRANT FOR THE THULE ELK AND YOU DON'T CARE!  
YOU MUST FREE THE ELK AND KEEP THE ENTIRE AREA AS A SANCTUARY FOR THEM.  
NOW!

YOU ARE A DISGRACE TO THE US AND A BLIGHT ON HUMANITY!

**Correspondence ID: 9944**

I'm urging the Park Service to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Thank you, S. Cossins

**Correspondence ID: 9945**

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9948**

The elk are the natural wildlife of this area, not cattle. The elk should be preserved and protected, and allow to forage in the natural habitat. Do we allow what was an almost extinct species to die because of cattle ranchers got the idea to create a ranch where they probably shouldn't have? Do they really have the right to restrict the elk?

**Correspondence ID: 9949**

Please protect the Tule elk and their habitats. No cattle please.

**Correspondence ID: 9950**

Don't mess it up!

**Correspondence ID: 9951**

Dear National Park Service,

I salute you for proposing to tear down the eight-foot high fence that has prevented the elk from being able to get adequate food and water in Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS). I would also implore you, in a time when so many, many wildlife species are in serious decline, to value tule elk and do everything you are able to support their needs, especially when drought conditions arise - another phenomena that is prevalent and impacting wildlife species today. This species once nearly became extinct! There are millions of cattle in the U.S. today; livestock interests SHOULD NOT be able to close down/prevent what is needed for tule elk, especially in a national park! I ask you to do the right thing and select Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Are," so the elk have habitat they need all year round, which will allow them to thrive. Under PRNS management, the elk should never be harassed or culled for any reason. Again, currently, tule elk and wildlife species of all kinds are threatened by human actions; we should be doing all that we can to assist wildlife in a world that so often threatens their existence. Legislation has already mandated this for tule elk at PRNS! Please, please, tear down that fence, leave the elk alone and finally, prohibit livestock at PRNS. They are at cross-purposes to a healthy elk herd and environment at Point Reyes National Seashore. The National Park Service should be in the "business" of saving wildlife species.

**Correspondence ID: 9952**

Please remove fencing and allow Tule elk to live a life of freedom.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9953**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9954**

I am so dang tired watching the "7 deadly sins" taking over.

Humans have SO MUCH to learn & most of the time, it's the humans fault for all the destruction that occurs.

These beautiful, majestic beings have every right to be here...having their homes & land protected.

Please, do the correct action.

Yes, there is such a thing as KARMA.

Do NOT let greed, ignorance & stupidity take over.

SGMKJ

**Correspondence ID: 9955**

Livestock owners are guests on public land. As such, they need to be stewards, interacting with the land & the wildlife responsibly. It is a travesty that governmental agencies are not enforcing & demonstrating good stewardship. Instead, officials are causing immense suffering & destruction of our wildlife. It is a disgusting mess, when you break it down. I do not, nor will I ever, support the reduction or removal of the Tule Elk. It is one of the most unique & magical things about the Point Reyes region. And agreed, so is the history of dairies & ranching. But the importance of one does not outweigh the importance of the other. What is required is that you manage it far better than you have been. Smarter, not harder.

**Correspondence ID: 9956**

Point Reyes is a beautiful place for the enjoyment of the public. Part of the lure is seeing

beautiful elk and wildlife. Somehow the National Park Service has made a horrific decision against wildlife especially the elk. Private businesses for profit do not deserve public wildlife areas at the expense of the wildlife. How misguided can the Park Service be?

Move the cattle out as they are destroying the ecosystem and open the fences for all animals especially the elk. This is the way it always should be. Let them be free with access to water and grazing. Let the public enjoy this beautiful area.

My family visited years ago just to see the elk-----free, not imprisoned behind high fences.

Do the right thing-----finally.

Respectfully,

Leigh Platte

**Correspondence ID: 9957**

This area should be for the native wildlife, NOT farmers or ranchers. Please protect the tule elk!

**Correspondence ID: 9958**

Dear Sirs;

Please get rid of the cattle that does not and never did belong there, and leave the elk there in peace. It makes no sense to do it any other way.

Sincerely, Ron Parsons

**Correspondence ID: 9959**

These natural areas and the wildlife need to be protected, if they aren't the earth won't survive, that means ALL life won't survive.

**Correspondence ID: 9960**

Your job is to Protect the Elk...not destroy them!!!! So do your job!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 9961**

Elks are iconic American animals whose presence in our parks is a measure of their survival and our custodianship. We must help their survival.

**Correspondence ID: 9962**

Dear National Park Service,

Thank you for accepting public input. There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."



Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you.

John P. Heyneman

**Correspondence ID: 9963**

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**Correspondence ID: 9964**

I am pleased that the National Park Service is listening to the public and considering removing the fence confining the elk at Point Reyes. I hope you will choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and allow the elk to roam naturally.

After the fence is removed, elk should be left alone and allowed to live as freely as possible without human interference.

In keeping with the spirit of the creation and protection of Point Reyes National Seashore, the cattle industry does not belong and should be eliminated. Point Reyes and should be ended. National park lands are meant to serve the public and protect our national treasures including wildlife in its natural environment for future generations.

I urge you to remove the elk fence, protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife, and restore the natural environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 9965**

Alternative B is the right thing to do, remove the fence, let the Tule Elk roam free. And when

they are allowed to roam free please do not let them be harassed, hazed or culled in any way. Keeping them confined in a National Park and allowing them to starve or die of thirst is inhumane and wrong, and to think this could happen in a National Park is beyond horrible.

The agency should remove the Elk Fence, restore the ecosystem and allow the native wildlife to be top priority. Cattle are not native and should not be allowed in this National Park.

Thank you for your time.

Patricia Nazzaro

**Correspondence ID: 9966**

We have visited the Point Reyes National Seashore and drove to the end of the peninsula trying to see the famous Tule Elk. We were shocked and saddened to see that there was a large dairy farm and cattle operations. We never could see the Elk.

We were disturbed to know that the Elk were so small in number and occupied a fenced-in compound. These Elk were endanger of becoming an extinct species and the National Park Service should not keep these magnificent animals in these conditions. The Elk must have a larger section of the preserve in which to roam.

The mandate for the fence brought about by the 1998 Tule Elk Management Plan is wrong and the plan needs to be rescinded. Elk are dying due to malnourishment and lack of water in this compound. The compound is artificial and not healthy for these animals.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife!!

**Correspondence ID: 9967**

I have visited Point Reyes and I have also spent much of my life as a livestock owner, but I do NOT support decimating wildlife populations that inhabit public lands in favor of livestock owners. Wildlife have no other place to call home, and allowing livestock to damage public lands and honoring livestock owners' wishes over the needs of local wildlife is neither humane nor acceptable. The overwhelming majority of citizens desire to preserve wildlife, and the wild nature of public lands should be honored above minority livestock owners grazing their livestock for pennies on the dollar at the expense of our wilderness and wildlife! Our tax dollar-supported public lands must guarantee keeping the wild in wilderness and wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9968**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9970**

We have tipped past far too many points in putting our taste buds over survival of life on our planet. We must prioritize protection of who and what is left of our native natural biodiverse wildlife and wildlands. Please, choose to remove the fence so that elk can roam freely. The fatal fencing is wrong for the area. Elk and other wildlife should be protected and allowed to roam free, not subject to the needs of domesticated animals. Private cattle operations must be ended and the National Seashore charter should be held to for this area, so that preservation within the Point Reyes and Organic Act lands will remain unimpaired for enjoyment of future generations. Thank you very much for the important work you do, and hearing my concerns. Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" and on every opportunity

work towards protecting what remains of our quickly disappearing native wildlife and wildlands.  
Thank you and take care,

**Correspondence ID: 9971**

Our parks and lives are blessed with nature's gifts.

Going back on our History, one can easily see the heavy losses of native buffalo

And what they had contributed to our environment, before being so thoughtlessly

Hunted for no real purpose.

Minimal recovery has taken great time.

**Correspondence ID: 9972**

When will these gluttonous people be satisfied with what they have already stolen from the environment? Save the elk make these ranchers remove their cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 9973**

Let the elk go & restrict the livestock

**Correspondence ID: 9974**

Please choose wildlife, not cattle. I urge the following:

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 9976**

These are not my own words, but I agree with them:

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Thank you.

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**Correspondence ID: 9978**

I am writing with my comments about Tule elk management. I strongly support removal of the fence and free roaming of the elk. Fences are not compatible with a wilderness area and they have contributed to deaths of elk because they were unable to access water. This is a horrifying outcome in a National Park. I think the wild elk's needs and historical range should take precedence over the desires of ranchers with grazing animals. I would advocate for revocation of grazing permits and removal of cattle altogether. They are not part of the ecosystem and cause damage to native flora and fauna.

Thank you for heeding public opinion. Remove the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 9979**

I'm writing to voice support for tearing down the 8-foot-high fence at Tomales Point. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you so much for your time and consideration of this proposal!

**Correspondence ID: 9980**

My husband was from California and took me many time to Point Reyes to see, among other things, the elk herd. Please choose Alternative B. We give into commercial interests far too often at the expense of wilderness and wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9981**

Please protect the elk and allow them water and space. Do NOT place cattle ranchers above our elk that live on OUR land!

**Correspondence ID: 9982**

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**Correspondence ID: 9983**

My family's history in farming and ranching goes back many generations.

The Worthington side of my family were the original homesteaders on Pleasant Prarie (near Spokane).

So I grew up around farming and ranching.

I must tell you, however, that I no longer give a single buffalo chip about what cattle ranchers want or don't want.

Tear down that damned 8' fence confining the Tule Elk at Point Reyes!

Confining these beautiful wild creatures is inhumane, unnecessary, and no longer acceptable.

If some folks choose to enslave and slaughter cows for cash, that's their prerogative (and karma).

BUT those people don't deserve special assistance, acquiesce, or consideration at the expense of wild elk - and the rest of the public.

I've had my fill of killing. It is unacceptable to allow cattle ranchers to dictate policy for our public lands and endangered, threatened, and sensitive species. PERIOD.

**Correspondence ID: 9984**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Beth Elkayam

**Correspondence ID: 9985**

I care about wildlife and nature.

**Correspondence ID: 9986**

Please release the elk currently being 'corralled' in an area that is not sustainable. Our enviromental system needs all animals to be free to roam.

**Correspondence ID: 9987**

Please free the elk and protect native wildlife!

**Correspondence ID: 9988**

Please choose Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area, to allow native animals to roam free of artificial confinements.

I find it absurd and unreasonable to fence in wild animals to appease private cattle operations that don't even protect the unique nature of Point Reyes. Cattle will not leave the land unimpaired for future generations. Neither do they provide scenery enjoyment, help tourism, or protect natural or historic objects!

I urge you to remove the elk fence.

Thank you very much for listening to public support for the elk and their natural habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 9989**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 9990**

I urge full support for the elk to have habitat fully open to them and supportive of their natural life. Please prioritize the natural environment over grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 9991**

Please free the elk and protect the wildlife



**Correspondence ID: 9992**

Our parks need to be protecting the native species, not livestock owners.

**Correspondence ID: 9993**

These Elk must be freed from past years of abuse and destruction. These are public creatures and don't deserve the inhumane treatment, while bowing down to cattle ranchers.

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**Correspondence ID: 9995**

This year has been the craziest on record for weather, and next year is predicted to be crazier still. Earth needs all species filling their ecological niche. The elk cannot do so if government continues to interfere. Please allow the elk to roam as they did before humankind began to force its own agenda upon them. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 9996**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on managing the tule elk herd at Point Reyes.

I urge the Park Service to choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to roam freely. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and it is heinously unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Private cattle operations are clearly not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I look forward to your decision to manage this irreplaceable elk herd more humanely.

**Correspondence ID: 9997**

As a very concerned American citizen and taxpayer, I appreciate you for considering my comments.

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**Correspondence ID: 9998**

Protect animals! We're all on this planet for a reason.

**Correspondence ID: 9999**

Darn near killed them all off as we did with the bison. Then the population rebounds a bit and the plan is to kill off inconvenient herds. Quit screwing with the natural world. Americans don't like it when foreign countries attack and/or kill us. These magnificent animals are not threatening anyone. They can't fight back as we can against adversaries. Leave them alone. Rejoice in our success at restoring what we nearly obliterated.

**Correspondence ID: 10000**

The NPS needs to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," that will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. That is what the public wants. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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**Correspondence ID: 10002**

Please remove the elk fence at Point Reyes National Seashore.

In these times of climate warming, the earth's wildlife species are disappearing at an alarming rate. The Tule elk herd of Point Reyes shouldn't fall victim and become another sad story.

Cattle ranching is harmful to our environment in several ways. The methane that's produced by their waste is many times as damaging to our atmosphere as carbon dioxide. Their grazing damages the soil and destroys native vegetation.

Cattle also damage stream banks and their waste contaminates waterways.

Those are all pretty good reasons to allow the Tule elk herd to be free to roam, to graze and drink and to thrive.

Thanks for letting me express my thoughts about this important issue.

**Correspondence ID: 10003**

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**Correspondence ID: 10004**

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Laura Lane

**Correspondence ID: 10005**

Don't give landowners priority over endangered species. We need biological diversity, not the monotony of ranchers. Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10006**

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I strongly urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10007**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Andrew Towne

**Correspondence ID: 10008**

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback and for taking public support into consideration for removing the elk fence. I urge you to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free...as they should. Confined elk are dying of thirst and malnutrition as a result of constructing the fence to appease ranching interests. After the elk fence is removed, the free-roaming elk should not be subject to any form of culling, hazing, or harassment. Let's prioritize life over the profit-making of the cattle industry. Let's restore the ecosystem for native wildlife and the aesthetic appreciation of humans; rather than further degrade the ecosystem and risk species extinction for the benefit of private cattle operations.

**Correspondence ID: 10009**

It has come to my attention that your organization is considering a cull to manage the 600 tule elk currently inhabiting Point Reyes National Seashore, some of whom are currently confined within an 8-foot-tall fence -- a measure designed to appease the cattle ranchers who illegally graze their herds in the park.

As has been demonstrated elsewhere in the world (e.g. Botswana), fences block migration routes and prevent wild animals from accessing critical sources of food and water; as the natural world becomes increasingly fragmented in concert with the rise in human numbers, it is of cardinal importance that we do all we can to connect the last remaining islands of wilderness, so that wildlife can repopulate their former range and survive into the future.

Confining elk into one small area and allowing them to die of malnutrition and dehydration is morally and legally unacceptable, especially when the area in question is a federally protected reserve. Furthermore, private livestock operations have no place on land set aside specifically for the protection of wildlife -- nor do the fences intended to separate the two animal groups.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within the park's established boundaries, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

With all of this in mind, I greatly appreciate that your organization has listened to public input and has proposed cutting down the fence to allow the elk to roam freely, as nature intended. In

addition, it behooves you to do all in power to ensure that elk are not culled or harassed for any reason once the fence is removed.

**Correspondence ID: 10010**

The National Park Service should work for the public interest and not for private ranchers. This is National Seashore and should be maintained to protect native wildlife and preserve the natural ecosystem. The native elk should be allowed to roam free and the harmful fencing should be removed. This beautiful place is a wild and precious resource as are its native inhabitants.

**Correspondence ID: 10011**

Dear National Park Service,

I write concerning the Tomales Point Area Plan. It has come to my attention that the tule elk have been confined under your purview by an 8-foot fence in too small an area to adequately find food and water during extreme drought. As a result, the elk are under duress during these times and some die. This is simply unacceptable. As stewards of this earth and its wildlife, we can do better than this! I implore you to take down this fence to allow the elk the freedom to find adequate sustenance in ALL weather conditions.

I appreciate your taking public comments and hope that you will make the right choice in favor of ending this cruelty, thus improving the situation for California's native tule elk. It's their land too! Humans need to learn to coexist with more grace and compassion.

Thank you,

Amabel Siorghlas

**Correspondence ID: 10012**

Please do not fence the tule elk in. I have been lucky enough to see just one lone tule elk in my travels around California. I don't want to see any wildlife confined.

Thank you for accepting comments from the public.

**Correspondence ID: 10013**

Why must citizens keep writing comment after comment to urge you to protect vulnerable animal populations? Put into place the strongest protections for the animals, environment and our lives.

**Correspondence ID: 10014**

Preserving elk is more important than another group of cattle---no killing of elk please.

**Correspondence ID: 10015**

It's time to leave these elegant creatures alone!

**Correspondence ID: 10016**

Public land should be for protecting wildlife and our natural resources and for the enjoyment of the American people. Privately owned livestock need to live on privately owned land. Our public lands should not be rented out to private citizens to further their own gains. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10017**

I don't understand why the government is supporting cattle over a native animal, the elk. Money

from cattle should not determine activities at Point Reyes. The Tule Elk should not be relegated to die because an 8 foot fence stops their movement to survive.

Please remove this barrier to the Tule Elk. The elk are entitled to roam free of hazards, confinement, hazing or culling.

Thank you for listening to this Californian.

**Correspondence ID: 10018**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 10019**

The most important mission you have is to preserve the environment and the animals who depend on it. The Tule Elk are an important part of the California ecosystem, slaughtered and wasted by colonizers, and now once again threatened by non-native animals and their humans. Do you know the story behind Elkhorn Slough? The indigenous tribes can tell you

exactly how important these animals are, and you should be propagating and repopulating this species as much as possible. Seeing them in the wild (unfenced and roaming free) is a rewarding sight, and they can help restore habitats. If their numbers increase sufficiently, they would be a better source of nutrition than cattle, and less harmful to the environment. Stop catering to private industry, and protect native species over interlopers.

**Correspondence ID: 10020**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10021**

I implore you to free the elk & protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying the ecosystem. The Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's UNETHICAL & IMMORAL to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. The cattle lobby is too influential, we need to reclaim PUBLIC land & have the ranchers find other space that isn't a designated National Park. We need to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the native ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10022**

Hello and thank you for accepting public input on this important matter. My husband and I visited Point Reyes National Seashore this year and hiked out to Tomales Point during a wildflower super bloom. It was a treat to see the tule elk while on our journey. In reviewing proposed options, I would like to express my support of Alternative B Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. The addition of restroom facilities is very important for visitors, thank you! The protection and preservation of this beautiful animal species must take precedence over cattle grazing. Removal of the fencing to allow free-roaming appears to be critical to survival. Managing visitor capacity and usage are necessary; we love our parks so much that we wind up destroying them. I didn't understand why option B does not include enhancing the availability of naturally occurring water at the springs and seeps as it seems that would greatly assist during periods of drought. I would ask that conservation experts be the guide for the best decision on this. Thank you, again, and thanks for providing the excellent history on the elk and the land use. It's heartening to see this type of care and concern being taken to save animals from extinction and to allow them to roam freely in a natural wilderness area.

**Correspondence ID: 10023**

Protect Point Reyes elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10024**

AS a native San Franciscan I had many opportunities to hike in and enjoy Point Reyes National Seashore. On a number of my visits I was thrilled to encounter the elk herds there,

I am appalled that Park Service is prioritizing the interests of private livestock owners over the needs of the elk. Private livestock does not belong in any territory administered by the Park Service!

Free the elk. Remove the elk fence. And getting the cattle out!

Regards,

Alex

**Correspondence ID: 10025**

Keep for profit ranchers off my tax paid for public lands! Leave the Tule Elk to roam free where they belong!

**Correspondence ID: 10026**

Hello National Park Service,

I have been aware of the elk herd at the Point Reyes National Seashore for some time now. I also understand that private cattle operations would like to continue that practice in that area for financial reasons. However, I think it's past time to choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area) and remove the elk fence in this wilderness area. That would allow the elk to naturally roam free while protecting the seashore's native wildlife and restoring the ecosystem.



Therefore, I urge your agency to honor the charter of the National Seashore by prioritizing native wildlife over cattle.

Thank you for being good stewards of our National Parks.

Respectfully,

Marshal McKittrick

**Correspondence ID: 10027**

Tule elk need our help and it's our job to keep them safe and healthy. Elk need to roam and keeping them confined will not keep them healthy. Please do not fence them in.

**Correspondence ID: 10028**

Thank you for allowing me to comment on Point Reyes National Seashore.

I strongly urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, known as "Unconfined Elk Herd & Pierce Ranch Core Area"-- this will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to roam free as they naturally would and should. Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners. It's unacceptable and unfathomable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

It is my hope that the National Park Service will priority our native wildlife over cattle, which have no place in our national parks. Please do not let livestock owners and their cattle destroy the ecosystem that make America unique and that so many Americans enjoy.

Thank you.

KGeorge

**Correspondence ID: 10029**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10030**

Protect the tule elk instead of cattle on our public land. There are plenty of cattle and not many tule elk. Diversity is the key to our survival.

**Correspondence ID: 10031**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,"

which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. These are large animals and are meant to roam free.

Thank you listening to the public support for removing the elk fence. Fences do not make good neighbors and should not be used in wilderness areas. Please do not have the Park Service prioritize cattle over native wildlife. These are wilderness areas.

Confining the native elk is abusive and causing them to get the food and water they need in the national park.

Please remove the fence and let them live like the wild animals they are.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes. Please end the practice and honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10032**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Kalpana Pot

**Correspondence ID: 10033**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10034**

I am demanding the Park Service free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — NOT for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. How can you claim to be a "Park Service" when you appease the cattle owners and kill wildlife which

are clearly part of the ecosystem you are supposed to protect. Cattle cause harm and you know it. They have NO place in an open space "park". That's not what the people of California expect of those paid to protect their dwindling and so very important open space.

Elk are native; cattle are foreign. What more do you need to know? Reverse this

attempt to corral and slaughter innocent native Elk and make The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 10035**

Please manage the public land around Point Reyes and Tomales Point to the sustainable betterment of the native Tule Elk rather than for cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10036**

The earth is home to over a billion cows at any given moment. But let's contrast this with the Tule elk - only a few thousand of these magnificent, one-of-a-kind creatures roam freely in our world. The disparity in numbers alone is stark and should serve as a wake-up call. We owe the Tule elk our most dedicated protection and support. Historically, their population was nearly driven to extinction due to hunting and habitat loss, and only through concerted conservation efforts have they seen a resurgence. But we cannot rest on past laurels.

Climate change presents an immediate and existential threat to these creatures. Shifting weather patterns, changing habitats, wildfires, and the relentless push of human encroachment threaten the delicate balance of their existence. It's not just about the Tule elk but the intricate web of life they represent.

Protecting the Tule elk isn't just about conserving a species – it's about preserving a part of our shared heritage and the health of our ecosystems. Wetlands, where tule grows abundantly, act as nature's sponge, absorbing excess water during storms and releasing it during dry spells. They filter pollutants and provide habitat for a plethora of species. By protecting and expanding our wetlands, we're offering sanctuary to the Tule elk and fortifying our natural defenses against the more violent whims of a changing climate.

To truly honor our commitment to wilderness, wildlife, and to the Tule elk, we must view their conservation as a holistic endeavor. It's not just about numbers but about ecosystems, interconnected species, and their invaluable importance to Point Reyes National Seashore.

We are at a pivotal moment in our environmental journey. With the challenges of climate change mounting, our dedication to conserving native species like the Tule elk is a barometer of our commitment to the planet. In saving them, we're taking tangible steps towards a sustainable, harmonious coexistence with nature.

It's time to rally behind the Tule elk, not merely as an act of conservation but as a profound statement of our values and vision for the future. Let's repay the debt we owe to these magnificent creatures and, in the process, ensure a richer, more biodiverse world for generations to come.

**Correspondence ID: 10037**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. lev rutenberg

**Correspondence ID: 10038**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Dr. irina rutenburg

**Correspondence ID: 10039**

It's time we start to protect our wildlife. Actually it's past time. We need to set aside land for these creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 10040**

Hello!

Please help free the beautiful Point Reyes Tule Elk, and please remove the elk fence for the following reasons:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10041**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10042**

Hi! The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10043**

To the National Park Service,

Regarding the Point Reyes Elk, please choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, we shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 10044**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended.

**Correspondence ID: 10045**

Dear National Park Service,

Please choose Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area, and once the elk fence is removed, please ensure that the elk aren't subject to culling, hazing, or harassment.

You are well-aware of the consequences to confined elk if the fence stays up and the ecological benefits to removing it, and of the mandates of the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation and the Organic Act with respect to national park lands; there is nothing more I can tell you. And although I applaud those Point Reyes ranchers who allow their cattle to roam free-range rather than be confined in factory farms and do break my veganism over Christmas to eat Point Reyes cheese that manages to find its way here, I cannot in good conscience support ranching at the expense of an entire species of animal natural to the local land, which cows aren't. Although it might be drastic, one advocacy organization says private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. There must be a way to allow the elk to roam free and ensure the ranchers don't suffer unduly economically, however, the health of the naturally occurring ecosystem should be controlling, and from what I read, charters and legislation agree.

Thank you for acknowledging the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence, please take the next step and act on it. Science and legislation support this move.

**Correspondence ID: 10046**

I am writing re: the Tule elk herd at Point Reyes National Seashore. I would advocate that the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I would like to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

I also feel that once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Kyle Gage

**Correspondence ID: 10047**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the mass populous to take down that elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening but now please act!

Maryann Stork

**Correspondence ID: 10048**

Designate Tomales point as an elk protected area, not to be leased, logged, or developed in any way: left intact as elk habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 10049**

Please free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 10050**

Please tear down the 8 foot fence at Point Reyes and protect the tule elk, the native inhabitants.

Point Reyes should be managed for the benefit of all, not a few cattle-owning private citizens.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10051**

I want to urge the Park Services to accept and follow the recommendations of the Center for Biological Diversity, as outlined below:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.



It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

And finally, I want to urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10052**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Tina Matzke

**Correspondence ID: 10053**

Typo in my comment should read: would, not wood.

**Correspondence ID: 10054**

Do the right thing for these animals!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10055**

Its about time for the NPS to stop capitulating to special interests, for a change, and to do the right thing by protecting these last few elk... We're watching.

**Correspondence ID: 10056**

he National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please, I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10057**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife and not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10058**

Please choose alternative B, aka "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to get rid of the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam.

I appreciate the agency listening to the overwhelming public support for getting rid of the elk fence. Fences do not belong in wilderness areas, and you shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's not ok to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

I traveled from Wisconsin to see this amazing landscape and the elk residing there, I was not there for the dairy cattle. We have plenty of those to look at here!

**Correspondence ID: 10059**

This is So Freaking wrong!! Who is in Who's pocket?? maybe the National Park Service is doing the bidding of the livestock owners???? Just like the BLM does for them also!! 1 horse or burro per 50 freaking cows, sheep?? When are these people going to be investigated?? Deb do Your job!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10060**

Save the environment and the elk. Tear down that fence!!

**Correspondence ID: 10061**

As Pt Reyes is a National Park, priority should be given to the elk that live there. I think in general that the ranch operations are not held to a high enough standard of regenerative agricultural practices, and the wildlife should be given greater priority. Please remove the 8'foot fence that constrains the movements of the elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 10062**

Don't pander to the livestock industry which remains wealthy. Tear down the Point Reyes National Park fence, so that the endangered tule elk can forage naturally instead of dying of hunger and thirst. Not doing so will be a vicious and cruel attack on one of America's iconic species.

**Correspondence ID: 10063**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10064**

Protect Point Reyes for native wildlife species, not cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10065**

Hello National Park Service decision makers,

Please choose Alternative B “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” to remove fencing and allow elk to roam free at Point Reyes National Park.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

We should not let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park. Current herd health does not require culling or other techniques if they have room to graze. California has spent time and money to bring this native species back from the brink of extinction. Why would we now restrict the herd size and let tule elk suffer?

I urge you to remove the elk fence at Point Reyes National Seashore to protect native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Julia Howlett

**Correspondence ID: 10066**

Please free the Tule Elk and protect Point Reyes for natural wildlife. It's the job of the National Park Service to take care of the native elk and not allow the cattle to take over.

**Correspondence ID: 10067**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generation. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time and allowing public input regarding this important issue.

**Correspondence ID: 10068**

Help Free Point Reyes Tule Elk

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Thanks to public outrage, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence.

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10069**

I have been fortunate to be able to visit and hike at Point Reyes over the years and to enjoy the Tule Elk Herd roaming free. I was heartbroken and angered to learn of the National Park Service's participation in supporting private cattle operations at Point Reyes which violates the Point Reyes mandate to protect and preserve the natural environment.

I support the NPS to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" which will allow elk to roam free. I feel it is wrong for the Park Service to prioritize cattle and private business interests over the Tule Elk herd which constitute the native wildlife at Point Reyes. I find it cruel to let confined native elk die of hunger and thirst and I am appalled at the NPS's participation in such actions.

Private cattle operations at Point Reyes are inappropriate, since learning about them, I have stopped purchasing dairy products from the private companies located at Point Reyes.

I support the Park Service in removing the elk fence and beg you to protect free roaming elk from culling, hazing or harassment and to protect native wildlife as is the mission of the NPS.

Thank you for listening.

**Correspondence ID: 10070**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldR't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 10071**

Madam, Sir,

We are in a National Park, what cattles are doing there?

Natural Park is the protected place for wildlife and ecosystem, isn't it?

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and implement Alternative B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area").

We can no longer accept the elks are dying because they cannot access water and food, it's a shame.

I do thank you for listening and waiting for you to take the adequate decision.

Regards,

Evelyne Barthélemy

**Correspondence ID: 10072**

I am writing on behalf of the tule elk at Point Reyes. They are indigenous to the area and have been there before the coming of the cattle, who were brought there only because cattle ranchers want their cattle to graze there at the expense of the elk who deserve to live in their home.

Please tear down the fence and allow the elk to run free in their natural habitat. They deserve to be free. We are already losing so much of our wildlife to loss of their territory. There aren't so many of them and they have a right to live free and safe.

We all have a responsibility to those who share our planet with us. Please consider the plight of these tule elk and allow them to live in safety at Point Reyes.

Respectfully,

Sheila Sperber

**Correspondence ID: 10073**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10074**

Please remove any fencing around the Point Reyes area. Private cattle should never be allowed on public lands. As a taxpayer I find the idea offensive.

Wildlife are a natural treasure for all people to enjoy. The Elk deserve to live on a place which is their "home". and where they should be able to run free.

Again, please remove the fencing .

Henda Strasser

**Correspondence ID: 10075**

Greetings,

I am writing regarding management of native Elk in the Point Reyes area.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I appreciate that the agency is listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks for reading my comments.

Alan Schenck

**Correspondence ID: 10076**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

In addition, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

It's important to keep in mind that private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10077**

Please take all steps necessary to protect the tule elk and its habitat. Ranchers have taken much more than enough indigenous wildlife habitat, to the detriment of us all.

**Correspondence ID: 10078**

Please protect the tule elk from the devastation that would result from fencing them in and culling the herd. A national seashore should not prioritize cattle over wildlife. These natural treasures should be protected so they can be enjoyed and admired by all that visit our national parks and wild areas.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10079**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.



Sincerely, Mr. Howard Graham

**Correspondence ID: 10080**

Please tear down the fence confining the native tule elk at Tomales Point! National Parks should be places of refuge for native animals, not gulags where they die of thirst and starvation! The elk should be allowed to roam free, and should be protected from culling and harassment, and the land they depend upon should not be used by private cattle operations.

The National Seashore Charter should be honored: the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem for the elk and all Americans.

**Correspondence ID: 10081**

Livestock trumping the welfare of nature? A case of selling out native species.

**Correspondence ID: 10082**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10083**

Many of us have tried over the years to plead for mercy for the Tule Elk. They have been in prison on their own land for so many years. More than half the herd died of thirst but park rangers refused to allow people to bring the elk water. Such suffering all due to cattle ranchers being allowed to graze their cattle on park land. I wonder how, where and why the park rangers whose salaries tax payers pay were given permission to carry out these deadly deeds. I used to support the National Parks but no longer. These elk were tortured because of park rangers. Wolves are trapped and shot by the hundreds in state parks. Bison are hunted and culled in Yellowstone park and the list goes on. I refuse to pay towards the parks I love while knowing the rangers are the benefactors.

The fence should be taken down and the elk set free. Cattle ranchers need to be shown the door. The elk need to be protected from these greedy ranchers so no more harm befalls them. The elk have been tormented for so many years and their freedom must be the priority. This is the worst case of animal abuse which mostly takes place our National Parks. Why? Who profits? As they say, follow the money.

I am glad this issue has hopefully come to rest with the elk finally free once again. However I am concerned for the wild horses and burros and the fate awaiting them. That is another terrible situation. The American people have approved the wild horse, the elk, the bison, bears, wolves, but they keep killing them in areas which most felt were off the path of greedy hunters. They are actually poachers wanting to have heads hanging on their walls. Poor ignorant people who are too selfish to understand we need wild animals and have space to include habitats for animals if we humans don't take over their land and food sources. This land is the land of these animals as they have been here long before we arrived. I hope this will become a society recognizing the worth of all of us. Let's close the issue of the elk containment and move in to a better world. As for the park rangers, if they choose to leave I hope they won't let the door hit them in their butts on their way out.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 10084**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10085**

Thank you for taking public comments into consideration as you finalize your policy regarding Tule Elk in the park.

Actually, I find it surprising and disappointing that American citizens like myself have to plead with the park system to protect and preserve these iconic animals on our National Park land.

Isn't that what you are supposed to be doing to begin with?

I love visiting the park and am grateful that my friends and I can bring our horses to ride the trails.

Viewing wildlife is always a highlight of my experience there.

But seeing the dairy farms on “my” land, that should be available for the wildlife, makes me sad and feel hopeless.

How did it come to this?

I'm hearing the elk are starving and dying of thirst behind a fence erected to prevent them from taking our public resources (grass and water) away from cattle!

I am writing to urge you to take down the fence, protect the elk and end the leases that allow the dairy farms to continue in the park.

Hoping that my voice might make a difference,

Bonnie Stoehn

**Correspondence ID: 10086**

I am now giving up beef 100%. I am sick and tired of ranchers causing murders and extinction and land grabs and water grabs for the sake of their miserly and misdirected profits. Done. You lose 2 meat eaters now. Animals are life. Animals give us purpose and deserve a life. The environment does not belong to a handful of people only.

**Correspondence ID: 10087**

Please protect these animals and do what's best for them

**Correspondence ID: 10088**

Get rid of the cows at Point Reyes and manage for Tules Elk

**Correspondence ID: 10089**

I KNOW LIVESTOCK RANCHERS AND FARMERS CAN BE COMPENSATED DURING EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES, WEATHER, DISASTER, LOCUST ETC. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO FOR THIS ISSUE. THE ELK CAN NOT. WE MUST LOOK AHEAD. FIND ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FARMERS/RANCHERS WITHOUT KILLING AND LIMITING THE ELK ON NON-NUTRITIONAL LAND AND NO WATER. THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX. THERE HAS TO BE COMPROMISE

D SOLUTIONS TO BOTH SIDES. CRIS HILL FORMER OREGONIAN AND NOW AN ALASKAN

**Correspondence ID: 10090**

Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners. We believe this has been a wrong choice, and are pleased to learn that the Park Service is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

PLEASE!! FREE the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Specifically, we urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

We are grateful that the agency is listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

And once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason - which, of course, is possible when they are confined.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE! we urge th NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10091**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Remove existing elk fence. Also free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Afterward add a fence to exclude cattle from Tomales Point. Cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. So continue to provide supplemental water and minerals for tule elk despite the suggested removal called for in Alternative B.

So remove the elk fence, and add a fence to exclude cattle, and continue to provide supplemental water for tule elk to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. I support Alternative B (with minor changes if possible.)

**Correspondence ID: 10092**

Tule elk matter! The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife!

It's very unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore or at least managed so they create no environmental harm. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Again, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks!

**Correspondence ID: 10093**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10094**

The elk have a right to life, and part of the beauty and balance of the landscape. The rights of livestock ranchers are important, and so is the right to life of the elk. Please push for ways of protecting the habitat needs of the needs and for finding win-win ways of supporting livestock ranchers. Tall fences which block the natural movements of wildlife are not a win-win solution.

Please work to develop and support other means of supporting the ranchers, for example professionally trained herd guardian dogs, donkeys, and more. Do not let our beautiful elk fall prey to man's ignorance, and unethical behavior leads which leads unconscionable extinction.

**Correspondence ID: 10095**

Regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I do thank your agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. The elk fence should be removed, and once it is free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and these should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Again, I strongly support the removal of the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10096**

Cattle have not be driven to the point of extinction, the Elk have. You must do everything you can to preserve the welfare of the Elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10097**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

**Correspondence ID: 10098**

PLEASE tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife that sustain the ecosystem.

THANK YOU

**Correspondence ID: 10099**

Please turn down the 8 foot fence that is confining tule elk and causing them to die of thirst and malnutrition. They need to be able to roam and forage naturally,

**Correspondence ID: 10100**

Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) and the Tomales Point Area Plan (TPAP) must prioritize protection and expansion of the elk population. These plans must also reduce the number of domestic cattle utilizing the area and expand elk acreage available for the elk population.

**Correspondence ID: 10101**

Please remove all cattle who are using tax payer owned land. The native wildlife, like the Tule elk, should not face restrictions and the removal of the cattle, who don't belong there and who tax payers have not been asked permission to put them there, will be a small step in benefiting all people via the decrease in methane production.

**Correspondence ID: 10102**

Please remove the fence and allow the Tule elk to roam free at Point Reyes National Seashore. The Park Service should prioritize wildlife over cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 10103**

Given the limited resources provided by this PUBLIC LAND, can you please act in the interest of the natural ecosystems supporting these animals and not the ranchers using this land for their personal benefit? Let them find some place else to graze their cattle!!!

This is too special a place to allow private enterprises to ruin it - it's much more important to preserve it for future generations!

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10104**

I read about your plan to kill some of the tule elk on Point Reyes and to confine others behind a high fence - all to assuage cattle owners! I am appalled that you are even considering such action in order to favor animal husbandry which is a contributor to pollution and, therefore, climate change. The tule elk are an iconic feature of Point Reyes, and in this day of diminishing animal species, I beg you not to proceed with this plan.

Yours,

Jan Szostek

**Correspondence ID: 10105**

Es inaceptable dejar que los alces nativos confinados mueran de sed y desnutrición, especialmente en un parque nacional.

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**Correspondence ID: 10106**

We have to keep this area unscathed! We need to have the Elk unharmed.

**Correspondence ID: 10107**

I respectfully ask that everything be done to preserve the limited number of Point Reyes Tule elks...no amount of this public land should be offered as a "commercial enterprise to cattle farmers or any other farm animals that do, over time destroy the ecosystems! Release the confined elk,( the eight foot tall fence), and allow them to graze and search for water as they need to do to survive. All of these points made herein are wholly reasonable and do not need a

rocket scientist to understand that the only ethical, empathetic and reasonable decisions to implement for the Tule elk do NOT include grazing for beef cattle at the expense of the native Tule elk.

Thank you,

Virginia Stewart Carton

**Correspondence ID: 10108**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 10109**

- The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.
- Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.
- It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.
- Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.
- Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."
- I demand your agency remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10110**

Public land is not for ranchers

**Correspondence ID: 10111**

Please, National Park Service, DO choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and you shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park of all places!!! In general, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.



Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10112**

Your JOB is to Protect Wildlife NOT FARMERS ----

DO YOUR JOB AND LET THESE BEAUTIFUL TULE ELK Live as they should - free and healthy !!

**Correspondence ID: 10113**

I lived in the Bay Area for 28 years and often hiked up on Point Reyes. We need the tule elk. We don't need cattle competing with them for forage. There are far too many cattle on the planet already, and they are doing a lot of ecological damage that needs to end, including in the NPS. Please choose Alternative B. No culling or harassment of the elk. End private cattle operations on Point Reyes and restore the ecosystem, please.

**Correspondence ID: 10114**

.NOW IS THE TIME TO PROTECT POINT REYES FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE and stop appeasing the livestock owners....allow tule elk to roam free as they should in the wild....fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas so thank you for listening and stopping these disruptions to the natural environment

**Correspondence ID: 10115**

Please free the Tule elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it. We can't allow special interests like cattle grazing to determine the fate of wild animals that have a right to live on this planet.

**Correspondence ID: 10116**

Please allow the elk to roam free in the Point Reyes National Seashore (Alternative B). Allowing the elk to die of thirst and malnutrition by confining them is unacceptable. Once the fencing has been removed the free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling or any form of harassment for any reason.

Personally, I believe that private cattle operations aren't appropriate on any National Park Service property. Native wildlife should be prioritized over cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10117**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10118**

Please protect these precious animals! They can not be replaced once they are gone. Please think of the future. Do not cave to Big Ag.

**Correspondence ID: 10119**

Point Reyes should be reserved for wildlife, not for domestic animals.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I am grateful to the National Park Service for providing this comment period and for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10120**

Please remove the fence and let these elk live in Pt Reyes!

**Correspondence ID: 10121**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I like Tule Elk very much.

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Kathy Knight

**Correspondence ID: 10122**

Tule Elk, California:

Take down the elk-killing fences. Provide water access.

**Correspondence ID: 10123**

Tule elk are free ranging animals. They must not be confined, simply to appease cattle ranchers, to areas where they cannot roam and forage naturally. You must use science to protect them!

**Correspondence ID: 10124**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Now, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that. Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10125**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

**Correspondence ID: 10126**

I support Alternative B for the Tule elk, which would remove the elk fence.

I don't believe cattle should have priority over native elk. I feel strongly about this. Some elk will die of malnutrition, others of thirst, if they are confined. I also would support providing supplemental water for them as needed. I also urge you to end any practice of culling or disturbing them in other ways.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Therefore, supporting private cattle ranching goes against the Point Reyes charter.

We are so lucky to live near this wonderful natural resource. Thank you for listening to those of us who treasure the beautiful tule elk and Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 10127**

Along with my San Francisco daughter and her family I was privileged to visit Pt. Reyes and to see some of the elk along with other wildlife. We were much concerned that these wonderful creatures were at times allowed to starve or killed to reduce pressure on nearby dairy farms. I understand the pressures on a young park set up in an area where ranching has been long practiced. However, I think we have to come down on the side of the elk. There are many other places where ranching is practiced and no other Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10128**

The time for appeasing live stock owners is over! I urge the National Park Service to tear down the elk-killing fence. Elk need to be able to roam and forage naturally. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I appreciate you listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. I strongly believe the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's totally unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I am asking you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10129**

Elk and other wild animals have just as much right to free grazing land as cattle or any other domestic animal. Anyone who causes hardship and/or death to Tule Elk should be arrested for cruelty to animals. Cattle ranchers have to share the land with wild species. Tear down the fence that is confining the Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 10130**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10131**

The tule elk, native to the Point Reyes National Seashore park in California, has been kept prisoner by a dangerous fence set up by the National Park Service to appease livestock owners. Therefore, I urge the National Park Service to take the following actions: The

Choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence is removed, protect the free-roaming elk from culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Forbid private cattle operations from doing business in Point Reyes and should to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife for it is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 10132**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

PLEASE! Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10133**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10134**

It's easy. Leave the elk alone.

Ranchers shouldn't be there in the first place and have no right to push local wildlife out to make money from something that won't even be around in a few decades. Remove the fence and leave the elk alone.

Leave all of the wildlife alone. We can't afford to destroy any more ecosystems because of climate change, which any ranchers are contributing to tenfold.

Please be unselfish and think of the future generations that need our natural world intact. Leave the elk alone.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10135**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10136**

It is unconscionable that native species, including elk, are being mistreated and molested in a National Park - To preserve the Landscape and the Wildlife therein. I vehemently urge you to choose Alternative B. Please take heed of the public's support for the elk and removing the fence. Please take heed of your promise to protect the land, the whole healthy ecosystem, unimpaired. To infinity and beyond!

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10137**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for wild animals, not cattle / livestock. I grew up near there and spent lots of time with my family there. It is a very special place. Let's keep it that way. :) Protect nature conservation efforts!

**Correspondence ID: 10138**

I support the removal of the 8' high fence that keeps the Tule elk confined to Point Reyes. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10139**

Point Reyes National Seashore, is the only national park where the Tule Elk live.

Why are you doing this ? instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confining part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

Why ? To appease livestock owners. recent droughts, have had deadly consequences for the : Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition. It's evil &barbaric

Free the elk, tear down this stupid fence and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10140**

Free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 10141**

Such rare creatures should be protected as National treasures with a country such as the United States taking pride in being their home. This means respect for the Country for being wise about the importance of all creatures in the face of a threatened ecosystem and a threatened planet. It has been scientifically shown repeatedly how maintaining historic, integrated ecosystems benefits all creatures including agricultural animals and lands.

Further, these creatures do not deserve to be put in perilous conditions which will greatly increase the possibility of tortuous deaths

**Correspondence ID: 10142**

Cattle should be fenced, the elk should roam free.

Nobody wants beef or milk that tastes like seaweed.

**Correspondence ID: 10143**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it!

**Correspondence ID: 10144**

Good day, I grew up on the East side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Every fall to spring, the Tule Elk would migrate down from the mountains to the Owens Valley in order to survive. These are a migratory animals; that migration is essential for their survival. The same way their migration is a survival tool at the Point Reyes National Seashore.



It is fantastic that you have been listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the fence that would stop their life-saving migration. Now it's time to act upon that and take down the fence.

You are a National Park; you know how important it is for humans to just stay out of the way and let nature do it's thing...Nature doesn't need us, all we do is mess it up, i.e. cattle ranching.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I encourage you to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". The elk will roam free, the native wildlife and ecosystem will get back into balance and this will be protcted for the natural scenery and enjoyment of future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Korina Riffin

**Correspondence ID: 10145**

Please protect the native Tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore. While I understand the need to fairly represent livestock owners, I believe the protection of natural wildlife and wonders should take precedence. How many species will we destroy and in the the end all we will have left is regret.Thank you for your attention.

**Correspondence ID: 10146**

I am writing to ask you to please stop this plan to kill the Point Reyes Elk! Our country has killed too many wild animals at the request of ranchers, and it needs to stop. These animals have a right to live and the ranchers can graze their cattle on other areas. Please stop this senseless killing and let these majestic animals live in peace!

**Correspondence ID: 10147**

The NPS MUST choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to roam freely. The use of fencing in this instance is cruel and it does NOT belong in wilderness areas. Furthermore, the NPS should NOT prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's barbaric to confine native elk and force them to die by thirst and malnutrition, especially in a taxpayer-funded national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should NOT be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations should be banned in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Stop torturing the tule elk and remove the fence. Protecting and restoring Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and ecosystem should be your priority.

**Correspondence ID: 10148**

Public lands should exist for the direct benefit of the public, including wildlife.

It is a relief to know that the NPS is taking public comment about Tule Elk at Point Reyes. Please choose Alternative B: "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,"

It cannot be that cattle barons have a greater claim to Point Reyes National Seashore land than the Tule Elk and other native species who've existed there since time immemorial.

Because they are fenced in, Point Reyes Tule Elk have been left to die of thirst and starvation. This is not stewardship. The Elk must be freed and once freed, must be left in peace to roam their native range, protected from harassment and attack by humans.

Please, remove the fence, free the Elk, end ranching at Point Reyes and fulfill the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation and Organic Act requirement for "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" and "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10149**

Please support the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. The confinement of these elk is causing cruel and unnecessary deaths to happen to these creatures and should be lifted. If passed and the elk fence is removed, survivors shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Please consider this.

**Correspondence ID: 10150**

Please remove the elk fence, to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife, and restore the ecosystem. As you know, there is overwhelming public support for removing the fence, for the good of the elk herd. Fences are inappropriate in a national park, especially when they've been put up for the benefit of cattle raised for profit, by private citizens.

The elk should not starve and die of thirst. They should be allowed to roam free. Please take down the fence and give the elk a chance to thrive.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10151**

Please protect the Tule Elk!!

**Correspondence ID: 10152**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Stephanie Mory

**Correspondence ID: 10153**

I urge you to protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Park. National parks are public property and not meant for cattle ranching. In this time of dwindling habitat for so many species, we need to recognize that all species are important to the ecosystem and deserve our protection. Please get rid of the existing fence and allow these animals to live in peace in a healthy, protected environment. Cattle ranchers do not belong on public lands and should be required to find alternative solutions to their problems that don't result in the destruction or persecution of wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10154**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10155**

Let the elk roam free!

**Correspondence ID: 10156**

Please let these animals roam freely and increase their numbers.

**Correspondence ID: 10157**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Dana Troia

**Correspondence ID: 10158**

Hello, I'm very concerned about the tule elk at the point Reyes national seashore. They're penned in even though they're native California wildlife. I'm wondering why the livestock gets more land and resources than the native to the elk? What can we do to help and protect them? Thank you for taking care of the tule elk! We've got plenty of cattle, but not many tule elk...

**Correspondence ID: 10159**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It is NOT acceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should never be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are NOT appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The agency should remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10160**

Stop destroying the natural fauna for cattlemen!!!

Free the elk! Get rid of the fence!

I'm sick of the "management" practices of removing elk & horses for cattle grazing on public lands!

Stop it!

**Correspondence ID: 10161**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10162**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that

found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Parveen Chahal

**Correspondence ID: 10163**

I urge you to remove the fence in Point Reyes and free the Tule elk that inhabit that area. Please enforce regulations that prevent any harassment or culling of these elk for any reason. There is no excuse for prioritizing cattle over wildlife, especially in a National Park. I have seen these elk and they are magnificent animals. Please let them live their lives as they are meant to be lived.

Thank you,

Barbara Shor, DVM

**Correspondence ID: 10164**

Let the Tule Elk run free.

**Correspondence ID: 10165**

Please tear down the elk fence which is killing the elk because they can't roam/ eat/ drink. Please choose segment B. Thank you for your improvements to date. It is time to end Big Ag's deathgrip on our wildlife. Of all places, native wildlife in a National Park needs to be preserved. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10166**

Dear Sirs;

In my view the Point Reyes National Seashore, Tomales Point Area Plan doesn't emphasize the critical importance of the natural fauna which has evolved over time to benefit this wilderness area. Natural grazers like elk feed over a very large square rod area and do not concentrate on specific spots which act to denude surface soil of critically needed grasses which lock in stabilizing the soil and moisture within it. Grazing cattle concentrate on much smaller areas and literally strip the soil surface of those exceedingly important, natural surface plants. In little time they can destroy a grassland which is then finished off by the stresses we find today with terrible weather extremes, again wrought by man's activities, e.g. atmospheric warming, cattle grazing, ect. Please act affirmatively and commit suitable (abundant) acreage to elk and the natural, wild grazers which do not strip surface flora, so critically important. And yes, add also those natural predators that co-evolved with the grazers, including puma and wolves and you will go a long way in rebuilding this ecosystem. Cattle grazing cannot work in the habitat restoration.

Thank you,

Robert Fritsch

**Correspondence ID: 10167**

The elk are needed far more than any cattle or farmers interest. They need to be saved at all costs.

**Correspondence ID: 10168**

I ask the National Park Service to act like a park service, not as a department of agriculture agent, by defending the California's Point Reyes National Seashore in its natural state, what is left of that originally. This means doing what is necessary to allow the Point Reyes Tule Elk to roam freely, as was their original natural state.

**Correspondence ID: 10169**

I have been visiting Point Reyes and Tamales since I was a kid going with my family (I am now 59) I have so many wonderful memories and am still making them of day trips, boating/fishing and camping. One of my favorites is McClure's Beach even though it is the longest drive for me and the hike down is getting more difficult! One of the things that has always made it special was watching and hoping to get a look at the Tule Elk herds, and I am shocked and saddened that they are being contained by this fence which I have read has contributed to some of their deaths. This is just not right that they should suffer because of competition from cattle farmers.

Please do the right thing and choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" which will remove the fatal fence.

Thank you so much for your time (and hopefully, compassion)

Adriene Stutrud

**Correspondence ID: 10170**

I believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 10171**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10172**

Please choose alternative B and protect the wildlife including elk. Remove the elk fence to allow the survival of the elk herds and eliminate private cattle ranching from Point Reyes. National Parks must prioritize protecting native wildlife and habitat. Thankyou for this opportunity to comment.

**Correspondence ID: 10173**

This should not be such a difficult decision - endangered disappearing specie or cattle, which is everywhere. But perhaps the easy/lazy solution is to wipe out the Tule elks and let ranchers have their way, and that my National Park Service friends will lead to our own destruction as a specie. You must do the right thing although it's the harder thing.

Sejon

**Correspondence ID: 10174**

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Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Ellen Shoub

**Correspondence ID: 10176**

I strongly support Alternative B, since removing the fence from Tomales Point will enable the tule elk to roam freely, rather than being confined to a small, restricted area. After all, these elk are wild animals and should be treated as such, not penned in as though they were domestic livestock. There is no logical reason why cattle, which are a domesticated species, bred for human use and consumption, should be allowed free reign at Point Reyes while the elk, which are native wildlife, should be confined to a limited area. Given that Point Reyes is a natural area, it should prioritize protecting native wildlife such as the tule elk, since that is part of the reason why the area is special. Additionally, once the fence is removed it is important that culling of the elk is strictly prohibited and that heavy penalties are in place for doing so. Tule elk are still endangered, since only around 600 of them exist, and killing any individuals would be entirely counterproductive and at odds with efforts to conserve this beautiful species. Please remove the fence at Tomales Point so that these elk can flourish and increase their population, which will greatly benefit the local ecosystem as well. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10177**

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Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10178**

Free the PT Lobos elk.

Remove all the cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10179**

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**Correspondence ID: 10180**

I Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10181**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10182**

Protect these beautiful animals and allow them to thrive. Nature and diversity must be protected over cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 10183**

I would like to start by thanking the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Additionally, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10184**

To whom it may concern,

First, I thank you for listening to the outcry of the public demanding that the elk fence in Point Reyes National Seashore be removed and opening comments on this important issue. I stand in support of Alternative B, removing the fence and allowing the elk to roam free.

If we are to genuinely conserve and protect endangered species for the centuries to come, we must allow them to behave as they naturally would without human interference. We must give them adequate space to roam and find food and water so they can raise their offspring and continue their species. Keeping elk confined to such a small space that they die of malnutrition and thirst, and culling them if they step outside the bounds designated for them by humans, all

to appease the interests of the ranching industry, makes a mockery of national parks and the entire conservation process. Native endangered species shouldn't be sacrificed in the habitat that is supposed to be preserved for them for the sake of moneyed interests. Cattle have no place in national parks, and fencing elk to protect cattle is backwards and shameful policy.

I urge you to choose Alternative B, remove the fence, and protect our remaining tule elk from culling, hazing, and harassment. I urge you to do the right thing and put our native wildlife ahead of the cattle industry and profit.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 10185**

The park is for everyone, especially the Tule Elk. Ranchers do Not have rights over everyone else. Tear down the fences and let the elk roam as Nature intended. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10186**

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10187**

Dear project planning committee,

I am writing to urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will eliminate the lethal fence and grant elk the freedom to roam naturally. I want to express appreciation to the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences have no place in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over the preservation of our unique native wildlife.

It is unacceptable and a grave oversight to allow confined native elk to suffer and perish from thirst and malnutrition, particularly within the boundaries of a national park. After the removal of the elk fence, freely roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment under any circumstances. They play an important part on the ecosystem and need the freedom to exercise their agency and benefit the environment. The benefits of elk as herbivores and as prey allow the ecosystem to achieve a healthy balance, which results in ecosystem services benefiting humans, such as reduce wildfire risk.

Private cattle operations are not in line with the principles of Point Reyes and should be ended in order to honor the National Seashore's charter. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation stipulates the "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I implore the agency to remove the elk fence to safeguard the native wildlife of Point Reyes National Seashore and to fully restore a healthy, balanced ecosystem.

Sincerely, Joanna Tang

she/her

PhD Candidate

Department of Ecology, Evolution, & Marine Biology

University of California, Santa Barbara

**Correspondence ID: 10188**

Please do the right thing and offer protection.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10189**

Please manage the elk herd with the resource considerations of a National Seashore. Cattle were, by construction of the original agreement, to be phased out - instead they have been not to continue to dictate land use policy and marginalize the elk herd and other natural resources. Phase out cattle grazing and let the herd expand to take up the balance of the designated National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 10190**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

Janet Duran

**Correspondence ID: 10192**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I respectfully urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10193**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Further, it's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I support Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10194**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Wendy Wish

**Correspondence ID: 10195**

I am writing to ask the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Alternative B is calling for the removal of dangerous fencing in order to permit the wild elk to naturally roam free.

The fences impact the natural movement of the elk and can negatively impact wilderness areas. I also writing to discourage the Park Service not to prioritize cattle over the native wildlife.

The fencing is dangerous because it can confine the native elk and cause them to die of thirst and malnutrition. This is especially concerning if the fencing is causing the elk to die in a national park where they are supposed to be protected and able to freely roam.

Additionally, once the elk fence is removed, the free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and negatively impact the natural environment and native species.

Please end the private cattle operations and honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10196**

Dear NPS officials:

I care about Point Reyes National Seashore and the Tomales Point area. I applaud NPS for doing this planning work. I believe that it is long overdue.

I enthusiastically support Alternative B and I thank NPS for choosing it as the preferred option.

Human structures including fences are clearly inappropriate in federal wilderness areas. So I am glad that NPS proposes to remove the fence that has trapped tule elk and caused many of them to perish.

I know that the issue of livestock grazing is highly controversial. Nevertheless, I believe that NPS must put law and science ahead of political demands by influential ranchers. These are public lands statutorily designated for strong protection in the public interest. Private livestock grazing is not compatible with that protection. As such, the health of tule elk and other native wildlife should be the priority. And when the fence is removed, the tule elk should not be harassed or hazed. They should be allowed to live freely in a natural and wild setting.

As you know, the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the NPS Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” This key statutory direction should serve as the NPS “North Star” in guiding the new area plan.

I hope that NPS will uphold the protection that the vast majority of Americans support and not bow to private ranchers.

I appreciate this opportunity to submit my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 10197**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Christy Carosella

**Correspondence ID: 10198**

Free the elk, and enhance wild areas.

**Correspondence ID: 10199**

Protect Point Reyes National Seashore for native wildlife, not for pasturing cattle!

The profits of cattle producers, who pay so little, should not override the lives of tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10200**

Free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 10201**

NO FENCES IN WILDERNESS AREAS! We NEED our wilderness to be pristine.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

REMOVE THE FENCES, and RESTORE THE ECOSYSTEM.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should NOT be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

And grazing cattle DESTROY wilderness - that has been proven time and again.

**Correspondence ID: 10202**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10203**

Remove the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10204**

I had the pleasure to visit the Point Reyes area and seeing the elk living there. I always wondered why there was a fence. The elk should be allowed to roam fence free in order to seek food and water. Private cattle ranches should not take priority on the national Seashore, and culling of elk should not be allowed.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10205**

Having lived in the East Bay of San Francisco most of my adult life, I have seen the Tule Elk at Point Reyes. They are majestic and should be able to roam for food and water. It's their home; they were probably there before the ranchers and dairy owners.

Please help the Tule Elk live in nature (as they should).

**Correspondence ID: 10206**

It's time to stop allowing ranchers to make policy about wildlife. Tear down the fences and allow the Tule Elk access to water. Protect Point Reyes for wildlife not cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10207**

Please tear down the elk-killing fence and allow the beards to thrive. Please protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10208**

The rule elk should be left alone! Please tear down the fence and let them run free. They are the natural ones to the area! Why do you cater to the cattle in! We went there on a bay and I was appalled by the cows roaming on the bluffs. If the cattle people can't live with the elk they should leave. When is enough enough. If the point Reyes seashore is protected please do your job and let the elk be. We are tired of all the benefits given to cattle farms and not the people who would like to see the pristine park free of cows.

**Correspondence ID: 10209**

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scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10210**

Please free the Tule Elk and let them roam as nature intended them to do.

The government routinely deals with any problems that occur between other wild animals and domestic livestock (e.g. bear, wolves, big cats). It only makes good sense to do the same with Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10211**

Cattle ranchers have been destroying the ENVIRONMENT. The park is for the Tule Elk to THRIVE and people to enjoy the park. People can't enjoy the park because the soil and the water are contaminated from the cattle ranchers. Elk have been slowly suffering/dying. You must IMMEDIATELY void the ranchers contracts. The fences must be IMMEDIATELY removed (the materials recycled). Your priority is to PROTECT the Elk and REMEDIATE/RESTORE the ENVIRONMENT. The ranchers must leave IMMEDIATELY!

**Correspondence ID: 10212**

Get cattle off park land where the elk belong.

**Correspondence ID: 10213**

I am in favor of alternative B. Removing the fences and allowing wildlife access to forage and have water.

Thank you US Park Service for coming up with alternative B.

**Correspondence ID: 10214**

To treat the natural living Tule Elk to appraise the cattle industry is unacceptable! how can the California State Park sell out to the cattle industry who are uncaring of the natural environment and only concerned ABOUT THE ALL IMPORTANT DOLLAR IS SHAMEFUL!!! If this is allowed I and my Familyt will STOP supporting yhe California Park System. Words cannot express my anger and disgust with the Park system.

**Correspondence ID: 10215**

I propose that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I know you are aware of the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. And, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Most important, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Please act in accordance with the charter of the National Seashore and the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation.

**Correspondence ID: 10216**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

THANK YOU for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 10217**

Let the elk roam free. Give them the land they've always had. Their numbers are limited and should not be further reduced to appease

Landowners and free range cattle. They are a California treasure that I have enjoyed watching my entire life, living in both Marin and Sonoma counties.

Cattle will always survive, but the elk need us to step up for them.

We speak for them, will you?

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10218**

I'd like to thank the agency for at last listening to requests to consider removing the Elk fencing; The fence has been the entirely wrong way to handle the situation, and has resulted in cutting off endangered elk from water and proper sources of nutrition. The death of these elk from an entirely preventable situation, is a tragedy. The fact that this was done to appease cattle operations makes it worse, a dereliction of duty. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park

lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once done, the Elk should be free and protected from culling, harassment, hazing, or illegal killing. Preserve both these Elk, the ecosystem of the region, and the sanctity of the National Park system and fulfill the obligations to care for nature.

**Correspondence ID: 10219**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. The tule elk are our local treasure.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10220**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the dangerous fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10221**

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited and the Tule elk are an integral part of that ecosystem. I greatly dislike that private commercial interests are intruding on what should be a wild, protected area in which the elk can thrive. It just stresses me even more to know that they have suffered to this point. Your agency has a wonderful mandate, and I have always applauded the work you do. Please discontinue the fence that is imprisoning the elk and let them roam freely as God intended.

Thank you,

Marie J Murray

**Correspondence ID: 10222**

Hello,

I want to provide my views regarding the native elk living at Point Reyes and the livestock cattle also occupying the land.

Thank you very much for being receptive to the immense public support for removing the fence. While fencing is a very useful tool in managing domesticated animals such as cattle, the usage of fencing is clearly not appropriate with regards to the native elk. The NPS should not be placing higher priority on the use of the land by cattle. The elk should have primary rights to the land and be able to go wherever they need and want to go.

I feel strongly that the elk should be allowed to roam 100% freely without any restriction of fencing. These animals are native and have the right to live without humans confining them to a space that only suits their agenda(s). The NPS should choose Alternative B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area", which will remove the fence causing elk fatalities due to starvation and dying of thirst. It is absolutely unacceptable that the elk are dying of preventable and unnecessary deaths, which in this case are caused by humans and their fencing.

After the fencing is removed, the free-roaming elk should be protected from culling, hazing, or harassment of any kind, by those individuals and groups that oppose the removal of the fence and do not feel that the elk have the right to roam free. The elk should be allowed to live free without interference from humans.

Although cattle ranching has been present in Marin county for many years, the practice has taken its toll on the environment in several ways: water pollution, adding to the planet-wide excessive CO2 emissions, damage and destruction of the land by the trampling of cows' hooves, and the crowding out of the native elk from their homeland. It is time to terminate private cattle ranching in the Point Reyes National Seashore, for the good of the land and the native flora and fauna. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, In addition, the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations". Private cattle ranching at Point Reyes should be ceased.

For the good of the Point Reyes National Seashore, please do the right thing and remove the elk fence immediately. The Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and ecosystem must be protected and restored to its full natural state.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10223**

There are a lot of talking points, but how idiotic is it to have so much cattle, and few elks..then protect (?) ..the cattle. I am stumped.

Why not just kill the elk and be done with it? At least that would be honest. Just in case the sarcasm is missed, do review Jonathan Swift's A Modest Proposal.

**Correspondence ID: 10224**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10225**

Please remove the fence at Point Reyes National Seashore to let the tule elk roam free. Ranchers and livestock should not be favored over the tule elk or any other wildlife on land set aside for a National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 10226**

I urge you to choose Alternative B. Cattle ranching on Point Reyes is no longer appropriate. Please remove the elk fences and let them roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10227**

Protect the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10228**

Let nature thrive

**Correspondence ID: 10229**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I want to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10230**

Little by little and sometimes much faster, policies of the National Park Service are allowing and accelerating the destruction of species that are invaluable to the balance of nature and entire ecosystem, and instead heeding the pleas and financial influence of farmers and landowners. Wild animals can't protect themselves from human predators willing to shoot, trap, injure and enclose them, but we need the Park Service to step in and act in the best interest of the wild animals, in this case, allowing them to be free to maintain the much-needed balance in our ecosystem. Please do your utmost to protect the animals who can't protect themselves from humans without help from your agency and environmental groups who do care enough to try to reverse the encroachment on and destruction of nature going on everywhere. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10231**

What is wrong with you people? Find a different way to protect cattle raisers that doesn't hurt elk. Not a difficult problem, just takes guts.

**Correspondence ID: 10232**

I visited Point Reyes a couple of years ago and was impressed by the beauty of the location and the cool birds and animals we saw there. I understand that much of the park has been used for cattle for a long time, but that doesn't mean that it must stay that way. Nature is under so much stress anywhere, we need to do whatever we can to protect our parks, wildlife and natural spaces. The Park Service should facilitate native animals living in their original environments and work towards improving their chance for recovery and survival, rather than prioritizing cattle raising and profit extraction.

I think the NPS should choose Alternative B currently under discussion, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." The proposal to remove the fence and allow the elk to naturally roam free will contribute to their health and survival, and thus the health of the Park.



The confined native elk should not be dying of lack of food and water, especially in a national park and once the fence is removed, the free-roaming elk shouldn't be culled or harassed.

I think to protect the National Seashore, private cattle operations should be ended, especially in light of the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 10233**

The fence should come down. Cattle should not have priority, grazing on Federal land.

**Correspondence ID: 10234**

Please let nature take its course.

**Correspondence ID: 10235**

Seeing and hearing elk mate was a wonderful experience! let them roam free! Birth control to control the size of the herds? Maybe a solution to this problem! Cathy

**Correspondence ID: 10236**

I'm writing to recommend that the NPS choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The current fence kills elk by starvation and thirst.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and free-roaming elk should be prioritized over cattle. Elk should be protected from hunting or harassment after the fence is removed.

Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and ecosystem should be restored.

Please remove the fence.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 10237**

Please protect Point Reyes for native wildlife and free the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 10238**

I was shocked to read that the tule elk are still confined to only a portion of their own territory and that some might be destroyed so that commercial herds can have the elks' space. I hope that more understanding of the rights of native animals will become widespread and the elk will soon have their land returned to them to live on forever.

**Correspondence ID: 10239**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10240**

Good day. Please tear down the fence and free the endangered Elk. Thank you so much. May the Peace and Blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Peace on Earth. Goodwill to All.

**Correspondence ID: 10241**

Hello Park Service.

Our household would like to comment because we love the Tule elk, and demand that they are allowed to forage and migrate as they need to do to survive drought. The elk have been in California for thousands of years and deserve to be protected, not culled so we can grow more cows. Cows can go somewhere else.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10242**

I strongly believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

While I do thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence, I think fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. There are plenty of other places to raise domestic cattle.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Therefore I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. I'd like to see this place in my lifetime. I have seen plenty of cattle pastures already.

**Correspondence ID: 10243**

Attached is a Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) Tomales Point Area Plan (TPAP) public scoping newsletter, which provides a summary of the planning process, including proposed management actions that address the purpose and need of the TPAP. PRNS invites the public to comment on the proposed action, the purpose and need for the project, and the potential issues and environmental impacts of the project.

Comments will be used to help shape the plan and refine the issues that are analyzed in the draft Environmental Assessment (EA). This plan will update the management guidance of this wilderness-designated peninsula, including management of the tule elk herd in this region of the park. The plan will review cultural and natural resources, management considerations in wilderness, and visitor use and access. We encourage you to read the newsletter, review all the information on the TPAP website (<https://www.nps.gov/pore/getinvolved/planning-tomales-point-area-plan.htm>) and participate in the virtual public meeting to inform your comments.

**Correspondence ID: 10244**

Tule elk were there first and need to be protected to maintain our biodiversity. What we don't need to preserve are more cattle. I can't believe that 600 elk are really that much of a problem for ranchers. Elk do not destroy the land and change the environment, unlike cattle. I like beef, but cattle are not endangered. Find another solution that promotes the elk rather than restricts them.

**Correspondence ID: 10245**

I support alternative B

**Correspondence ID: 10246**

I would like the Park Service to protect the Tule Elk at Point Reyes and not give in to the demands of livestock owners who want them fenced in. As a former Californian, I enjoyed spending time in this park and believe the elk deserve a chance to range widely and not be hemmed in because the livestock owners want them confined!

**Correspondence ID: 10247**

Public land should be for native wildlife only, not special interest groups. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10248**

Nature is supreme

**Correspondence ID: 10249**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes, please end them to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10250**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Robert Taggart

**Correspondence ID: 10251**

Free the elk Stop attempts to kill the population.

**Correspondence ID: 10252**

Park Service,

The consideration of fencing the Tule Elk herd at Point Reyes as a permanent solution is both morally and environmentally irresponsible. Multiple alternatives have been offered.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

The critical fact remains that this is a National Park, not a subsidized free grazing range. This is especially true when constriction of a vital species in the park system is the price of the subsidy. Keep Point Reyes as intended.

Robert Haslag

**Correspondence ID: 10253**

I urge you to choose Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd, and remove the fence to allow elk to roam without harassment. Private cattle operations aren't conducive to maintaining a National Seashore area where native wildlife and flora need protection. Our wildlife and natural lands are under immense pressure from climate change and shrinkage. The cattle use leases should be ended.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10254**

I would like Alt B to be the option which is unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch care area removal of fence. Thank you for considering the fence removal. Point Reyes Legislature requires the environment to be protected and restored and preserved. This includes the natural wildlife which is the Tule Elk. Cattle should not have the priority they are not natural to the area and are destroying the ecosystem. Park lands are for enjoyment and the area should be kept natural and protected wildlife for future generations. The Tule elk are suffering and dying due to the fencing which inhibits the ability of these animals to move about freely in their natural habitat for foraging and for water. This is a travesty and needs to stop. The park needs protected for the wildlife not the livestock owners. This is what the public wants. Save the wildlife for future generations and let the Tule elk thrive in their natural environment without fear of being culled in the future. Population control if needed can be done humanely with PZP or Gona Con. Killing them by starving them is not acceptable and inhumane, It should have never happened and now is the time to stop this travesty and remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10255**

I would like to comment again on how poorly the elk are managed at Point Reyes National Seashore.

When my husband and I planned our last trip to this park we were really looking forward to seeing natural areas and the elk. He was born and grew up in San Diego and knows various people who have been interested in this species of elk and their history of losing all of their habitat in California, their only home.

We have one of the old books written about these elk.

What we saw upon arriving at Point Reyes and hiking in some of the areas was upsetting and extremely disappointing. When driving from one place to another we passed huge dairies with dozens of little huts where newborn calves are housed after they are separated from mothers and waiting to be sold as veal. We saw dairy cows everywhere.

When we visited the elk herd behind the fence far out on the end of one arm of this park, we are more upset. We knew about the lack of water and habitat for this elk herd as it tried to survive behind the fencing and often died and why, to protect domestic livestock. This has been going on far too long. Managers of this National Seashore have caved into the local livestock industry far too long. We read about this in our newspapers.

This is why my husband and I support your current Alternative B. It will remove the fence and allow the elk to roam freely - like they do in other states and national parks. Elk were on the landscape far longer than dairy cows. Many of us supported establishment and increases in Point Reyes because we wanted the natural features like elk protected.

Management should be focused on helping native species of plants and animals and protecting the natural ecosystems, not on protecting cows.

I've never understood how managers of Point Reyes interpreted their mandate to protect natural features and scenery to mean having dairy farms throughout much of the area and fencing out the elk.

I also hope the elk will roam freely once fences are removed. Dairy farms should be the ones who build

fences if they have problems. They can fence out the elk. Apple and cherry orchards in areas where we

lived fenced out the elk if they were bothered. This is done in the Hood River Valley in Oregon where orchards are a common land use. This is true in the state where we live now, Washington. Fence cows,

not elk. We lived in Hood River and had elk in our back pasture. We could fence them out or enjoy them.

We really enjoyed having them arrive each winter when snow pushed them out of the mountains.

Please adopt Alternative B and remove the fences that restrict the elk to one small area. Let the elk run free

without harassment. Fence in the cows if there are conflicts, or move the cows to a more appropriate place outside Point Reyes. They really should have been phased out long ago. The park's managers have failed

to follow their mandates. The public is not interested in having cows in this National Sea Shore.

Thank you,

Martha Hall .

**Correspondence ID: 10256**

Thank you for opening the discussion to the public on the usage of California Point Reyes.

As a Coloradoan for the vast majority of my life, I still continue to marvel at my state's Elk herds--beautiful, majestic and so impressive. It hurts my heart to understand that there is an effort to remove the elk present in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

While I am not a historian, I've always understood that the National Parks were set aside to preserve and protect the majesty of the land and to provide protection for the wildlife inhabiting the area. AS such, fences should not exist in a wilderness area and all efforts should be made to restore the ecosystem and remove all fences which are not in existance for the protection of the elk and other native wildlife.

It is my understanding that the issues have arisen by those who "want" to graze cattle on the land. Cattle are not wildlife to be protected in or on National Parks land. Cattle do not belong in a National Park.

The question of giving ANY priority to cattle in a Nat'l Park is a conflict to the premise and purpose for the National Park system.

This is an extremely heartfelt issue for me. I hope you can find an alternative to what appears to be a continuing death sentence for those grand elk on Point Reyes.

Jean Grieve, Denver CO

**Correspondence ID: 10257**

I am commenting on the welfare of the endangered Tule elk of Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes, and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on these important steps and protections for wildlife, and specifically the Tule elk.

Sincerely, Sally Rogers

**Correspondence ID: 10258**

Why should ranchers not have to pay to feed their livestock that they profit from? This land belongs to the NATIVE ELK, and only them.....PERIOD!!!! DO THE RIGHT THING!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10259**

I'm a 74yo who is extremely concerned about the environment and wildlife. I adamantly urge you to not cave into pressure from the cattle industry and instead take down the fence, allow the Tule elk herds to grow, and let them roam. Cattle destroy land and the meat industry is responsible for part of the problems of global warming. Don't bolster them, instead support the native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10260**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling,

hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you!!

**Correspondence ID: 10261**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10262**

In the 21 st century in our nation ! The killing of endangered wildlife is a real SHAME for all! putting profit and the destructive cattle industry as a priority disregarding the need for protection for wildlife like the elks is really disturbing!! I am appalled that the national park service that I have supported for 36 years does not really protect wildlife but just the interest of cattle ranchers!! Wether if it is the wolves or the grizzlies in Yellowstone's or the elks of Tomarles Point in California these policies of disregard for wildlife has to stop! Once we will have destroy all wilderness we will be doomed!please protect all the herds of the elks!! Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10263**

As one who obtained an MSW, and then one year later lost my job directing a local Homeless Families Housing (ex-director returned), traveled to my partner's home -- where he saved my life that first night.

Not ever have received a massive seizure before, but getting me to a hospital when it happened.



Why I'm writing -- our Earth is so Sacred! To awaken in a medical helicopter to a resonance of Bliss -- this MUST BE honored!

**Correspondence ID: 10264**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honour the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

**Correspondence ID: 10265**

These singular Elk species were nearly hunted to extinction. They need to be protected not exterminated or incarcerated. Why are you more concerned about cattle ranchers and their interests than in our natural resources? Please try to remember that our planet is currently in the fifth largest extinction event and that you are charged with the care of precious resources. Future generations will be aware of what you decide today.

**Correspondence ID: 10266**

I am URGING the National Park Service to remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. PLEASE, choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park!

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Remove the fence and Restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10267**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please do the right thing and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. It is the right thing to do. Animal welfare should always be the priority.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10268**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I hope you will continue to listen to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife, which includes wild horses.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. I don't feel your job should be to destroy our wildlife, especially for an invasive species like cattle, or sheep.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10269**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE remove that elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10270**

Let the tule elk roam free!

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

While I appreciate the Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence, it is vital that the Service recognize a few things.

- Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas.
- The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.
- It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.
- Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.
- Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Confining the native elk and culling them clearly does NOT "leave them unimpaired."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10271**

FREE THE ELK AND PROTECT WILDLIFE. NOTHING MORE NEEDS TO BE SAID. JUST DO IT.

A. CHEVALIER

**Correspondence ID: 10272**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I appreciate the NPS listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10273**

Thank you for taking the time to read this comment. I implore you to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Instead, please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you again for reading and for considering the opinions of Americans!

**Correspondence ID: 10274**

To Whom It May Concern,

Livestock owners cannot dictate whether a species dies or lives. There is enough for every one and every animal or else these animals, Tule Elk in this case, would not be alive. Wildlife are important to the ecosystem and if one species is removed, the rest over populate or over grow causing problems down the line. It is inhumane to stand by and watch as a species dies off due to malnutrition caused at the hand of livestock owners and the park service. How does this fall in line with your job? Take the fence down and come up with a better solution.

Sincerely,

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**Correspondence ID: 10275**

The Point Reyes Tule elk are suffering the most cruel, protracted, painful deaths because of ranchers' greed and laziness in finding alternative ways of feeding their livestock. If they can't feed their stock without destroying entire species and ecosystems, then they should find alternative employment. Human beings are not entitled to this land; they merely act as if they are.

Let them know differently.

Take down this offensive, ugly, cruel fence and fine cattle ranchers stiffly if they retaliate by killing elk (which they no doubt will!) Elk deserve to live as much as cattle ranchers do. The current situation is an outrage against creation.

**Correspondence ID: 10276**

Thanks to the National Park Service for listening to the American people's support for removing the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. Fences are destructive in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's critically important that the National Park Service tear down the fence. It causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from their food and water sources. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be culled, hazed or harassed for any reason.

Livestock operations have been prioritized for too long, resulting in the deaths of native animals to the point of endangerment, and destruction of our natural ecosystems and the environment. Because of livestock and other destructive businesses, we now have dangerous climate change threatening the lives of us all.

If these businesses continue to operate in a manner that threatens wildlife and the environment, they should be removed, period. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation states "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

These laws were put in place for a reason. By removing the fence and protecting the elk, the National Park Service would be doing its part in making sure these important laws are enforced.

**Correspondence ID: 10277**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Jelica Roland

**Correspondence ID: 10278**

The Elk are getting sick because of the fence and policy.

Please remove the fence immediately so they can act and live as nature intended, before man messed things up.

**Correspondence ID: 10279**

Alternative B is my choice as the most correct alternative for the Pt. Reyes Seashore. there are too few places for a native mammal such as an elk to exist and thrive and there are other options for a cattle operation. I understand that the cattle ranches have been there for a long time but tradition alone does not make it right given the deteriorating condition of the environment on our planet primarily due to man's massive footprint.

**Correspondence ID: 10280**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10281**

Hello,

I am writing go express my concern over the tule elk. These animals should not be confined to small swaths of land, where they are dying of thirst and malnutrition, to appease cattle owners. I believe you should Alternative B- Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. Please remove the elk fencing to protect these elk and other wildlife, and to help the ecosystem. I do not believe privately owned cattle ranches have any place in a national park and they should certainly not be making it uninhabitable for it's wildlife occupants. Please, once the fencing is removed, make sure that the elk are treated kindly and won't be harmed by said cattle ranchers or others. They deserve protection.

Thank you very much for hearing my comments about this issue I feel strongly about.

-Margaret McGeorge

**Correspondence ID: 10282**

I believe that the Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. A no brainer!

**Correspondence ID: 10283**

I am writing to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I believe that it is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I believe that private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10284**

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**Correspondence ID: 10285**

I support Alternataive B, as a way to move towards more natural movement of elk and to de-emphasize cattle in the PRNS.

The Coast Miwok people, including Coast Miwok Tribal Council, should be part of the planning process for their ancestral lands.

We should restore native plants and ecosystems, especially as climate change threatens our world.

Thank you for caring for our beautiful seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 10286**

I visited the Point Reyes National Park on my last trip to CA for my son's wedding.

I saw some of the fence which keeps the native Tule Elk from adequate food and water supplies.

The National Park Service should prioritize the welfare of the native Tule Elk and remove the fence installed to support cattle operations immediately.

Commercial cattle grazing has no place in our national parks, especially when it endangers the native wildlife, and when it conflicts with the charter for Point Reyes.

As evidenced by the massive support for the removal of the fences, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow the elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10287**

We are losing our wilderness at an alarming rate, and we will never get it back if those who are tasked with protecting it keep selling their soul to cattle ranchers bent on greed and profit.

Instead of submitting to ranchers, instead focus on what needs to happen to sustain our planet-shifting to a plant based diet.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10288**

The Point Reyes National Seashore is magnificent. As a former Californian, the winding roads in northern California are among the most breathtaking I have ever experienced. Fencing in native species like the Tule Elk to benefit cattle ranches goes against the objectives of the Park Service which promises enjoyment of the natural environment for future generations.



Please tear down those fences and allow the elk to freely roam their native habitat.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10289**

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation requires “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes. The Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

As such, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, and remove fatal fencing to elk to naturally roam free and survive. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle or commercial interests over native wildlife. We should not accept methods and practices that results in the death and malnutrition of elk especially in a national park. Moreover, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

In sum, we ask you to do the right thing and remove fencing to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and to restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10290**

I and my extended family grew up with Pt Reyes in our backyard and it remains my favorite place on the planet, though I now live in another state. I have treasured the tule elk (and studied their biology at UC Berkeley) now for over 50 years and am saddened that there could be any consideration of any action that could harm them. Pt. Reyes is so special as a natural area; cattle and livestock can be raised almost anywhere and should never be considered more important than our treasured wildlife in this very special place. PLEASE protect the tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10291**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including John's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with John's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jeanne Roy

**Correspondence ID: 10292**

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Sincerely, Elizabeth Harraway

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Doris Roy

**Correspondence ID: 10294**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

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Sincerely, Roland Roy

**Correspondence ID: 10295**

Save Point Reyes!

**Correspondence ID: 10296**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 10297**

As one who avoided Near-Death, I did see & feel the Sacredness of our Earth -- and all of Nature thriving within it -- needing our deep respect.

Please do so as is needed -- meaning NOW!

**Correspondence ID: 10298**

As a Californian I treasure Point Reyes and taking my Children to see the elk. It is so important to preserve this wild areas, they continue to disappear as do the animals that hide out there. As someone who actually visits and recognizes the value of this area, please continue to protect it for us and future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10299**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

I am writing to express my support for Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area, which would remove the fence and allow elk to roam free. I believe this would be the right thing to do because fences in National Park units should not be allowed, and the Park Service absolutely should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I also believe that it's wrong to allow elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, particularly in a national park unit.

Furthermore, if and when the fence is removed, I believe that the elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or any form of harassment. The elk are native wildlife that deserve to live in the area, free from harm by humans.

It seems to me also that private cattle operations aren't appropriate for a National Seashore such as this. So, I hope the agency will make the decision to discontinue cattle grazing in order to protect native wildlife and its habitat, and to improve the visitor experience.

Again, I strongly support the removal of the elk fence in order to protect the National Seashore's elk and other native wildlife, as well as the ecosystem in general.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments on this important matter.

**Correspondence ID: 10300**

The Tule Elk play a key role in maintaining an ecological equilibrium in the region.

**Correspondence ID: 10301**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Karen Fedorov

**Correspondence ID: 10302**

Natinonal Park Service officials,

I strongly urge the Park Service to choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you considering the Park Service's responsibility for protecting and preserving the nation's public lands and wildlife first and foremost.

PC Koger

San Diego County

**Correspondence ID: 10303**

Please protect Point Reyes for the native wildlife. The fence that confines the elk should be removed immediately to allow the elk to roam free. The elk should not be starving or dying of thirst on national park land.

Thank you for your attention and for sparing the lives of these wonderful animals.

**Correspondence ID: 10304**

Hello,

I am writing to urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the elk fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

The public overwhelmingly supports removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Sincerely, Karen Perkins

**Correspondence ID: 10305**

Free the Elk and protect Point Reyes for Native Wildlife, NOT for ranchers who want to use the land!

**Correspondence ID: 10306**

I now live in Colorado, but I grew up in California. I went to UC Berkeley and lived in the Bay Area for 10 years after I graduated. I know Point Reyes National Seashore and I feel strongly that there is plenty of land in California devoted to cattle, but the tule elk are special and deserve to live freely in Point Reyes. They shouldn't be confined where they can't find food or water. Nature preserves should be operated to protect wild nature, not cattle. The cattle ranches are an outright danger to the health of the water and plants of the preserve and it's time the Park Service stops giving preference to them. Please choose Alternative B. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10307**

There are to many people building and ruining nature and habitats .Natures woods, forests, oceans, mountains, valleys and all water ways hold life for all animals and a balanced eco

system . It all needs protection now , waiting only means there is no reset , without Gods ecosystem , the world will end .

**Correspondence ID: 10308**

Please tear down the elk-killing fence.

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle industry destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10309**

As a concerned citizen, I can't believe that you would kill these magnificent elk just to appease some cattlemen. They are wonderful animals and they don't deserve to be killed nor to become extinct.

**Correspondence ID: 10310**

Please tear down the elk-killing fence. Livestock owners should not dictate wild animal policy. Public lands belong to the public, not ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 10311**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 10312**

Protect and free the elk. Remove the cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10313**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for the cattle that are destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10314**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I would like to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter.

**Correspondence ID: 10315**

Free the elk. Elk are wildlife that belong in a National Park. Cows must take a back seat. They really don't belong in our National Parks. It's that simple. Free the Elk. Conservation can't wait!

**Correspondence ID: 10316**

Protect nature and the wildlife in the park, not the cattle that are destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10317**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10318**

Seems to me the elk where here first, so shouldn't they have a voice? So, on their behalf, I ask you to let them be free.

If Covid has taught us anything it's that government agencies are ALL captured by big money .... prove your not, let them be free. Just do the right thing for once.

**Correspondence ID: 10319**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Nick Natale

**Correspondence ID: 10320**

The elk deserve freedom, protection and habitat tyat will allow them to thrive. It is terribly wrong to favor cattle over an endangered species of so few numbers.

**Correspondence ID: 10321**

The mission of the National Park Service is to “preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System...”. Protecting the interests of cattle growers over the lives of native Tule elk does not seem to fit into that stated mission. Furthermore, as an occasional visitor to Point Reyes, I would much rather see native elk roaming the land than domestic cattle. Please remove the elk killing 8 foot fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10322**

Hello,

It is without a doubt that humans are the number 1 polluters and destroyers of the earth. To confine wildlife from their natural habitat is wrong on many accounts. What we continue to do in the name of protecting people's profits at the expense of nature is doing exactly what my opening sentence states. Protect the earth and its creatures first and we will all survive. Disrupt the balance and we all suffer. This includes treating sentient beings with respect.

Please allow the native tule elk to have access to appropriate food and water.

Thank you for your help to protect this important species.

Lynn Muramaru

**Correspondence ID: 10323**

Leave

**Correspondence ID: 10324**

Free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 10325**

The Tule Elk are a very special and important part of the Point Reyes environment and experience. With such a small population of Tule Elk all efforts must be made to keep all elk alive and, if possible, expand the population, perhaps to other parks in the area. A part of the National Park system, Point Reyes should not be favoring cattle owners interests over the preservation of an endangered elk species. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.



Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10326**

Stop limiting the elks for food & water-the cattle industry has no business in a park land.

**Correspondence ID: 10327**

Choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thanks for heeding the groundswell of public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. That's not your mission.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10328**

Free the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore by removing the 8' high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The ecosystem needs to be restored for the native wildlife. This wildlife is entitled to protection from the National Park Service ... not the livestock who are destroying the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10329**

Dear Decision Makers

As a frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Park, not far south from my home turf in Oregon I feel that It's unacceptable to let confined native Tule elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially

in a national park! Please make the right 2023 decision and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Candace Galen

**Correspondence ID: 10330**

Please protect the elk and not the livestock

**Correspondence ID: 10331**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10332**

I have read articles and seen pictures of the dead elk that state that Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd leading to their deaths, all to appease livestock owners.

After a lot of public outrage and comments about this the Park Service is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Thank you for doing this because fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas.

The Park Service must free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

The following must be done for these elk to survive;

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The

removal of the elk fence protects Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restores the ecosystem.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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**Correspondence ID: 10333**

Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners.

Shame on you. You have no respect for nature.

**Correspondence ID: 10334**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

So this comes down to this land is supposed to be for the public, it was never about ranchers, or other operations using this land, paying a pittance, and harming the environment. It is supposed to be a wild place, that citizens from all over, but especially those confined to cities can come and enjoy nature, while nature heals the land. Wild animals trapped in one place damages the land they are confined to, especially a species that is designed to roam. Common sense should be guiding this decision, and if that isn't enough the science is clear. They've done the studies about restoring a range to roaming animals, and it works!

**Correspondence ID: 10335**

It's unconscionable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 10336**

National parks are for people to enjoy. Allowing ranchers to raised cattle there is counter to keeping the park a natural setting and furthermore is destructive to the environment that has been set aside for people to enjoy.

**Correspondence ID: 10337**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Deborah ORear

**Correspondence ID: 10338**

You should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10339**

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10340**

Having traveled up the western coast, I am clearly aware of the fragile nature of coastal wildlife. It is imperative, therefore, in consideration of the elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore, that the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I similarly live in an area where wildlife impact local residents. Instead of negatively harming the wildlife, humans need to learn ways to allow the animals their native habitat. We are losing species at an alarming rate; soon our own species will be threatened if we do not act more ethically with regard to the rights of the wildlife who were here long before us.

Thank you for doing the right thing for this area, for our country, and for the stability of ecosystems and our fragile world.

**Correspondence ID: 10341**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10342**

I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area, which will remove the fatal fence and allow the elk to naturally run free. Fences should not be in wilderness areas and the Park Service should take a stand and prioritize the native wildlife over cattle. Because of the fences, native elk die of thirst and starvation, which is appalling in a national park. Once the elk fences are removed, the free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and need to end. The fence needs to be removed so that Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife is protected and the ecosystem can be restored.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10343**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and

manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Roya Eliafan

**Correspondence ID: 10344**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Beatriz Fanton

**Correspondence ID: 10345**

Please protect the Tule Elk!

How can you claim to protect the land and wildlife, whilst curtailing their freedom and ultimately their lives.

PLEASE protect our wildlife!

**Correspondence ID: 10346**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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**Correspondence ID: 10347**

Tule Elk and other wildlife should be given priority over livestock interests. There should be no fence confining the elk. Manage this area for the benefit of wildlife.

Gerald Haram

**Correspondence ID: 10348**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10349**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10350**

I urge the Forest to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes



massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Remove the fence and allow the elk to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10351**

I am saddened by the plight of the Point Reyes Tule elk. I strongly believe that the National Park Service should be doing everything they can to support the health and well-being of these elk. National parks should provide supportive habitat for wildlife. Allowing the elk to starve to death and die of thirst because they are confined is cruel and completely unacceptable. I, and many others, think that it is past time to remove the fence that is fatally confining the elk and allow them to roam free like they should have been all along. Please choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." If the elk are allowed to roam freely they should be free to do so without being disturbed by the park service. Don't haze them, cull them or harass them. Allow them to live their lives as wild animals. That of course means that there shouldn't be any private cattle operations in Point Reyes. They are in direct conflict with the elk. In fact, the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation says that the natural environment should be protected, restored and preserved. That cannot happen if cattle grazing is occurring. Cattle are not part of the natural environment. Elk are. I thought that park lands were supposed to provide for the enjoyment of wildlife in such a manner and means as to leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. The only way to do this is to remove the elk fence. In doing so, you will help to protect the native wildlife, help restore the ecosystem, and end the cruel and pointless confinement of the elk of Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you for allowing me and the rest of the public to express support for the elk and for considering the possibility of removing the fence. Please, please remove the elk fence!

**Correspondence ID: 10352**

Stop killing tule elk. That's ridiculous. Those animals are so majestic. They definitely deserve better than this.

**Correspondence ID: 10353**

I strongly support Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is not acceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk must not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10354**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B: "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,"

I was just recently in Point Reyes, and saw the elk and the fences. I believe that fences do not belong in wilderness areas, and I really believe that the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Why are private cattle operations even allowed in Point Reyes, on a National Seashore?

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the fence to protect and prioritize native wildlife over domestic cattle, and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10355**

All living things deserve to be happy, healthy and free. Do nothing that would disrupt these elk or that would hurt them

In any negative way, shape or form. Point Reyes has been their home. They deserve to live there wild and free.

**Correspondence ID: 10356**

This area should be reserved for the wildlife, let the cattle ranchers use their own land.

**Correspondence ID: 10357**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you so much for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations just don't seem appropriate for Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

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I respectfully urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10358**

Protect Point Reyes for native wildlife! It is not for livestock who are destroying the ecosystems. It's for elk! This is a national park!, It is NOT a ranch. I don't want my tax dollars subsidizing cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10359**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Trishia Maruri

**Correspondence ID: 10360**

The elk died horribly so that cattle had all the water. Not acceptable on any level. I do not want public money spent torturing any wild animals, especially to profit individuals.

**Correspondence ID: 10361**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10362**

Please keep Point Reyes for the wildlife. Allowing cattle to graze and erecting fences that kill wildlife is so very wrong. Why don't cattle owners feed and keep their animals on their own property instead of eliminating the animals that belong in these areas?

**Correspondence ID: 10363**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 10364**

Take down the fence and free the elk!!

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free!

Thank you for removing the fence and valuing the native wildlife in the area, instead of prioritizing cattle over the native wildlife. It's totally unacceptable to let confined native elk die of

thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park, and especially since you are the agency supposed to be guarding and maintaining their welfare!

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes or at any National Seashore!! The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please REMOVE THE ELK FENCE to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!! The entire country is watching this particular issue!

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10365**

CONFINE THE LIVESTOCK NOT THE ELK!!

**Correspondence ID: 10366**

It would like to thank the Park Service for proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife instead of the cattle which are destroying its ecosystem. Please protect the elk after the fence comes down, and do not allow them to be culled. Thank you for taking my comment.

**Correspondence ID: 10367**

Such rare animals should not be sacrificed for the cattle industry as we should be consuming less red meat for health and environmental reasons.

**Correspondence ID: 10368**

These Elk are a "natural" part of their environment, the cattle are not. The Elk, left to their own devices, and given proper territory to migrate, will enhance their environment, as they historically done long before whites appeared. How the NPS can conclude that an innate and long existing creature that has evolved on this territory, has less value to the whole environment, then domestic cows is hard to swallow. Farmers and ranchers should not have priority to the wild lands for grazing over any animal that has been part of the natural environment long before cattle. They are my ELK. Their numbers are waning and I would rather have them in the Tomales Point area then cows.

**Correspondence ID: 10369**

Free the elk, and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not the Livestock owners whose cattle are destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10370**

Let these animals go free!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10371**

Instead of culling the herd, which will reduce genetic diversity, give the herd more grazing area. When humans have made the planet's climate so increasingly harsh and unstable, it's only fair

to make adjustments to protect wildlife. Removing a fence or two to return habitat to the original inhabitants is beneficial to the biome supporting the elk.

Besides, using birth control would be a more humane approach to reducing herd size. If a temporary implant is used, herd size would remain stable for the period of birth control effectiveness, and then increase when it wears off.

Violent methods are used by those lacking empathy and imagination.

**Correspondence ID: 10372**

Native species should always be valued above domestic. In California, we are squeezing beloved endemic animals to the point of extinction, mostly by painfully slow measures. Of note is how the Park Service is confining Tule Elk, well out of natural ranges that are required for the health of the herd/s. This is torture, in times of drought especially.....fodder and hydration are reduced to lethal levels. This, all in the name of....cows and pressure from an already bloated ranching community.

This is California. We pat ourselves on the back for being environmentalists, yet we allow this pointed cruelty to exist.

Take the fences down, and let the Tule Elk resume their native lands.

**Correspondence ID: 10373**

SAVE THE TULLE ELK FROM EXTINCTION.

**Correspondence ID: 10374**

I strongly suggest the use of Alternative B - Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you for listening to the public comments to remove the murderous elk fence allowing wildlife to roam freely. The Park Service shouldn't be prioritizing cattle over wildlife. Allowing wildlife to die of thirst is unacceptable.

**Correspondence ID: 10375**

PROTECT THE TULE ELK PLEASE!

**Correspondence ID: 10376**

Stand in love do the right thing!

**Correspondence ID: 10377**

These elk deserve freedom and the ability to seek food and water beyond a fenced zone imposed for commercial interests.

They deserve protection, or at least fair treatment, as native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10378**

It is never a good idea to replace native hoofed animals with domestic cattle. Cattle destroy an ecosystem. Remove them and put the native elk back on the land.

**Correspondence ID: 10379**

The National Park Service should opt for Alternative B, known as the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will eliminate the detrimental fence and allow elk to roam freely in their natural habitat.

I urge your agency to heed the resounding public support for the removal of the elk fence. Fences have no place in wilderness areas, and the Park Service must prioritize the well-being of native wildlife over cattle interests.

It is utterly unacceptable to allow native elk to suffer and die of thirst and malnutrition within the confines of a national park.

Once the elk fence is dismantled, free-roaming elk must not face culling, hazing, or any form of harassment under any circumstances.

Private cattle operations are incompatible with the principles of Point Reyes and should be discontinued to uphold the National Seashore's charter. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates the "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to be managed in a manner that leaves them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Please remove the elk fence in order to safeguard the native wildlife of Point Reyes National Seashore and restore its precious ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10380**

First, I'd like to thank the agency for hearing public support regarding the removal of the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and we need to protect our few remaining wild places and the species who call them home--now more than ever considering our biodiversity crisis.

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to roam free naturally. Thank you for all you can do to help nature regain its balance--a win-win for all life on the planet.

**Correspondence ID: 10381**

It sounds good if the fencing would come down and the ELK would have more room to roam. I prefer that to allowing cattle to graze in areas that wild life need to survive. It would be better for the land and the wild life.

I am pretty tired of hearing that cattle are in all these areas destroying lands that wild life need and farmers get for cheap.

Let the ELk do what ELK do. We've seen what the cattle do.

**Correspondence ID: 10382**

Point Reyes National Seashore is the only national park where California's tule elk live. This native species deserves to have its habitat preserved and protected, not co-opted for the benefit of grazing cattle. Ranchers are seeking profit, and public lands should not be subsidizing their bottom line. Rather, native wildlife habitat should be a priority use for public lands.

It is totally inappropriate to propose killing members of two free-roaming herds, and confining part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence should not be tolerated. Public land is for public use, and public use demands that native wildlife be accommodated.

**Correspondence ID: 10383**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Krystle Viola

**Correspondence ID: 10384**

The elk were there first and are far more important than cattle. This is a very small herd and do we really want to lose another unique species. YOU are the park service created by Teddy Roosevelt to protect this pristine environment. Your purpose is NOT to make farmers and cattle owner happy. Grow a spine and do the right thing. PROTECT THE TULE ELK!

Rose Estes

**Correspondence ID: 10385**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence; the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife, especially since we paid the "ranchers" for the land at full market value.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes; the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The actual history of the park is that the colonizing ranchers stole the land from the people who lived there; THAT is the true history of the "ranches." Glorifying the land grab is disgusting and insulting.

**Correspondence ID: 10386**

Point Reyes is an incredibly beautiful area which as a National Seashore is supposed to provide



natural activities for people and to protect local plants and animals. It was not established to provide support services for cattle ranching.

I am fortunate to be able to visit Point Reyes pretty much every year and have the privilege of seeing the magnificent elk who live there. They are beautiful creatures and this has been their home since long before cattle ranchers arrived in California.

That's why I am urging you to choose Alternative B, the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area to remove that elk killing fencing. In addition do not cull, kill or harass the elk when they finally are free to roam throughout their range.

Cattle ranching has its place - but that place is not within a National Park. It does not belong in Point Reyes and should not be supported, especially at the cost of starving a native species - especially one as magnificent as these elk.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public opposition to these fences. Please remove them.

**Correspondence ID: 10387**

Extinction is forever

**Correspondence ID: 10388**

Please protect these beautiful animals. Why does the act of killing them always seem to be the answer. Let's come up with better answers.

**Correspondence ID: 10389**

Tear down the fence and let the elk live freely. The elk get precedence. Period.

**Correspondence ID: 10390**

Please choose the Alternative Plan B for managing Point Reyes National Seashore and remove the fence that is confining elk to too small an area for sustainability. Please let them roam free. Please prioritize the elk over the cow as the elk are a part of the nature that Point Reyes is there to protect. I love Point Reyes National Seashore. One of my peak experiences ever was at Point Reyes and yes, it involved elk and seal nurseries and hawks and wildflowers and wild cats. I felt so embraced by Point Reyes in a way i have never felt before or since. This was probably in the 1990s. It is indeed a sacred place to me. Please save the elk . Thankyou. Sincerely, Jana Howe

**Correspondence ID: 10391**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnes disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that

found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Leslie Billings

**Correspondence ID: 10392**

Dear National Park Service:

Point Reyes - what a gorgeous place to immerse in nature!

Please allow the elk at Pierce Ranch Core Area to roam freely - by removing the fatal fence (Alternative B).

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas; it is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. After removal of the elk fence, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Again, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removal of the elk fence at Point Reyes.

Yours,

Peggy Leviton

**Correspondence ID: 10393**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

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The Park Service should remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10394**

Cattle have no place in a national park they should be kicked out. The elk are natural to the area, and they deserve to stay and be protected and live a natural life without fences, or fear of being shot at much more important, then a bunch of cattle that should be on their owners land not in the national park. That's ridiculous.

**Correspondence ID: 10395**

Protect Point Reyes....Free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 10396**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Please keep my personal information private. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10397**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Miranda Everett

**Correspondence ID: 10398**

Please protect our wild life, before it's too late!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10399**

Instead of protecting the native Tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the policy has been to isolate the herd via fence in order to please the constituency of private cattle ranchers. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. This is horrific! It is time for the elk to be prioritized.

Thank you for listening,

**Correspondence ID: 10400**

I am writing to urge you to protect the tule elk. There are already so many animals facing extinction due to habitat loss, climate change, etc. Let's not allow these elk to become casualties too.

**Correspondence ID: 10401**

Wildlife in the western states cannot continue to suffer because ranchers are lazy and because we eat too much beef. The Tule Elk have been pushed to the edge of survival. It is well time for them to be free to forage and live in a much larger area and it is well time for ranchers to stop being greedy and lazy. Wildlife is essential to keep nature in balance. The Tule Elk, and all our wildlife, need full and permanent protection.

**Correspondence ID: 10402**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Which will remove the fatal fence and allow the elk to roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10403**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Hans Deutsch

**Correspondence ID: 10404**

Restore the habitat for the Elk. They need the space to survive and to keep their herds healthy. The land

that they depend on for food and their herd does not need to be surrounded by a fence. The land has been

saved for them and it needs to continue to be used by them.

The cattle will destroy this land and these Elk will not survive. Cattle will eat the grasses and destroy the habitat. It is time to protect the land needed by the Elk and stop destroying it by allowing cattle to roam free

on this land.

Protect the wildlife and their homes.

**Correspondence ID: 10405**

I strongly support Option B, but request that the use of herbicides be removed from consideration. I also believe that tribal consultation should be prioritized over all other considerations and inputs, especially those of commercial interests. As settler colonists, we continue to impose our will in areas where we refuse to recognize that we, along with our preferred domesticated animals, are the uninvited guests.

**Correspondence ID: 10406**

Point Reyes National Seashore is public land and nature should be prioritized over private livestock owners. Fences and cattle are incredibly inappropriate for this area. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The elk should be allowed to exist naturally and should not be culled.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." This charter is incompatible with private cattle operations. Let nature exist where it is supposed to exist, and let private cattle operations exist on private land. With only around 600 of these elk, it is imperative that they be protected and allowed to thrive. This is our land, public land, and not feed lots for private cattle who also damage the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10407**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jennifer Robinson

**Correspondence ID: 10408**

The Center for Biologic Diversity has asked the public to thank the National Park Service for removing the 8 ft high elk fence at Tomales Point, and allowing the elk to roam free to search for food.

The elk are truly majestic animals, and it is a joy to watch them. Their environment should be preserved so that future generations can enjoy what we have been able to enjoy.

**Correspondence ID: 10409**

It is imperative to put an end to private cattle operations in Point Reyes to honor the values outlined in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation. This legislation emphasizes the need for maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within Point Reyes. Furthermore, the Organic Act designates national park lands to be cherished in a way that ensures their preservation and enjoyment for future generations. By removing these operations of vested interest within a nationally protected area, the integrity of this remarkable natural landscape can be upheld, ensuring its long-term sustainability. It is imperative to safeguard these lands and leave a lasting legacy for future generations to cherish and enjoy.

**Correspondence ID: 10410**

I have been horrified for several years, reading about these tule elk dying of thirst and starvation, and I cannot believe it has taken this long for the National Park Service to deal with it and stop the cruelty to the elk. I have lost all respect for the National Park Service because of this heinous treatment of wildlife so that livestock owners could graze their cattle while the elk suffered. I had better read very soon that this treatment has stopped and that the fences are down so that the elk and all wildlife in your care have stopped being abused and tortured.

NO livestock should be grazing on wilderness land, no matter how local or distant. For that matter, wilderness lands belong to the public, not to farmers or livestock owners.

Judith Kirk

**Correspondence ID: 10411**

Elk are 'indigenous', cattle are NOT! Protect the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10412**

Elk over Cattle

**Correspondence ID: 10413**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10414**

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**Correspondence ID: 10415**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Dr. Arlette Perry

**Correspondence ID: 10416**

These elk are wild.

Culling them and restricting their ability to survive by fencing them in is cruel and harsh.

Please let them be free!

**Correspondence ID: 10417**

I salute the Park Service proposal to remove the elk-killing fence. Livestock owners need to coexist with nature, pay their fair share for grazing rights.

**Correspondence ID: 10418**

I have visited Point Reyes and it's a beautiful place. The elk that live there live nowhere else. Penning them in so they are doomed to suffer and/or die from starvation or thirst is cruel. To do so to appease cattle farmers whose animals are non-native and can damage the land is ridiculous.

**Correspondence ID: 10419**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10420**

Please help the wild animals and nature. Our world is losing wild animals and natural land.

**Correspondence ID: 10421**

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**Correspondence ID: 10424**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10425**

Alternative B should be implemented and cattle should not be allowed to graze in this area!

**Correspondence ID: 10426**

Free the Tule Deer!

Shame on you for restricting these magnificent animals.

They were on Point Reyes long before you were...

Do your job.. protect the wild life... not restrict it!

And don't be politically motivated!

**Correspondence ID: 10427**

Tule Elk on Pt Reyes are not cattle, they are wildlife & require protection from those who would abuse wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10428**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kathy Sparrow

**Correspondence ID: 10429**

Remove fencing and let the elk be free!!

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10431**

Save the elk. No livestock grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 10432**

Protecting wildlife provides huge benefits for the ecosystem of the entire planet.

**Correspondence ID: 10433**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10434**

I support all projects that enhances, protects and preserves our national parks and public lands. Tomales Point is a cherished spot and should be protected. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10435**

Tear down the fence and let the elk free! Domestic livestock have no right or privilege to be in a National Park. Time to let the native wildlife have their own place & get rid of the dairy cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10436**

I want to thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for finally removing the elk fence. The fence has no place in a protected wilderness area. The Point Reyes National Seashore belongs to the American people not to the cattle ranchers! The Park Service should never prioritize cattle over wildlife. I want the native Tule elk to roam free at Point Reyes not cattle! It's insane to me that cattle were ever allowed to remain at Point Reyes in the first place. The Point Reyes website talks about "leaving no trace" but you allow cattle to destroy a wilderness area while keeping the native elk behind a fence? That makes absolutely no sense and must stop.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences should never be used to confine wildlife in a wilderness area. I am outraged that native elk have been allowed to die of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park due to a fence. Further the Tule elk should not be subject to culling, hazing or any form of harassment for any reason. The cattle are the problem not the elk.

It's past time for the NPS to realize that private cattle operations have no place in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the NPS to act immediately to remove cattle and the elk fence from the Point Reyes National Seashore. The time has come for the NPS to allow the Point Reyes native Tule elk herd roam free!!

**Correspondence ID: 10437**

Dear National Park Service,

I would appreciate it if you would listen to the public support for removing the elk fence and choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area) to allow elk to

naturally roam free. It's completely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Fences don't work in wilderness areas and the elk should have equal rights to cattle. After the fence is removed please don't allow any culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Protect this natural area and all it's inhabitants for today and their future. Protect it for the meaning and value it has to humans for today and subsequent generations.

Thank you,

LouAnn Lanning

**Correspondence ID: 10438**

Please remove the elk fence allowing elk to naturally roam free and to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Please end cattle operations in Point Reyes to enable "the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment". Thank you for listening to public support for removing the elk fence.

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**Correspondence ID: 10440**

Please free the tule elk and let them be a continuing part of California's history and wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10441**

Stop pandering to the handful of redneck cattle ranchers

and respect our sacred wildlife, the Great Spirit

put forth upon Mother Earth for all of us to behold with

awe and wonder!!

**Correspondence ID: 10442**

If these ranchers want to have a lot of cattle, tell them to purchase it like others do. Putting the animals who were there first inside a gated area is not what people want. Put the cattle back inside the fences on the land that the ranchers own.

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**Correspondence ID: 10444**

Cattle farming is harmful to the environment; elk are not.

There is no question about what your priorities should be.

It's time to do right by our planet.

**Correspondence ID: 10445**

please take down the fence to protect the Elk and ban the cattle ranchers from the park

thank you

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**Correspondence ID: 10449**

Wildlife needs to be protected. Livestock should not be given an unfair priority. As of 2022, the United Nations has declared all wildlife to be in peril from human encroachment and climate change. Therefore, restoring wildlife and their environment need to be humanity's number one priority.

In my lifetime, I have noticed less wildlife. It is devastating to know that humanity is destroying the planet and wildlife. We must be stewards of good behavior and of animal and environmental rights now.

**Correspondence ID: 10450**

You must protect these important Elk and DO NOT reduce their numbers by any means. The live stock industry is using public lands for their benefit only. It is past time to give the Elk their home back!

It is only the proper action you can take.

**Correspondence ID: 10451**

The option b appears to be better then the others except for the changes in water availability. Put up a fence to keep cattle out, they don't belong there anyway. If you cannot keep the population numbers up then you should be replaced

**Correspondence ID: 10452**

I can't even begin to comprehend the cruelty. Free the tule elk!

**Correspondence ID: 10453**

Remove the elk fence.

Remove all ranching.

Remove all cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10454**

Free the elk!

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FREE THE ELK AND PROTECT POINT REYES FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

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**Correspondence ID: 10456**

Please free the elk. They have no way of surviving without being free to roam and seek out food and water. It is cruel and inhumane to do otherwise and they are being driven to extinction. Let racers fence in THEIR livestock!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10457**

It is urgent and important that you allow these elk to live untroubled and unharmed on their island. Keep the cows off. Why can't you leave natural ecosystems be?

**Correspondence ID: 10458**

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Sincerely, Leila Lappin

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Sincerely, Ms. Susann McCarthy

**Correspondence ID: 10461**

Dear National Park Service,

I have visited Point Reyes area a few times and truly treasure the sightings we've had of tule elk. They are a last symbol of the wild wonder the Bay Area used to be before the non-natives arrived and appropriated. Please choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fence that would prevent the elk from roaming free.

I deeply appreciate this comment period and support the idea that fences don't belong in wilderness areas. Native wildlife needs to be the priority here. I object to fencing or other obstacles that would result in elk lacking access to water or inadequate grazing in a national park. And elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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I am the current generation and a parent of the future one- born here in the Bay Area.

Thank you for your time,

Rachel Medanic

**Correspondence ID: 10462**

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Sincerely, Ms. Sally Tully-Figueroa

**Correspondence ID: 10464**

I support Alternative B. Fence should be removed so elk can properly roam. Cattle should not be in this wilderness area. Thank you for reviewing my comment. Please remove the fence and allow the wilderness to be wild.

**Correspondence ID: 10465**

Point Reyes is a treasure and a park. The Tule Elk are wildlife that are a part of the natural ecosystem and belong there. Cattle do not. The land does not belong to ranchers. Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended. Remove the elk fence and choose Alternative B for an unconfined Elk herd. Although I am living in AZ at this tie, California is my home and Point Reyes is very important to me.

**Correspondence ID: 10466**

Don't jeopardize the lives and health of this natural treasure, the tule elk, to appease commercial interests.

**Correspondence ID: 10467**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. And native elk should not be allowed to die of thirst and malnutrition because the Park Service prioritizes the life of cattle over wildlife!

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10468**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Nancy Richards

**Correspondence ID: 10469**

I strongly object to restricting the movement of elk in OUR national park to benefit cattle farmers. In fact, I'm against ANY cattle grazing in the national park - it's a park, not a feedlot. It's also not a low-cost alternative for cattle ranchers to maximize their profit.

Removing the cattle - whose presence is inappropriate anyway - will also remove the 'need' to cull the herd.

Please go with Alternative B to prevent unnecessary death and suffering caused by fencing off the elk's range.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10470**

Please remove the elk fence at Tomales Point on the Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is harmful for Wilderness and the cattle owners are letting their cattle destroy the ecosystem. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation basically says that private cattle industry does not comply with restoration and preservation, or add to the enjoyment of nature. It also hurts Tule elk within the natural environment under the Organic Act. Native wildlife should be the priority here and Alternative B, which would allow the elk to be free, is the most compatible with Point Reyes National Seashore's Tomales Point.

Specifically, the fence causes a huge number of deaths among the native elk since they are not be able to get to a water or food since the fence is 8 feet high. It confines two particular free-roaming herds on a peninsula and so malnutrition is a big threat. I know whenever I visit national parks, seeing deer or elk is a wonder unlike anything else in terms of the beauty of nature. Hanging them out to dry in favor of for-profit cattle operations which contribute nothing to the National Seashore, but actually harm it, is not only antithetical to the National Park Service's mission, but does a disservice to providing the public a chance to see true wildlife in its natural habitat. Not only that, but when confined, it disrupts the natural state of things and diminishes biological diversity.

It should go without saying that having a heart toward the elk so they will not starve should be a consideration as well. Tule elk were once nearly hunted to extinction and there are only about 600 left at Point Reyes. Letting their numbers expand a little here would do wonders for this species.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do the right thing.

**Correspondence ID: 10471**

PROTECT TULE ELK NOT CATTLE NOW DAMN IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10472**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. John Holmes

**Correspondence ID: 10473**

I lived in California for 65 years and CA will always be my home. For this reason I want my voice heard.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 10474**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, A W

**Correspondence ID: 10475**

Save the elk

**Correspondence ID: 10476**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10477**

Thank you for recognizing the need to remove the 8-foot-tall elk fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes dangerously high elk die-off during drought years by keeping animals from food and water sources, and never had a valid reason for being there.

You're the PARK service--you should protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for livestock owners whose cattle are ruining the Point Reyes ecosystem.

I applaud your recognizing public outcry against the fence, and applaud your proposed removal of it.

Accordingly, please choose Alternative B: "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Moreover, once the fence is gone, the elk must be free from culling, hazing or harassment. This will help you fulfill the NPS's mandate to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

I urge you to remove the elk fence and protect them and the rest of the native ecosystem there from Cattle ranchers.

Sincerely, Janet Cass

**Correspondence ID: 10478**

This situation has gone on long enough--it needs to stop! This is a national park and should be a refuge for wildlife. The interests of private livestock owners should not be put above the interests of wildlife. There needs to be a balance. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10479**

Please consider the following feedback when implementing policy:

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please choose to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10480**

I'm writing the National Park Service today in favor of Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the existing elk fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. While the Park Service may have no agency over drought conditions, they are responsible for being good stewards of the land and native wildlife regardless of the environmental conditions. It's cruel and unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

As as a long-time Bay Area resident who loves visiting Point Reyes, I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence, and please adopt Alternative B.

**Correspondence ID: 10481**

Fuck cattle stop intervening in nature. Leave the elk alone you know nothing about wildlife.

Every agency kills wildlife over stupid cattle.

Stop let elk roam free. Who the fuck are you? Your agency are killers and destroyers of wild animals.

Ever time you control you kill. Kill the cattle instead. Morons.

**Correspondence ID: 10482**

Thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are



inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations are never appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10483**

The National Park Service must choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the dangerous fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are ill advised in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment.

**Correspondence ID: 10484**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Jean Ladnier

**Correspondence ID: 10485**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" and remove the fatal fence and so that the elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, which is horribly anywhere, but especially in a national park!

Furthermore, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence in order to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10486**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Again, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you!

Dave

**Correspondence ID: 10487**

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**Correspondence ID: 10488**

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**Correspondence ID: 10489**

STOP THIS CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

THIS IS JUST WRONG!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10490**

Please make sure these magnificent creatures get all the protection they need!

**Correspondence ID: 10491**

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\* Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason. This is their land.

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Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10492**

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It's cruel and inhumane to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Maybe reintroduce natural predators?

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10494**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10495**

It's time to stop coddling livestock farmers over native wildlife. The fact that any of the tule elk who live on Pt. Reyes have died from thirst or starvation because of the fence that restricts them is shameful. Surely you can do better than that. Free the elk. The livestock farmers have had their way long enough. These elk are worthy of protection. If anything Pt. Reyes should be protected from livestock which are notorious for denuding a landscape.

**Correspondence ID: 10496**

My family typically spends our summers hiking together. One of the most magical hiking experiences of my children's childhood happened at Point Reyes National Seashore -- one of our favorite California hiking spots -- when the tule elk herd wandered up to a small clearing where we were resting on low rocks. The four of us sat very still as the elk approached and encircled us, unfazed by our presence as they grazed in close proximity for 15 minutes or so. It is an afternoon none of us will ever forget and has left us all feeling a sense of connection to these majestic animals ever since.

Having experienced the wonder of sharing space with a foraging Tule Elk herd, I was both outraged by the fencing of the Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore -- which held the herd captive, away from vital grazing lands and adequate supplies of water, where hundreds died -- and grateful that the Park Service listened to the public's calls supporting the herd. Point Reyes is a national park, not a zoo; as such, the fence was always inappropriate. The elk must be

permitted to roam and forage at will. To that end, I urge the Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area".

Furthermore, the Park Service should ensure elk connectivity corridors and let Tomales Point elk connect with the park's two free-roaming herds in Limantour Wilderness and Drakes Beach. There's ample carrying capacity to allow the Tomales elk to expand throughout Point Reyes — so "population management" measures, including culling, hazing, harassment or hunting of the elk should be prohibited.

Native animals must have precedence in Point Reyes grasslands. Commodifying public lands by prioritizing environmentally-destructive private livestock -- especially livestock which is so significantly contributing to the escalating Climate Crisis -- to the detriment of endemic, native wildlife populations cannot be tolerated. Private cattle have no place in wilderness areas and their operations within the park should be terminated to honor the charter of the National Seashore: The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The Park Service should permanently remove both the cattle and the elk fence, and restore the ecosystem, through consultation with tribal entities (Coast Miwok and Graton Rancheria), for the benefit of the park's wildlife.

Please do not allow this national park ... which belongs to all American people ... to be used as a corporate marketplace. In the midst of interconnected Climate and Nature Crises that are only becoming more desperate with every passing day; we must preserve, protect and restore biodiversity to have even a passing chance of building the resilience we need to heal our current Climate Emergency. Point Reyes National Seashore is a spectacular treasure much beloved by my entire family and many families like mine; for all Americans and the wildlife and habitat within its bounds, an integrated, intact ecosystem ... including its iconic Tule Elk ... must be protected and prioritized.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10497**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Carole Serras

**Correspondence ID: 10498**

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Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife (Not the cattle) and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10499**

The National Park Service should be in the business of protecting our nation's wild creatures within its areas of responsibility, not ensuring the profitability of private enterprises using our public park land.

The Tule Elk are native to this area, domestic cattle are not. Take down the fence to allow the elk access to their original range and water sources.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

**Correspondence ID: 10500**

Instead of protecting the native tule elk the National Park Service has confined the largest herd for years to appease livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

The Park Service is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high fence at Tomales Point because of public outrage and comments from wildlife supporters. The fence causes massive elk deaths during drought years because it cuts the animals off from adequate food and water sources.

The Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 10501**

Please prioritize the welfare of tule elk over the livestock industry. We need to do our best to preserve the native landscape and wildlife for future generations. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10502**

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Please, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore

the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10503**

Living in Humboldt County, we value our Roosevelt elk population and their presence in our Redwood Parks system. Often while staying at Dillon Beach I have hiked Point Reyes and the tule elk herds there are also wonderful as well as singular animals. Point Reyes National Seashore was created to protect, restore, and preserve its unique features, including its scenery and wildlife. The National Park Service exists to maintain this site for citizens like me and for the future generations of Americans.

It is not pasture land for cattle to be used instead of native wildlife. Allowing cattle grazing destroys the ecosystem that Point Reyes was created to preserve instead of maintaining or restoring it. Wilderness areas should not be fenced as they have been at Tomales Point. Native wildlife such as tule elk should be supported so that their population can grow.

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area). National Parks are vital to our land.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10504**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

The National Park Service should remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 10505**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Please support Alternative B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area") and remove the elk fence to help restore the natural ecosystem. Please also implement measures to ensure that free-roaming elk aren't subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment of any kind.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10506**

Please expand the Tule Elk range! My wife and I visit Pt Reyes multiple times a year and value the wild life in the park. We also recognize and appreciate the historic nature of the dairy farming in this area. But in a contest of cows vs Tule Elk, the Tule Elk have our vote.

-Joseph Rogers

**Correspondence ID: 10507**

I would like to encourage the NPS to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I appreciate NPS listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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I strongly encourage NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10508**

If you have ever seen the magnificent Tule Elk you would never think of killing them. These animals have formed two herds roaming free and raising their families and that is needed without our interference in their lives. do NOT murder these incredible creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 10509**

Ranchers never what to take accountability for setting up shop in the back of another animal's



habitat, and the animals are always the ones who pay the price. You have an opportunity to do right by wildlife - endangered willdife at that - by tearing down these fences.

**Correspondence ID: 10510**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10511**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10512**

I would strongly encourage the National Park Service to select Alternative "B" of the Tomales Point Area Plan. Tule Elk are captivating native animals that should be allowed to roam through

all suitable habitats in the national seashore, and only culled or transported when their numbers exceed the carrying capacity of the land.. After all, this is a public park, not a commercial cattle operation. Congress originally intended that livestock grazing would eventually be phased out when it allowed 25-year leases to the existing ranchers. It's long overdue that the remaining cattle ranches be shut down and the land be returned to a natural condition. Cattle can be seen all over California; tule elk cannot.

**Correspondence ID: 10513**

I urge the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," removing the fatal fence and allowing elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Further, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Thank you for your time.

Mark Stannard

**Correspondence ID: 10514**

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's rich and wild environment. Wildlife is a key part of a healthy ecosystem. Enabling the Tule elk to roam freely in the Point Reyes National Park area is essential for the health of the elk herd and ensures that the park fulfills purpose of the park to protect this area so it can thrive for generations to come. With this in mind, it is not acceptable to allow private cattle operations in Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 10515**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jody Riesberg

**Correspondence ID: 10516**

The park is for nature not livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 10517**

At a time when we are facing mass extinctions of species across the planet, we should not be killing or fencing in native wildlife that are thriving. Let the tule elk be. If farmers want to protect their land, they should build fences around their land.

**Correspondence ID: 10518**

As a wildlife biologist, I appreciate the fact that NPS is seriously considering dismantling the Point Reyes NS fence that has confined native Tule elk for decades.

Please choose Alternative B!

The deaths of confined elk due to starvation and dehydration are appalling.

Cattle should never have been allowed on the National Seashore, and their competition with elk for limited (and dwindling) resources is both ethically unacceptable and in violation of the enabling legislation.

It is long past time to allow the elk complete freedom, and full protection from any harm or harassment.

Again, please select Alternative B.

**Correspondence ID: 10519**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle owners harming it. Thanks.

**Correspondence ID: 10520**

Please let the Tule elk live free and choose alternative B.

Because the fence at Point Reyes needs to come down and the elk deserve to live elk free without culling or dying of thirst.

Thank you the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10521**

Please free the roaming wild moose herds! You are cutting them off from food and water. Build them bridges or highways so they can use their intelligent and threatened minds to escape being penned in, and then to get back to their choices in both places. It will make the environment better off, the wild moose better off, and the cattle and penned up livestock better off. They all work in a positive way for all animals involved! Please choose to help here, and not to hinder these amazing, intelligent animals! Please don't shrug this off...Thank you!

So

**Correspondence ID: 10522**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Cristina LoCelso

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Heidi Handsaker

**Correspondence ID: 10524**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank your for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10525**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. And once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

I thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10526**

Please allow local wildlife to flourish in the park. We need more natural wild spaces. Release the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 10527**

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide feedback on the Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) Tomales Point Area Plan (TPAP). Of the options presented, I personally endorse the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" (Alternative B), which will remove the fencing and allow elk to naturally roam.

Cattle operations are not a compatible use for an area designated as a National Seashore. The goal of the National Seashore is for protection and preservation of the natural environment. Cattle are counter to that goal.

Fences are highly inappropriate in a wilderness area. Fences should be removed, allowing the elk to roam free and restoring the natural environment. The elk should be left to live in as nature intended, without culling or any type of harassment.

Thank you again for considering my input.

**Correspondence ID: 10528**

Thank you for considering the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. T

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for protecting the Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restoring this important ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10529**

Please tear down any fences on national park land. The elk live there, not livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 10530**

I volunteer for Beach Walk, affiliated with NOAA and the Farallon Island Institute. Walking the Pt Reyes National Seashore, South Beach to North Beach over the last 5 years, I have witness the Tule Elk presence. They have not visibly increased in number and continue to kept to themselves. I believe ranchers want to blame their problems on the Tule elk rather than climate change issues and the economy

**Correspondence ID: 10531**

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unethical to allow the elk to be cut off from water during the dry season and die of thirst. I support Alternative B!

**Correspondence ID: 10532**

Please remove any fences that impede the elk's survival. There should be no fences that keep elk from grazing in their habitat. Ranchers don't need to destroy more public lands.

**Correspondence ID: 10533**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10534**

The fence should be taken down to give the elk a good chance of survival. They are natural to Point Reyes and to the idea of national parks. Cattle grazing is NOT congruent with the charter of the National Seashore, and they should not be allowed in the park.

The flora and fauna will be enhanced with the removal of the fence and improve the park. So please vote to remove the fence for the good of nature.

**Correspondence ID: 10535**

Please do all you can to preserve this beautiful elk herd. It seems odd to me that we fence native wildlife but let cattle run wherever they wish. Cattlemen have had in large part a total disregard for native wildlife. Instead of learning to live in harmony, they tend to want to take everything for themselves, kill all our natural and critical predators, starve other roaming natural herds of animals and the list goes on. I think there can be a balance achieved if people will work together. This can work that we as a nation can save our wild places and critical majestic wildlife while supporting people's livelihoods. There must be compromise and wildlife should not continue to get the short end of the stick.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Furthermore, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I thank you for listening to public comments and appreciate the burden to balance wildlife needs and private ranchers or corporate cattle operations. We just cannot continue to obliterate our wildlife. I cannot imagine a future without our beautiful wildlife. When these animals are extinct, it is forever.

**Correspondence ID: 10536**

Hello Stewards of the Land and Policy Makers,

Happy Thursday!

Thank you for listening to the public, native tribes, and scientists about removing the elk fence.

Would you, The National Park Service, be willing to please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free please?

I think fencing in wild animals is wrong and that even though people that eat cheese and veal and make money from ranching, the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I feel disappointed that we would choose to confine native elk and let them die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

I think the elk deserve to be wild, the land ought to be restored, and the future free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I don't think private cattle operations are appropriate in Point Reyes. We know better now that this area is biodiverse, unique, and scientifically significant. We also know that the cattle are making this space less diverse, more polluted, and less like a preserved wildlife area. Exceptions need to be made to end private casting here and protect the cattle's financially so their families are protected.

It would feel good to know we collectively choose to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I love this. Let's uphold this.

Thank you for reading my points for the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Best,

Laura Harvey

**Correspondence ID: 10537**

I ask for your consideration towards preservation of the native elk population at Point Reyes. Such treasures are a valuable asset to our local citizenry and to their future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10538**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that



found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Dr. Fateh Sidhu

**Correspondence ID: 10539**

Please save the land that the tule elk require to survive. There is already too much cattle ranching as it is, destroying what remains of our wild places. Furthermore, cattle ranching is detrimental to the land and causes significant soil erosion.

**Correspondence ID: 10540**

I have visited Point Reyes a number of times and love it there. I particularly enjoy watching the native Tule elk, such stunning animals. I am truly alarmed at how they have been confined and displaced all for the benefit of private cattle operations that have no place in a national park.

Therefore, I support Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". This would remove the fence that is preventing elk from roaming wild and free.

Confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition because they cannot move freely to access the resources they need to survive. That is cruel and completely unacceptable anywhere but especially so in a national park.

Private cattle operations do not belong in Point Reyes and should not be allowed to continue, especially at the expense of native wildlife such as elk.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation calls for "the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment". Under the Organic Act, national parks lands are set aside "to provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and history objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Clearly the fatal elk fence at Tomales Point and the private cattle operations it serves completely contravene these mandates for protection of wildlife, wildlife habitat and natural ecosystems. Cattle should NOT be given priority over elk and other native wildlife in a national park.

Therefore, I strongly support removal of the elk fence and cessation of all cattle operations to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and natural ecosystems. In addition, once the elk fence has been removed, the elk should be free of culling, hazing and all other forms of harassment.

**Correspondence ID: 10541**

As someone who has visited and loved Point Reyes over the years, I find it distressing to see how the Tule Elk are still being confined. I understand that now there is a proposal to free these lovely creatures by removing the fence in the Pierce Ranch Core Area and allowing them to run free ("Alternative B"). Being a wilderness area, these creatures should be able to roam free and not be confined because of private cattle operations, as is now the case. Private cattle operations have no place in a national park to begin with.

I hope you do choose Alternative B and, once the fence is removed, that you refrain from allowing the culling of the elk herd and instead leave them free to restore their numbers.

Thank you,

P.A. Lowry

**Correspondence ID: 10542**

Please do your due diligence to keep our land as it was created for future generations to enjoy. No one needs cattle ruining the land that trees were bulldozed for animal agriculture. The filth from them will run into the water and cause more disease all for someone to have an unnecessary hamburger or steak. Animal meat, especially red meat, just causes cancers, heart disease, and inflammatory issues. Just stop and think what our world needs, not what humans only want.

**Correspondence ID: 10543**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. This goes beyond cruel- it's Murder!! Their blood is on your hands.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. These Elk are treasures and not to be destroyed by humans!!! o the right thing &save these innocents!

**Correspondence ID: 10544**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and

manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Tracy Cannell

**Correspondence ID: 10545**

Please free these elk at once and let them roam as Mother Nature intended Why is our American officials so he'll bent on wildlife Genocide to pacify animal abusers who raise animals to murder As a vegan I oppose all pandering to any beef industry and would like to see them all shut down

Stop this horrid practice of animal murder to make animal abusers in the cattle industry happy Just shut them down and fine them for harassment of elk instead What is wrong with this country as it can't respect animals yet?

**Correspondence ID: 10546**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Shirley Tan

**Correspondence ID: 10547**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10548**

The native Elk should be the number one priority. There should not be cattle on the park service land. They are damaging the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10549**

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**Correspondence ID: 10550**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, TL Fisher

**Correspondence ID: 10551**

I am in favor of removing the fence that traps the elk and creates a hardship for them to access food and water. They should be allowed to roam free without interference. Their well being should be given priority over ranchers and cattle. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10552**

Please protect the native tule elk for the generations to follow. These are beautiful animals I would like my children's children to be able to see and enjoy.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10553**

This has been going on way too long. Free the Tule Wlk and give them and other wildlife their safe, healthy places to roam. The years of cattle ranching greed should be put behind us.

**Correspondence ID: 10554**

Stop the madness!

It is time to free the native tulle elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying the ecosystem. It is time to remove the 8ft. elk fence and allow these majestic animals to roam free in their natural environment.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Cattle should never be considered more important that native animals.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Mahalo for your consideration of this most important wildlife issue. Just please allow the native tulle elk to once again roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10555**

Take down that fence and protect natural wildlife. This is not a cattle farm. This is a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 10556**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10557**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Tammy Knoll

**Correspondence ID: 10558**

It surprises me that option A and option C are considered a "plan". Neither option provides actions that would appear to have any reasonable chance of increasing the population. Providing more protected area to the Tule elk and ensuring they have access to a variety of water sources seems like the obvious choice. Plan B which includes removing the fence and

expanding the elk's area is the best plan that is offered. I encourage the National Park Service to proceed with plan B.

However I don't understand the logic behind removing all of the artificial water sources. Lack of water during intense droughts has already been demonstrated to have a negative effect on elk population. Why make it harder? Why not keep some of the artificial water sources to ensure a successful expansion of the population?

I also don't see anything about cattle operations in the plan. After reading the Wikipedia article about Tule elk, it seems like creating a significant buffer between the Tule elk's habitat and cattle operations is needed to prevent Johne's Disease. I think it would be prudent to incorporate some sort of policy to handle cattle operations in the plan.

I enjoy visiting the National Parks and experiencing the wildlife. I've had my own close encounter with an elk at the Grand Canyon. It was very exhilarating! We need to work to protect our wild treasures because once they're gone there's no way to get them back. In many respects they are an invaluable and priceless resource and we will be judged by future generations on how well we managed these precious resources. Let's make this the plan that continues to increase the population of Tule elk to ensure the enjoyment for generations to come!

**Correspondence ID: 10559**

Please remove the fence that is restricting the deer and end the private cattle operations. Let the deer roam free and don't harass them. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10560**

The National Park Service should not confine the Elk Herd at Pierce Ranch Core Area. It is cruel and inhumane to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. A national park should support the survival of wildlife. Privately owed cattle do not belong on national park lands.

The elk fence should be removed to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10561**

please free the Tule Elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife. The livestock owners' cattle are destroying the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10562**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Leah Hackenson-Allers

**Correspondence ID: 10563**

It's not right to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. They should have more rights to the land than livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 10564**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. This is the most positive option available. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10565**

Pls remove the fencing and let the elk survive there

**Correspondence ID: 10566**

I am writing in reference to the importance of saving and protecting the Tule Elk and taking down that dangerous fence. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The fence is causing elks to starve and die. Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. The elk are the righteous sentient animals to that land and they are being jeopardize for the greed of human kind. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. They need to be protected and properly cared for.



Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. It is their land and they are the native species. They don't know anytime else other than that land and you are taking it from them. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." You are going against what the land was designed to be used for. I please urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. The Tule Elk need to be protected and saved from all this horrific treatment!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10567**

I am in favor of removing the fence so the tule elk can roam freely. Cattle operations should be removed from the National Park as was originally intended, so that the natural environment can recover, including the rule elk,

**Correspondence ID: 10568**

Prioritize protections for the Tule Elk instead of any Freddy commercial concerns.

**Correspondence ID: 10569**

Please considering the following.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It is horrific that the native elk are dying of thirst and malnutrition to appease livestock owners.

There is overwhelming public support to remove the elk fence! Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not ever prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

Thank you,

Nancy

**Correspondence ID: 10570**

Please remove the elk fence and restore the ecosystem!

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 10571**

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Remove the fences.

**Correspondence ID: 10572**

Please protect Point Reyes for wildlife and release the elk herd to roam instead of protecting cattle

**Correspondence ID: 10573**

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

We need to work with Nature for the benefit of all of us.

**Correspondence ID: 10574**

Tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 10575**

Let Tule Elk roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10576**

Please protect the native animals.

**Correspondence ID: 10577**

Elk are not only beautiful wild animals, they have a place in the habitat as prey for wolves and other large predators. Ranchers may want to reconsider the place of beef and sheep to raise, as these animals, which have been food for humans for centuries, emit greenhouse gases that are harmful to the air, polluting widely. In addition, livestock is not as healthy for humans' diets as plant-based foods. Care for the environment, including the air we breathe and the sun, clouds, snow and rainfall have been less normally balanced in the last two or three decades, starting some fifty years ago. Global overheating leads to the hottest summers and irregular winters, harming the normal balance of seasons, wind currents and other dangerous effects, like floods and droughts. Please give wild animals more space and restrict the raising of large herds of livestock, increasingly understood as not good for human health.

**Correspondence ID: 10578**

To Whom It Concerns:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10579**

Culling the tule elk in the National Park, the only 600 still alive, is an outrage and is reprehensible. Confined elk via planned fencing is a terrible idea and wasteful of precious park funds needed elsewhere. If this plan is approved too many elk will die from not enough water and not enough food. Protect Point Reyes for the wildlife already there. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10580**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 10581**

Protect the elk in Point Reyes. Provide an environment where they can thrive. Their lives are precious. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10582**

- I sincerely urge you to choose Alternative B to remove the fence and allow elk to roam free and restore the native wildlife and ecosystem.

- I feel it is NOT ok to allow these elk die due to thirst and malnutrition.

- I also think that the free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing, abuse or any kind of harrassment.

- Why would private cattle operations be considered appropriate in Point Reyes? Please honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you for listening to the huge public support in favor of removing the elk fence. "Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife."

**Correspondence ID: 10583**

It's horrible to hear about animals dying of thirst and malnutrition, just so ran hers can get a break on fodder for their herds. Nobody needs beef. We don't buy supermarket beef, and we're dong just fine. Cattle are bad for people, bad for the environment. Elk are much better for our mental health. Please protect them.

**Correspondence ID: 10584**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10585**

Greetings,

Thank you for providing an oppotunity to weigh in on removing the elk fence at Point Reyes. I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will allow elk to naturally roam free. It's cruel to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Please ensure that once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk are not subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for your consideration,

Krista Reynolds

**Correspondence ID: 10586**

I reviewed the proposal for managing the Tule Elk habitat at Point Reyes that would remove the elk fence among other actions to improve the habitat for the elk. I support that action.

According to the environmental assessment, under the current management, the Park Service supplements water and minerals for the elk during drought years, but the new plan would discontinue those actions. If the elk have a larger area to range would they have access to

sufficient water and minerals even in drought years? If not wouldn't that still need to be done? Is there a plan to address overpopulation of elk if they outgrow the enlarged area?

Thank you for proposing Alternative B. it makes sense given that beef cattle no longer have access to Tomales Point.

Frances McChesney

**Correspondence ID: 10587**

Thank you for opening up this forum for comments. It is very important to make urgent changes to the current living conditions for the Tule Elk. They are innocent and have suffered greatly by being fenced in and held as prisoners in a drought ridden area. This treatment is abusive and unethical. All due to greed, from private cattle ranchers who are using public lands for their own personal gain. This is unacceptable! Our tax payer money should NOT be supporting this animal cruelty. How can you standby and do nothing while these elk having been dying??

National parks are for promoting nature, and the natural wildlife that lives there. The elk should not be subjected to harassment or culling. They deserve to live peacefully and unharmed in their own home. Isn't that what we all want? Put yourself in their place. How would you feel if someone took away water access from you and your family?

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which would remove all fences and allow elk to roam free.

You must stop all private cattle operations, they have NO business profiting off public lands and restore the area. The Point Reyes Legislation mandates its enjoyment of future generations.

Please have compassion and make a positive impact for the wildlife today and all future generations. Restore the Tomales Point ecosystem, remove the fences, and save the Tule Elk from any further abuse. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

**Correspondence ID: 10588**

I urge you to choose Alternative B and remove the fatal elk fence, allowing the herd to roam free as nature intended. Fences in wilderness areas are absolutely out of place and hazardous. I appreciate the National Park Service's willingness to listen and respond to the overwhelming support to remove this abominable barrier. Let us not make cattle a priority over native wildlife. Especially when it causes animals to be confined and die of thirst and starvation. After removing this fence there should be no management tactics that involve culls, hazing, or harassment. It's time to stop allowing private interests to take precedence on our public lands, and restore the Point Reyes National Seashore ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10589**

Free the Elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife - not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Thank you,

Linda Knowles

**Correspondence ID: 10590**

Hello,

I am glad to see these elk have come back from the Brink of Extinction! Don't Fence them in now that they are so! Point Reyes Tule Elk should not have to compete with ranchers cattle for a home. Please see that they are free as Creation intended by choosing Alternative B.

It's so common for wildlife to be classified as second class citizens behind animals for profit. We would do well to protect the delicate balance of all Animals and Beings, so that we Humans may also be able to be supported on the Beautiful Earth. It should be apparent to us already things are so out of whack.

I hope you can see your way to do what is Natural, no fence or cattle in the Elk's home.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10591**

Please tear down the 8-foot confining elk fence in Point Reyes National Seashore. National Parks are for preserving wildlife and other resources, not protecting livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 10592**

Free the Elk,!

**Correspondence ID: 10593**

The Point Reyes Tule Elk should be allowed to continue living in their natural habitat. Cattle do not belong in this area and should not have priority. Cattle continue to damage their environment and do not belong on public property.

**Correspondence ID: 10594**

We cannot allow our entire planet to be destroyed for cattle. Please help leave natural ecosystems in tact, for the good of us and the who,e planet.

**Correspondence ID: 10595**

I have visited Pt. Reyes frequently, reminded each time of the neglect, confine,e t and cruelty of keeping this herd without water and the capacity to live in freedom. Tge time has come to address this inequity which is inhumane, baseless otger than to satisfy farmers. Thus is a protected national seashore; the Tule Elk in the Tomales Plan need to be free, to have access to water in these drought conditions.

**Correspondence ID: 10596**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Andrea Bartholomäus

**Correspondence ID: 10597**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10598**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 10599**

The best available science proves that protecting habitat sustains wildlife and maintains good health.

When are we going to pay attention?

**Correspondence ID: 10600**

Hello,

As a frequent visitor to California and the Point Reyes area, I fully support Alternative B - removing the fatal fence and allowing elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I am urging you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Julie Singh

**Correspondence ID: 10601**

Native to California, Tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Since about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live, you should be letting elk numbers expand. Please do not kill members of two free-roaming herds and confine part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

Please do not appease livestock owners. This is the only place where Tule elk live. They need to roam and forage naturally or many confined elk will die of thirst and malnutrition.

I strongly agree with your proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence.

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife. Please do not let cattle destroy it. Why are you allowing cattle there anyway! They're the ones who should be fenced in!

**Correspondence ID: 10602**

I've been to Point Reyes National Seashore several times, and it was spectacular! I feel that the park environment has been let down by the cattle there, when cattle are too prone to wreck the place. Please consider helping the environment! It needs help more than ever. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10603**

Please allow these amazing creatures to live. The space they have is so small and they are on a park! A park is meant to protect species for future generations to come, and should not be impinged upon by cattle.

It is essential to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point as the fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," would remove this disastrous fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Also, when Alternative B happens, leave the elk alone. Let nature take its course rather than interfering through culling or hazing.

Parks around the world are under stress due to climate change and the infringement of mining, forestry, etc. Please respect the reason we have parks in the first place and allow these elk to remain in a safe place for the benefit of all.

Thank you for listening.



**Correspondence ID: 10604**

Hi and thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Please remove the fence and allow the elk herd to live naturally in their homeland. As we all know, cattle aren't particularly good for natural habitats. It would be great to see a healthy ecosystem with natural fauna and flora.

As a person of faith, I pray you will use your authority to protect Creation by removing the fence and allowing the elk herds to exist naturally without any culling or any kind of negative pressure from humans or corporations.

Thanks for your time and attention to the creatures we should be sustaining.

Have a good day,

Diane

**Correspondence ID: 10605**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan, please consider:

1. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.
2. Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.
3. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

4. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

5. Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Beatini

**Correspondence ID: 10606**

I'm writing in support of Tule Elk roaming free in Point Reyes. They should not be fenced in, culled or harassed. Point Reyes is a national park, private cattle operations should not be

allowed in the park. Point Reyes should be enjoyed for its scenery and wildlife. Thank you for opening up this issue for public comment about removing the fence. Native wildlife should come first in a national park!

**Correspondence ID: 10607**

The Tule Elk should be protected and allowed to roam in their native habitat. Cows destroy a lot more than elk and cows do not need to be in the park.

**Correspondence ID: 10608**

I firmly believe that the needs of native animals supersede those of landowners and livestock. The Tule Elk is a charismatic and ecologically vital animal which is deeply ingrained into the ecosystem and culture of California. They should be allowed to roam free, especially in light of recent ecological changes and environmental disasters around the world. Now more than ever we need to put our wildlife and wild places first.

**Correspondence ID: 10609**

Please remove the fence and let the tule elk roam free. Confining native wildlife to the point that they suffer and die in a national seashore area is disgraceful and inhumane. Cattle are the invasive species there, and native wildlife shouldn't be harmed to allow for cattle grazing. Point Reyes should be a wilderness area where native wildlife can live freely and safely. Please listen to the public support for the tule elk and choose Alternative B to protect the tule elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10610**

Please free the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 10611**

Thank you for listening to the substantial public support for removing the elk fence. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Please select Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Remove the elk fence & protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and fully restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10612**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10613**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10614**

Free the Tulle Elk. What our leadership is doing to animals is barbaric , evil and criminal. You have forced these animals yo suffer and die. ALL NON HUMAN lives have EVERY RIGHT TO THRIVE AND LIVE IN COMFORT. Our treatment of our non human inhabitants is unacceptable.

You have caused unspeakable suffering and harm. Free them now.

**Correspondence ID: 10615**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Alice Markey

**Correspondence ID: 10616**

For Shame!

Instead of protecting the native tule elk, cattle that is privately owned is grazed on public land to the detriment of both the land and the elk!

Why is this allowed to continue?

Privately owned cattle are no benefit to the environment or to anything other than their owners, who will sell them for money that will not be used to further public lands for the public!

I am sick and tired of hearing about private and corporate interests that take precendence over public good. This needs to stop now.

To let native elk die of malnutrition and thirst on public land means that your agency is FAILING the public.

Remove the fence that is keeping these herds from roaming as they should and restore the land to its natural condition.

**Correspondence ID: 10617**

You must tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10618**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Janice Suter

**Correspondence ID: 10619**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10621**

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**Correspondence ID: 10622**

I am asking the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to roam free naturally. Fences do not belong in wilderness areas. After the fence is removed, please do not allow the elk to be culled, or chased, or harassed. Culling doesn't work. Let nature find its balance according to what the land will support.

I'm also asking the Park Service not to prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Why are cattle ranchers allowed in a National Seashore anyway? These ranches should not be there. That is not why National Seashores exist.

Thank you for listening to the public support to remove the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10623**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle (privately raised for commercial slaughter) over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to confine native elk and allow them die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason as this is anathema to the purpose of National Parks.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. I thank the agency for listening to the public and expediting the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10624**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Rosalinda Iacovitti

**Correspondence ID: 10625**

It is time to let these magnificent wild animals roam free in our National Seashore.

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10626**

I urge you to take down the elk killing fence at Pt. Reyes!

Ranchers have enough land! All wildlife including elk must take precedence over the greed and profit of ranchers. Ranchers have had more than their share of power and land. Let the elk go free. They are magnificent creatures and deserve freedom. I live in Washington state and have had the privilege of seeing many herds of wild elk. It is always amazing to see such beautiful animals. Take down the elk killing fence and give the elk a chance at survival with freedom.

**Correspondence ID: 10627**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10628**

National Parks do not exist for livestock owners profits. The tule elk are dying from thirst and hunger from the small fenced in area where they are captive. Remove the fences, public lands must be rid of profit seeking corporations, immediately. Public is the operational word. Livestock companies must find their own private spaces.

**Correspondence ID: 10629**

The Elk need to be unconfined. Letting them die of starvation or dehydration is cruel beyond belief. Ethically, humanely, and morally, we must do everything possible to let these magnificent animals be allowed to live their lives as free as intended.

Cattle aren't even a reasonable excuse for diminishing the lives of the Elk. Cattle degrade the environment. They aren't Indigenous to the area.

Act responsibly to save the Elk, to give them the life they deserve and the environment they actually protect.

**Correspondence ID: 10630**

Please protect the Tule elk, not the cattle. Remove the fence.

Katherine

**Correspondence ID: 10631**

Please free the tule elk and protect Point Reyes wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10632**

I strongly urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I also thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10633**

Please free the elk on Point Reyes, and keep the land free for wildlife--not cattle that harm the environment. The farm animals should not be on this land at all. Also, fencing the elk off, so that they suffer and starve during drought periods, is cruel. I'd really appreciate it if you could remove the fence. I've also heard that you are thinking of culling the herd. These are animals that were close to extinction at one point. Please don't contribute to that trend by killing these beautiful creatures.

Thanks so much for reading this and for paying attention to the hundreds of people outraged by the fence and possible culling.

Sincerely.

**Correspondence ID: 10634**

Free roaming elk, not cattle, or elk killing fences.

**Correspondence ID: 10635**

I urge you to remove the elk fence now to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the



maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10638**

I support Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area."

Please remove the elk fencing which contributes to die offs due to dehydration and starvation.

Our national park system are the last refuges of magnificent wildlife diversity. The parks should enhance endangered species and migratory species, which are at huge risk from modern human development. A fence increases that risk.

In the above spirit, please also do not haze, cull or harass the elk. They should be protected from the over-reach of hunters and from their arch enemy -- ranchers.

Indeed, ranching in Port Reyes just creates wildlife crime and conflict. There is no working around that.

Thank you for listening to the scientists who research Port Reyes and to the desires of the American people -- who support better care for the wildlife under your jurisdiction.

**Correspondence ID: 10639**

I just want to remind you that public lands are held in trust to benefit future generations, not for the profit of private entities, like livestock owners. Part of your responsibilities is to also preserve the native species on those lands for the appreciation of future generations. Do your duty to best preserve the Tule Elk population!

**Correspondence ID: 10640**

This is fairly simple, cattle nor any other domestic animal raised for profit should be allow in the Tomales Point Area Plan.....no food competition, disease introduction, enviornmental damage as a result of their allowance here!

**Correspondence ID: 10641**

National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Point Reyes National Seashore should be returned to the most natural state possible and preserved for future generations.

Thank you for considering this alternative plan and allowing our comments.

**Correspondence ID: 10642**

Dear Park Service,

In order to restore the ecosystem and PROTECT the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, REMOVE the Fence that keeps them from moving freely. It's obvious that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service must Prioritize and preserve native wildlife.

END, instead, the private cattle operations that destroy the natural herd of Elk and the land.

It's horrifying that many Elk have died of dehydration and starvation in CA like that. PLEASE choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the PEOPLE who know how important removing the fence is. Thank you for protecting the Elk while honoring the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Sincerely, Mary Kavendek, MA

**Correspondence ID: 10643**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 10644**

Please remove the fence and choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." The elk deserve to be free.

Fences do not belong in wilderness areas and neither does the cattle industry. The elk should not be confined, culled, or harassed in any way. I was extremely disappointed to hear that the fence created an inhumane situation that exposed them to dehydration and malnutrition. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please focus on protecting the wildlife and restoring the ecosystem in that area. I appreciate you listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 10645**

As one who grew up in Novato, I spent lots of time at Point Reyes and enjoyed the natural beauty of the park. Whenever I go back now, I visit the park too. I don't go there to see cattle and I don't go there to see native thule elk dying because they can't get to forage or water. The Charter of the National Seashore needs to be enforced and remove all private ranches once and for all. This is public land that we pay you to manage for our use and enjoyment. Allowing the continued abuse of our lands by the cattle industry is not in the public interest in any way shape or form. Remove the cattle and bring the land back to a natural state again with Thule Elk and all other native species. I want you to choose the only truly honest alternative, which is Alternative B, removing the fencing to allow the elk to once again roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10646**

The Tule Elk belong there. Not cattle, not man-made housing or commercial developments. Only those flora and fauna native to that region.

**Correspondence ID: 10647**

I've recently been to Point Reyes and have witnessed the Tule Elk. You should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will get rid the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10648**

Hello,

I am writing to recommend that the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10649**

Please remove the confining fence and allow the elk to roam free as is their natural habit. It enables them to find food and water as needed. And do not fill the herd, instead let it grow and ebb naturally too.

**Correspondence ID: 10650**

Wait. What ? Tule Elk still subjugated to livestock ? And suffering worse now ?

Buy out the livestock grazers if necessary. Meanwhile, go with Alternative B. 'Nuff said.

**Correspondence ID: 10651**

In order to preserve the tule elk at Point Reyes, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the 8' tall fence that prevents elk from accessing water and food, and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Please do what is necessary to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10652**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 10653**

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-It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10654**

My name is Patrick Vogelsong, I live in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing to express my

support for the removal of fencing preventing Tule elk free range and access to food and water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 10655**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10656**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Kind regards,

Roman Nasif

**Correspondence ID: 10657**

I am submitting the following comments because I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I want to thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is completely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

I believe that once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10658**

The People's Publicly Funded National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal elk fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife, and it's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10659**

I am deeply saddened to read about what is happening to these Elk. Their lives should be protected and respected. To confine them is unacceptable as it puts them at risk for starvation and thirst.

"The national parks of today are public resources for recreation, education, scholarship, and the preservation of endangered landscapes, natural communities, and species."

Please do your duty and protect this species and remove the fence. Allow them to move freely without being culled or harmed. Let the National Park Service be an example for future generations by demonstrating humane treatment of wildlife. More and more natural habitats are

disappearing every day and our wildlife struggle on so many levels due to climate change and human encroachment.

Please stop cattle farming in this area - they are not appropriate and have no place in a National Park.

Make the intelligent, compassionate choice by doing the right thing and choosing Alternative B - called the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tracey Simpson

**Correspondence ID: 10660**

This is national land, meaning, it belongs to the people. It does NOT mean that cattlemen rule the land and it's resources.

Let the cattlemen buy their own land and graze the cattle there. If it's not profitable - too bad. That is life.

This land is for nature. The cattle are not native to this reserve.

**Correspondence ID: 10661**

I join all those asking the NPS to select Alternative B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area") in order to remove the fence confining elk and causing them to die of thirst and malnutrition.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Fences are generally inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore, which requires "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes.

Just as important, the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for respecting public support for removing the elk fence in order to restore the natural ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10662**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.



Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended immediately and permanently to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Cattle are NOT part of this vision and goal.

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration and your elevation of environmental restoration over the greed of cattle owners.

**Correspondence ID: 10663**

I am a professional restoring native grasslands, and working with rancher, have found that grazing unirrigated rangeland in the West, the take home pay after expenses, is only \$1 per acre per inch of rainfall.

However, the Biden administration is spending \$1.2 billion to trap and sequester CO2 mechanically, and that method has a huge power requirement to function--whereas a grassland only need is rain and light, and sequesters carbon naturally. Plus when it is put into the ground, that carbon is better protected, than planting a forest, because a forest fire put that carbon back into the air, when in the ground stays put.

And the ranchers who currently utilize ALL public lands on unirrigated rangelands for animal forage, the NPS and other Federal land managers, need to investigate to see, if allowing native animals like the elk, bison, pronghorn, etc. to graze the grasslands instead of the cows and sheep, could the ranchers make more take-home net income after expenses, each year?

My work with the ranchers of Nevada indicate that the value of a rangeland for cows or sheep forage vs., that same unirrigated rangeland producing carbon credits, could make those ranchers 5-10 times the amount of take home income as carbon credits, when compared to using those same native grasses as domesticated animal forage.

These grasslands are a public natural resource, and the ranchers should be allowed to make more money by NOT grazing, and selling the carbon credits instead. And once the cow and sheep grazing pressures are removed, the grassland resources could be restored and enhanced to produce more carbon credit.

That would be a win-win-win-win, with the agency following NEPA and chose the resource management project which produces the least amount of environment damages--plus the ranchers make more take home pay--the public grassland resources end up winning--and the elk and other native grazing animals that are trying to survive in an ever shrinking land base doing better.

**Correspondence ID: 10664**

Please remove the elk fence at Point Reyes National Park. Elk are the native wildlife who

should be protected & prioritized, not cattle ranches for private business gains. Living in Oregon, I treasure seeing the elk there roaming coastal towns and beaches freely. The elk are not a public nuisance and do not threaten us. Like seeing other wildlife in their native settings, they are part of the thrill of a healthy biodiversity. The cattle industry should not be deciding the policies for our National Parks. There is much controversy now about the damage cattle contribute to our climate chaos by the demands for water for food and destruction of rivers and even to methane gas omissions to carbon levels in our atmosphere. The protection of our wildlife by removing fences that can cause death by thirst and starvation is clearly essential now. Thank you for providing this opportunity to hear public concerns for our elk and biodiversity in national parks.

**Correspondence ID: 10665**

I'm a runner and frequent visitor to Pt. Reyes and Tomales Point. After seeing the results of the elk fence over the years, I strongly believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I know you have received many comments from the public over this issue, and many park rangers themselves agree that the fence is unwise. So I thank the NPS for listening to the overwhelming public and staff support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I feel that removing the fence is the right, moral thing to do, as letting confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park is just wrong. At the same time, I fear that the free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason once the fence is removed.

I believe that private cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

In summary, it's time to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 10666**

The National Park Service must remove the fencing that confines elk and has inexcusably caused the deaths of some of the confined animals. Removing the fence will protect all Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and will help restore the ecosystem.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. In fact, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes at all and should be ended with this in mind: The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Fences and cattle grazing at Point Reyes are out of alignment with those obligations.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10667**

Please keep the elk free and protect the native wildlife!

**Correspondence ID: 10668**

I support removing the fence at Tomales Point and protecting the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10669**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10670**

It is incumbent upon the Park Service to prioritize the protection of native species that have traditionally been found on our lands. In the case of Tomales Point, that would be the Tule elk which have lived there for many generations. It is wrong to confine these animals in order to benefit the private interest of people who raise cattle and run them in this area. The fencing that has confined the elk should be removed as should be the permits for running cattle on this public land. Do the right thing, National Park Service!!

**Correspondence ID: 10671**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10672**

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free, to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10673**

It is idiotic to allow private interest to graze animals for meat production on public lands - bad policy, bad economics, bad for the environment.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks,

Tom Quinn

**Correspondence ID: 10674**

PLEASE, choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should END to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

**Correspondence ID: 10675**

Hi,

As I think you're probably getting plenty of comments related to this, and with more substantive information than I can give, I'll just say that this is a national park, and as you bring up in your information, this is also a teaching area, so what does it teach that the elk are fenced in and die of starvation or thirst because they cannot roam freely when in drought conditions? I appreciate that you confer with local tribes in managing the area, and it must be difficult for them to not have this addressed as well. It seems logical to remove the fence and let the elk roam freely, but if there is a need to decrease their numbers due to local interference, I think it would be a stronger teaching moment to transport some of the herd elsewhere, rather than cull. I would assume there would be local volunteer assistance for this as well, if the park service put out a call for it.

As for ongoing management, keeping cattle from this fragile area is clearly important, as they are certainly more damaging than the elk. And ongoing management of invasive plants and fire prevention should continue to be part of the dialogue with local tribes.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the planning for Tomales Point area. It has to be one of the most loved areas both for day use and close-by overnight camping in the north Bay Area.

Take care,

Bruce Wismer

**Correspondence ID: 10676**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10677**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Susan Reilly

**Correspondence ID: 10678**

It's time the National Park Service did its job and protected wild life instead of catering to ranchers driving species to extinction. the elk should stay where they are thriving. Not hunted,

not moved behind a ridiculous fence. the plan as stated will only serve to reduce the numbers of elk again.

**Correspondence ID: 10679**

Dear National Park Service,

Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, you have confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners.

Tell the Park Service to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. Please tear down the confining wall.

thsnks

fred

**Correspondence ID: 10680**

I am sure tired of my tax dollars going to appease the ranchers. They use land which belongs to the U.S. citizens, and complain when nature interferes with their profits. In addition, they are not paying enough for the use of the land to cover the cost of management.

The Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore are one example of this. Fencing them in so that the ranchers can use "wilderness" land for their cattle. That land was designated wilderness, but is not truly being protected as wilderness.

The Park Service should choose Alternate B, to remove the fence. Then the Park Service should begin cancelling all grazing permits in the wilderness area.

Thank you for paying attention to the citizens who are concerned about the treatment of our national heritage.

**Correspondence ID: 10681**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10682**

Thank you for listening to the public in support of removing harmful fencing to wildlife and more specifically tule elk. Tule elk are a social animal that need to be roaming free. As a citizen of this area I would much rather see tule elk roaming free than cattle that are not only not native to the area but environmentally destructive. It's time for the National Park Service to choose Alternative B to remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 10683**

Please remove the fence so the tule elk can forage and roam within the Pt reyes seashore. They are not pets and this herd must survive on their own unfenced. Thank you for your work and service to the seashore and wild life.

**Correspondence ID: 10684**

Dear Madam Sir!

We urge The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife!

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

We Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

Robert Nowak

**Correspondence ID: 10685**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to roam naturally. A fence does not belong in a wilderness area. In addition, the Park Service should not prioritize domestic cattle over native wildlife. In fact, private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be terminated.

**Correspondence ID: 10686**

The tule elk needs your protection. Please exercise the authority vested within you to help maintain its viability in an ecosystem that is teetering on the brink.



Respectfully,

Michael Raysses

**Correspondence ID: 10687**

Point Reyes National Park remains the only National Park where tule elk can be found. And the National Park Services employees decide to kill them??? There is something seriously wrong here! These majestic animals were on the brink of extinction and now that they are coming back, the National park Services decides they are going to decimate 2 herds - And put the third one behind fences so that the ranchers can feed their cows! Shame on you, National Park Services. It is obvious that you are not hired to protect wildlife but to please the livestock owners. You are willing to let cows roam around the National Park and destroy it before being sent to the slaughterhouse? Strange! IT IS A NATIONAL PARK! You are not entitled to convert it into a field where the ranchers can fatten their animals for free. Unless you are charging them... of course. You know that this is the wrong thing to do. And I, personally, am wondering why you would even consider it... Suspicious!

**Correspondence ID: 10688**

I would Like to urge the National Park Service "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. We need to care for our ecosystem so it can continue to care for us. Especially in a time of global warming where human activity is causing nature to be out of balance.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk please do not allow the Elk to be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please please please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

I appreciate your taking the time to listen to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

We as humans must learn to live in harmony with nature or we will not survive as a species. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10689**

Free the Tule Elk. Keep the land for native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10690**

Dear Sir,

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife.

Not the cattle owners whose cattle are destroying the ecosystem.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10691**

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. It is not right to allow for the elk to die in order to appease livestock farmers. The indigenous fauna should be respected and protected.

**Correspondence ID: 10692**

Protect the 600 tule elk hunted nearly to extinction. Let their numbers expand. Outrageous and ignorant idea to kill two free-roaming herds. Take down the fence and let them live and thrive. Protect Point Reyes for the native wildlife. The cattle don't belong there. They're the ones that need to be hemmed in and controlled.

**Correspondence ID: 10693**

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I Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 10695**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Finally, thanks to public outrage and a flood of comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that.

Please free the elk and protect Pt. Reyes for native wildlife...not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10696**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10697**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jennifer Lindridge

**Correspondence ID: 10698**

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Sincerely, Anne Lindridge

**Correspondence ID: 10699**

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**Correspondence ID: 10700**

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Sincerely, Dr Rob Campbell

**Correspondence ID: 10701**

Tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction, and they need protection. Only about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confining part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

This is appalling and should not be done simply to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

I strongly support the Park Service proposal to tear down the elk-killing fence.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10702**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Rob Campbell

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I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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**Correspondence ID: 10707**

This is a refuge. It should be used by the elk native to this ecosystem, not by invasive cattle who are destroying it. Cattle should not be grazing on this land.

**Correspondence ID: 10708**

Please allow the Tule Elk to roam freely in their natural habitat. Ranchers need to make concessions so that this magnificent animal can recover its former population and territory as well as find forage and water during drought times.

**Correspondence ID: 10709**

Please get rid of the 8-ft fence that is preventing native animals from thriving. Cattle should not be given priority over native animals that belong in the Point Reyes area.

**Correspondence ID: 10710**

At Point Reyes National Seashore, you have fenced off the tule elk at the behest of cattle

ranchers. You, of all people, must be aware that cattle are the most destructive creatures that can be turned loose on a landscape. They know this in Africa, they know this in Australia, and they know it in Wisconsin where my parents grew up on farms.

So you are certainly aware that cattle ranching is devastating to a natural landscape. This park is the only area where these elk live. Take your fences down, ban cattle ranching on the peninsula, and protect these magnificent animals. You are the National Park Service, not the bagman for the ranching industry.

Protect some wildlife while they still exist! Get out of the pockets of greedy ranchers exploiting our country's natural resources!

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10711**

Thank you for your consideration of public support for removing the elk fence. Please support Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" - remove the fence and let the elk roam free! Confining elk and letting them die of thirst and malnutrition is unacceptable, especially in a national park.

The Park Service should not be building fences in wilderness areas, and should prioritize native wildlife over cattle. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason, and cattle grazing in Point Reyes should be ended.

Please act consistently with the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation which mandates "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and with the Organic Act, which designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please act swiftly and decisively to remove the elk fence, protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10712**

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Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.



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I'm urging you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10714**

Tear down the fence that is killing the elk.

Yes on your proposal: tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

PLEASE

and thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10715**

I thank the National Park Service for accepting the public's input on wildlife conservation and urge the Service to implement Alternative B regarding the Point Reyes Tule elk for the following reasons:

-While intended to protect human-managed cattle, the existing fence in its current location restricts the elk herd's access to their natural grazing grounds and watering holes.

-The elk's inability to forage for their native subsistence leads them to die of malnutrition and thirst, which in turn places the entire species at greater risk of extinction.

-Private cattle operations do not belong in the wilderness, being a purely human-oriented economic project, and their continued presence in Point Reyes runs counter to the wildlife conservation and environmental protection provisions set forth in the Organic Act and the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation.

-Not only that, but the cattle fence prevents the public from enjoying the wild, open spaces provided by the Point Reyes National Seashore, while reinforcing the fallacy of continued human encroachment into wilderness as an inevitable necessity.

The NPS should not only relocate the fence, but also enact and reinforce policies against culling, hazing, or harassing Tule elk for any reason. Thank you.

This message was sent as part of a public wildlife conservation campaign by the Center for Biological Diversity. I am not affiliated or employed with this organization, simply participating as an individual advocate.

**Correspondence ID: 10716**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Pamela Miller

**Correspondence ID: 10717**

I heartily agree with the following and couldn't have said it better:

I write to express my UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ELK FENCE within the Point Reyes National Seashore. While I appreciate there are many conflicting views about this issue and that good people can disagree on important issues, the bottom line is that the elk, as a native species, have a right to thrive. The mass die offs we have seen because of drought and limited grazing due to the fence is deleterious to their health and stability as a local native species.

Eloise Pelmulder

**Correspondence ID: 10718**

Protect the Elk and keep out the cows! There's plenty of land for cows elsewhere.

**Correspondence ID: 10719**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10720**

As someone who has hiked, backpacked, car camped, and crabbed at Tomales Point / Point Reyes, I strongly support removal of the elk fence. When you have such a natural setting so close to population centers, the continued cattle ranching is inappropriate. I suggest the cattle relocated to my town, which has ample grassland for grazing.

Sincerely, Walter Nissen

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 10722**

I very strongly support the full protection of the Tomales Bay ecosystem and the wild elk who live and thrive there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is not cattle country, it belongs to the ELK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10723**

Take down the fence. Elk and cattle can share the range.

**Correspondence ID: 10724**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Dr. Lili Perez

**Correspondence ID: 10727**

Tear down the 8ft high fence. Honor the charter of the National Seashore. Protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. I want my grandchildren and generations after to experience the magnificence of the National Seashore.

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**Correspondence ID: 10729**

Please do your job and stop playing politics. Letting wealthy cattle barons destroy the planet and the exquisite wild life that occupies it is a huge violation of your duties to American citizens.

**Correspondence ID: 10730**

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The park service should remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10731**

Thank you for this opportunity to hear public opinion Tule Elk should be free to roam and not restricted by an inhumane fence to painfully die of malnutrition and thirst. Culling should not be considered, this is the only national park where Elk live and Elk were previously hunted to near extinction. Elk should be treasured and protected. Livestock can and do live in other areas, why do they need to take over the park. A National Park is for free roaming wildlife as we have in England and other countries. Please remove the fence and do not kill the Elk, thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10732**

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I want to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10733**

I fully support these comments by the Center for Biological Diversity:

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**Correspondence ID: 10734**

Point Reyes

Please commit to the welfare of elks. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes' National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition especially in a national park.

Jacqueline MacDonald

**Correspondence ID: 10735**

Tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point.

**Correspondence ID: 10736**

Protect these elk

**Correspondence ID: 10737**

Please protect the elk and other native wildlife in the park. They must be free to roam. Please remove the fence. It is very wrong and disturbing for them to die from dehydration and starvation. Native wildlife should always take precedence over cattle or other livestock in national parks. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10738**

Thank you for planning to remove the fence confining the elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. This is crucial to protecting the Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 10739**

Free the Point Reyes Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10740**

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Please choose Alternative B, free the elk, and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife -- not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Sincerely, Karin Rettig

**Correspondence ID: 10741**

I want you to rethink your corralling and ultimate killing of the last remaining rule elk just to allow ranchers to graze domestic cattle on public lands. The cattle will destroy the land for wildlife; the elk will not. Haven't we learned anything about conservation yet. Do NOT corral or kill any tule elk. They are so much more important than cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10742**

Free the point Reyes elk. DO NOT prioritize cattle over native species.

**Correspondence ID: 10743**

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The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Wildlife Reserve does not mean invasive cattle grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 10745**

Get the fence down for the elk. Please.

**Correspondence ID: 10746**

Dear NPS:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your policy-making responsibilities for the Tomales Point area & the Point Reyes National Seashore Plan. I'm writing to urge you to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. This is not only essential to elk, but for your own standing as a humane & ethical group of human beings in the NPS.

It is a wonderful step in the right direction to listen to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in any wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife! It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a National Park.

Also, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates National Park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please respect & uphold these essential mandates.

In closing, once again, I urge everyone at the NPS to remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife by restoring the ecosystem.

Thank you so much!

Kind regards,

Kirstie Palmer

**Correspondence ID: 10747**

Dear NPS,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these personal comments in respect of the most appropriate future arrangement in respect of the Point Reyes National Seashore area.

I – along with countless others – have long been concerned about the egregious and extremely unsuitable nature of the present arrangements, and the need for changes which reflect the survival and sustainability needs of the remnant populations of the magnificent but increasingly threatened Tule Elk.

[Although I now reside outside the USA, I am well aware of the situation through extensive family connections and explorative visits to California.]

The most glaringly unsuitable aspect of these inappropriate arrangements is the establishment of the 8-foot-high elk-proof fence at Tomales Point – which constricts and limits the largest surviving herd into this one small area year-round.

That artificial containment is at total odds with the inherent natural behaviours of ungulates, which wander and forage widely in response to changes in natural conditions and seasons.

Hence the containment fence represents an artificially imposed survival threat to the largest remnant herd, as it prevents the herd shifting ground in response to drought years. In such bad years, deprived of access to essential food and water resources that would otherwise be available in areas beyond the fence, the herd experiences devastating levels of loss through thirst and malnutrition.

Any such potentially irreparable level of loss is unacceptable, particularly given that from an initially estimated population of perhaps 500,000 Tule Elk when Spanish settlers arrived, through cumulative reductions by hunting and habitat loss, plus competition from the introduced cattle and horses – by the 1870s it was believed that the entire population of Tule Elk had been rendered extinct.

Although a few surviving breeding pairs were eventually located, and efforts begun to enable its recovery, by 1895 further losses through habitat loss and illicit hunting had reduced numbers back to the brink of extinction, and only legislated protections in the 1970s have enabled to slow, progressive rebuild of remnant groups to marginally sustainable numbers.

Thus, any preventable losses cannot be perpetuated; and that potentially deadly 8-foot-high fence clearly must be removed in the interests of the survival and sustainability of the species.

Additionally, of course, the then free-roaming herd must be protected against any forms of culling or other incursions and supported by other enabling actions in accordance with the purpose of the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, which requires “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes” -by protecting Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restoration of its ecosystem.

Hence, I urge that, of the alternative options before it, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the counter-productive caging-in fence and enable the Tule Elk to naturally roam in accordance with seasons and conditions.

Thank you for your time, consideration - and optimum protective action for these unique animals.

**Correspondence ID: 10748**

stop killing animals

**Correspondence ID: 10749**

Please don't prioritize cattle over wildlife. Remove the fences so the elk can thrive please.  
Thanks, Mary

**Correspondence ID: 10750**

Choose Alternative B! Protect native elk, NOT livestock. Ppl don't go to see cattle degrading the habitat.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10751**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Valerie Ellis

**Correspondence ID: 10752**

Tear down the cattle fence at Pt. Reyes that keeps Tule Elk from access to water and feed.

Thanks for your attention to this.

Keith Bentz

**Correspondence ID: 10753**

I strongly object to our parks giving priority to grazing cattle rather than allowing native wild animals to forage naturally. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

As a former California resident & frequent visitor, I enjoy our parks & support their maintenance as a place for all of us to relax in the beauty of nature.

I urge you to remove the elk fence as soon as possible to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my views.

**Correspondence ID: 10754**

Wilderness areas are for the wild animals and birds, not for cattle or domestic types of animals. Wild is as wild does, and those cattle are nothing but environment destroyers. You know that yet I am having to tell you that. Please keep the two kinds of animals in separate categories. California doesn't need anymore "improvised" range planning.

I have lived in California, Martinez to be exact, and I have seen what cattle do to the vegetation, trees and water systems. Keep cattle on ranches where they belong, not on national land!!

**Correspondence ID: 10755**

The National Park Service should remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I firmly believe that wildlife protection should be first and foremost in our national parks. Every measure to provide a natural environment should be taken and bending to livestock owners should stop immediately. The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10756**

Please remove the elk fence and choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." It seems cruel and unnecessary to let the elk starve and die, especially in a national park. Please make sure that the elk are not harassed in any way after the fence is removed. Thank you very much for your consideration. As a long time resident of San Francisco and the Bay Area, the amazing natural beauty of this area and its wildlife is very close to my heart.

**Correspondence ID: 10757**

Dear Park Service,

I urge you to free the tule elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife. Livestock owners' cattle are destroying Point Reyes' ecosystem.

Sincerely, Dr. Gabriele Wampfler

**Correspondence ID: 10758**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 10759**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10760**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10761**

Please tear down the fence and let the tule elk free roam. Protect it instead of shooting it. The farmers are not the rulers of the World. Nature is. Do what is right,

**Correspondence ID: 10762**

Stop killing our wild animals.

**Correspondence ID: 10763**

The elk at Point Reyes should be given priority over the livestock. Fences that are harmful for the elk should be eliminated. Private cattle operations are not appropriate in this designated natural environment. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation requires total protection and

preservation of the natural environment. National park lands should remain natural and be enjoyed for the scenery and wildlife now and for future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10764**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10765**

To whom it may concern,

Across the world, there is happening major biodiversity loss and the the sixth great extinction. Primarily, these occurrences are due to human activity.

Please don't add these beautiful creatures into the huge and growing number of lost species due to cavalier and greedy ranchers who need to learn to share rather than their own ever increased profits. So remove the fences please.

The selfish and largely wealthy entrepreneurial ranchers need to learn to share! In relation, any of these sources might provide some understandings that could be very useful on which to reflect:

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5 key moments in this video

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#### What is the tragedy of the commons? - Nicholas Amendolare

YouTube · TED-Ed

Nov 21, 2017

Thank you for your consideration.

Emily

#### **Correspondence ID: 10766**

Dear NPS, I believe The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fence so elk can roam freely. I also think free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason and that private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### **Correspondence ID: 10767**

Free the ELK this is their homeland!!

#### **Correspondence ID: 10768**

I am writing regarding the Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die this way, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10769**

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10770**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

Also, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Lastly, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

Thank you for requesting and considering public comments on this super important issue.

Sincerely, Susan Heath

**Correspondence ID: 10771**

Please remove the cruel elk fence which prevents the endangered tule elk from accessing the food and water they need to survive during drought season.



Please end private cattle ranching at Point Reyes in order to restore the tule elk and their native ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10772**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. I believe you should chose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. As a staunch supporter of natural and undeveloped areas, I believe fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling without careful prior analysis of the number of recent natural deaths, and they should never be subjected to hazing or harassment. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10773**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for the possibility to comment this issue.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Jörg Gaiser

**Correspondence ID: 10774**

Free the Tule Elk to be able to roam freely on Pt Reyes Nat Seashore Park Service land as part of the wildlife of this park.

Remove the cattle...they are not wildlife, they are damaging the land and water and they are part of private for-profit businesses on federal lands..

But I also demand that this does not give the park rangers license to kill them unless it is within a narrow set of humane reasons.

**Correspondence ID: 10775**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10776**

Unnecessary Killing who are harmless of Any such Animals is against the law of Nature and also against the theory of Darwin

It is also against the religious beliefs of almost all religions, because it's not being killed for using it's meat for consumption.

ALLOW them to roam freely as per the Nature's Law.

**Correspondence ID: 10777**

The wild places should be protected for the wild creatures native to that region. That a wild area is to be allowed to be used by domestic cattle is a travesty! DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO BE DESTROYED BY COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS FOR PROFIT! THIS SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR NATURE AND THE CREATURES OF NATURE, PRESERVATION OF THE BEAUTY OF NATURE! THESE NATURAL WONDERS ARE TO BE SOLELY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THESE AREAS FROM BUSINESS INTERESTS AND EXIST FOR THE WILDERNESS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TO DELIGHT IN THE WONDER OF IT! I HOPE FOR MY CHILDREN AND THE GENERATIONS BEYOND TO APPRECIATE WHAT WE PRESERVED FOR THEM!

**Correspondence ID: 10778**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10779**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Susan Trout

**Correspondence ID: 10780**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10781**

Please free the Elk NOW!!

**Correspondence ID: 10782**

After years of persecuting Congress-reintroduced tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, for the sake of livestock ranchers / farmers exploiting wildlife habitat for their own private benefits, the NPS is finally making the right & just call! I strongly support Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" that will remove the deadly fence and allow elk to naturally roam free as they should on our public land. And the elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason after the fence is removed. They are entitled to live free of manmade harm on our public land.

The Point Reyes National Seashore should never have allowed private cattle / dairy operations to exist, let alone to continue on for so many decades at the expense of our wildlife and ecosystem. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly urge the NPS to make the sensible choice by removing the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the seashore's ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10783**

Our public lands were sold off by the Trump administration to highest bidders, Ranchers. Cattle are sedentary & ruin the land, where elk & wild horses are migratory seeding, fertilizing and replenishing the land. We must undo Trump's awful policies before it's too late. No privatization of OUR PUBLIC LANDS

**Correspondence ID: 10784**

Please choose alternative B and remove the fence preventing Elk from accessing their natural

habitat at Point Reyes. Wild animals are not able to verbally self-advocate for their own life and death needs like humans are. We have a choice on how we treat other beings, how we shape our landscapes, and how we invest in our natural environment. Please honor the voice of the public who have spoken out on behalf of these wild animals. We can cultivate cattle to produce milk and delicious steaks but when all the wild animals are gone and our lands destroyed by greed, what will be left for us and our children? Thank you for listening to our voices and removing the fence. Thank you for allowing elk to roam free and for not culling or killing them, or letting them starve to death so cattle farmers can continue to make huge profits on federally owned lands.

**Correspondence ID: 10785**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10786**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10787**

Please make the humane decision and allow the elk to roam freely; choosing these wild animals over livestock.

It's unconscionable to allow these confined NATIVE animals die of thirst and malnutrition under your care.

**Correspondence ID: 10788**

IT UTTERLY SHAMES AMERICA THAT IT WOULD HAVE A POLICY WHICH ALLOWS ANY ANIMALS TO DIE OF THIRST DUE TO BEING DISALLOWED ACCESS TO WATER. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN AND OUTSIDE AMERICAS ARE DISGUSTED AT SUCH CRUELTY.

**Correspondence ID: 10789**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The elk were there first and are vital to maintaining the ecosystem as it was meant to be. As an American citizen for whom this park is for and for future generations, I want you to please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife.

Thank you,

Patricia Stewart

**Correspondence ID: 10790**

Please remove the deadly fence and allow these Tule Elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition — especially in a national park. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10791**

I strongly believe the National Park Service should prioritize elk over private cattle operations and choose Alternative B, which would remove the fence and allow the elk to roam freely, without danger of culling, hazing, or harassment. This action would fulfill the intention of The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, which demands "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, as well as the intention of as the Organic Act, which designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The well-being of native elk and the ecosystem as a whole at Point Reyes National Seashore depends on your removal of the elk fence. I thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10792**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 10793**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — NOT for the cattle destroying it!

**Correspondence ID: 10794**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Vicki Peters

**Correspondence ID: 10795**

You should stop defending cow farmers they are a bunch off Criminals destroying wildlife national parks should only be for wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10796**

WILD NEEDS TO STAY WILD.....NOT DESTROYED BY ANY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR GREED AND SELF SERVING PURPOSES.

WILDLIFE has SUFFERED AND BEEN DESTROYED LONG ENOUGH....GET THE PEOPLE OUT AND THE SHEEP AND CATTLE ETC.

NOW! NOW! NOW!

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10797**

With regard to the presence of the Tule Elk, their habitat and welfare takes precedence over cattle that are not native to the area. Cattle owners need to understand that they are "guests" on this land and as such be willing to work with the fact that the elks' needs are the priority. The elk shouldn't be an afterthought. They need to be preserved. They belong on Point Reyes land. If anyone needs to go, it's the cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 10798**

I would like to thank the NPS for soliciting public feedback on this matter. This is a sensitive issue for those of us who care about native wildlife in California and Northern California, in particular. I would like to urge the NPS to select Alternative B. Please remove the fence and allow these native animals to roam freely in this wilderness area, without culling or herd management of any type. These animals are native to this area, part of the local biosphere and part of the commons of those of us in California and the US and should be prioritized over cattle, which are neither native nor part of the public interest. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 10799**

I'm glad you are proposing to remove the fence that keeps the Tule elk from roaming naturally and getting enough water and food.

You need to remove this fence to protect all noninvasive wildlife restore natural functioning of the ecosystems, let the elk move freely, getting the water and food they need naturally, and get the cattle out of the National Seashore.

You all violated our public will when you put up that fence. We do not allow confining wildlife, restricting nature, in our National Parks, as you know.

The suitable procedure is the one that let's elk move around naturally -- "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area", called Alternative B, and don't carry out or allow harrassing them nor discriminating against them in favor of cattle.



We do not set up National Parks and Seashores because of cattle! We don't allow them in National Parks. We all know this. They damage natural environments everywhere, seashores, forests, grasslands,... so the laws applying to the Seashore and other natural areas require protecting the natural conditions, which means no cattle there. So get the cattle out of Point Reyes National Seashore!!

**Correspondence ID: 10800**

I have given several comments before on this. I am quite familiar with this national seashore and value it for its natural qualities and species, both plant and animal. It is such a shame that dairy farmers must be given priority over the natural ecosystem and such endangered species as the Tule Elk! This is not right and not in accordance with the law. Please do what you can to change this despicable situation. Let the dairy farmers learn to do something else more in harmony with nature.

**Correspondence ID: 10801**

The National Parks were established, at great effort and moral conviction, for the purpose of preserving our precious natural heritage. They are not rental properties for agricultural interests. Ranching within a National Seashore is an extraordinary privilege granted in a gesture of generosity to a legacy use, not a right, and must absolutely be forbidden from undermining the purposes of the Seashore. The ranchers must conform and confine their operations to that compatible with the full carrying capacity of Tule Elk, not commandeer the Elk's habitat for their own use.

The notion of 'diversifying' their operations is wildly inappropriate, being premised upon continued agriculture for an indefinite future. The Park Service should be planning to phase out agriculture entirely when the individuals retire of their own volition, not making agriculture more economically viable or attractive. The Park Service should only allow these individuals to continue limited ranching for a period that respects existing rights, while not encroaching upon the natural values of Point Reyes for any space or time beyond those limited rights.

**Correspondence ID: 10802**

Free the elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. It is just a crime to confine them for the sake of cattle ranchers making money and ruining the habitat in the process. This is a disgusting practice and needs to stop now!

**Correspondence ID: 10803**

Thank you for listening to the public in considering removing the fences to help Tule Elk.

Now more than ever we need biodiversity- that means wildlife not cattle. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10804**

I support removal of the fence killing the elk. This is a national park; it is not supposed to just do whatever the hell ranchers want. The grazing herds of cows can go somewhere else. We need to support the Tule Elk and taking down that disaster of a fence is a giant step forward.

**Correspondence ID: 10805**

**PROTECT THE TULE ELK! REMOVE THE FENCING SO THE ELK TO ROAM FREELY!**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10806**

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**Correspondence ID: 10807**

These animals were born to be free - they have a right to roam. They should not under any circumstances be confined behind a huge fence. If people want to protect their cattle, they should put their own animals behind fences.

**Correspondence ID: 10808**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 10809**

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**Correspondence ID: 10810**

Free the Elk of Point Reyes. Chose Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd. I have hiked in areas of Point Reyes for decades. It is amazing to be on a hike and come across the Elk. They are the natural inhabitants of the area, not cattle. We must preserve the biodiversity minimally in our national parks. If we cannot preserve the biodiversity of our national park there is no chance of doing so elsewhere, and we will certainly all be doomed to extinction.

**Correspondence ID: 10811**

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Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10812**

This beautiful area looks and sounds amazing, and sadly many of us will never get to experience it for ourselves, but in this crucial time for our planet, where many species are on the brink of extinction or struggling to survive as nature intends, it is imperative that those

responsible for such important wildlife spaces, do all they can to protect nature and give species like the tule elk, the space they need to roam and behave normally and thrive as part of their eco system, particularly here where it is the only place they can be found. It is always difficult where nature and human society clash e.g. For farmers, however, as humans we always put our wants and needs first and for the planet to have any chance we must turn the tide and and recognise we are part of the ecosystem not the be all and end all of it. Our selfishness has implications not just to wildlife with whom we share the planet, but ultimately has consequences for us as humans.

It is such good news these elk were brought back from the brink of extinction, I therefore urge you to consider the plans you make to allow them the most freedom possible for them to be given the chance to thrive as in the way nature intended, to find nature's balance rather than our own.

Kind Regards,

Chantal

**Correspondence ID: 10813**

Believe it or not there are more important things than appeasing cattle barons. Saving and protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore is certainly one. It is the National Park Service's job to not be in the pocket of individuals but to preserve and protect wild lands and the wildlife that call those lands their habitats. So, to be blunt, do your job, do the right thing and permanently remove the elk-killing fence at Tomales Point.

Thank you.

Lori Strausser

**Correspondence ID: 10814**

I am writing to encourage you to take down the elk fence. Confining the elk to keep them off land used for private cattle leads to the elk dying of thirst and malnutrition. The cattle should not be prioritized over native animals. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10815**

Please, protects the native tule elk .

**Correspondence ID: 10816**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

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**Correspondence ID: 10817**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Elk should be able to roam free in a wilderness area in a national park. The purpose of National Parks is to preserve the native wildlife and the natural environment.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Enough animals have died, please take action to save the elk.

Private cattle operations should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Cattle should not take priority over the natural wildlife. They cause destruction of the ecosystem. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

The establishment of the park service started in March 1872 with President Ulysses S. Grant and Yellowstone National Park. Since that time many national parks have been established. We need the National Park Service to protect the natural wildlife and environment, especially now at Tomales Point.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Christina Bailey

**Correspondence ID: 10818**

I used to live in Marin for 8 years, worked at the Marin Headlands NP Nursery and participated in the Muir Beach restoration project planting wetland plants. I supported the expiration of the oyster farm lease and am writing to you now in support of Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Thank you for choosing the option that prioritizes wildlife in the park.

**Correspondence ID: 10819**

Tule elk and other species need room to thrive and restricting their habitat is cruel and counterproductive.

These beautiful elk need to be protected and not corralled due to some cattle. It should be the other way around.

**Correspondence ID: 10820**

You are supposed to be the Good Guys. As such, you MUST protect the tule elk and stop allowing cows to run them out of their habitat. For heaven's sake, do the right thing!

**Correspondence ID: 10821**

Please, please allow the elk to roam freely. As a taxpayer I want to see my National Parks managed in an environmentally sound fashion.

**Correspondence ID: 10822**

Please protect our national parks !

**Correspondence ID: 10823**

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**Correspondence ID: 10825**

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\*Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you,

Koll

**Correspondence ID: 10826**

Tule Elk are native to southern California. Cattle are not. Admittedly, the elk were moved to Pt. Reyes so the herd would have a greater grazing area. Cattle ranching has been on the Peninsula for ages. BUT - cattle are NOT native at all. It's time to start removing cattle from Pt. Reyes and let the Elk have what was meant to be their grazing lands back. Do not fence in the elk - remove any fences and if anything fence in the cattle. Put serious limits on the number of head any ranch can have, and slowly cut that number down. It's time to get the peninsula back to what it should have been over 150 yrs ago. Oyster farming is now regulated, so should grazing by non-native species. The white deer were wrongly introduced too. We can do better!

**Correspondence ID: 10827**

Hello National Park Service,

At your convenience, would you please educate me and my family about your actions to protect the native wildlife in the Point Reyes National Seashore? Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point to protect the native elk from thirst and malnutrition.

My son is a BSA Eagle Scout, and we care deeply about wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate on public lands. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Restoring the natural habitat for elk and the other native wildlife in the Point Reyes National Seashore is for us and our future generations.

Thank you for your valuable time to consider my request.

Best regards, Katherine Huestis

**Correspondence ID: 10828**

Please remove the lethal fence so the tule elk can roam and have a chance to live their lives free and unconstrained. Management of the herd, brought back from the brink of extinction, has been abysmal. People go to Point Reyes National Seashore to see tule elk, not cattle hogging the landscape and polluting the environment. Elk come first!!!

**Correspondence ID: 10829**

These comments need not be long. You know what needs to be humanely done and save State Parks' reputation: free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 10830**

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

I support the proposal to tear down the fence at Point Reyes Seashore in order to let Tule Elk roam free. It is their biology and ecology to undertake migrations from which they are fenced off now. Further, climate change and droughts connected with this may leave Elk with malnutrition and starvation.

Kind regards,

Dipl. Biol. Sven Koschinski

**Correspondence ID: 10831**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10832**

Dear Sirs and Madams,

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.



Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

Thank you very much for your help for animals!

Sincerely

**Correspondence ID: 10833**

These beautiful elk are rare, social, sentient beings trying to survive, just like we are. Instead of destroying nearly to extinction those who are not ours to begin with, take down that wall and leave them be.

Dying of starvation and/or thirst is an extremely painful way to go. Why should these elk die prematurely? They are not ours to kill, and they have a right to live. Take down that wall! Let the animal farmers move or find another non-hurtful way to protect their animals, whom, sadly, they're probably going to kill eventually, anyway.

Thank you in advance for taking down that wall and leaving the elk be.

Caringly,

Judy

**Correspondence ID: 10834**

Please adopt Alternative B and remove the lethal fence keeping tule elk from roaming freely. Culling the herd is not acceptable. Cattle ranches have no place in a national park and are destroying the ecosystem. Free the elk and restore the natural order!

**Correspondence ID: 10835**

I am writing regarding California's Reyes Point National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" to remove the fatal fence and allow elk free access. I applaud NPS for having taken public comment on the elk fence, as such fences have no place in designated wilderness areas generally, or Reyes Point in particular; the enabling legislation for the National Seashore mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the

Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” While wilderness should always preserve native species over introduced species and domestic grazing species like cattle, the need in this case is all the starker given that the alternative of favoring cattle would mean such grave harm to confined elk as slow death by malnutrition, starvation, and thirst.

Not only do I support the removal of the elk fence, but protection of elk should not stop there. It is crucial that free-roaming elk not be subjected to culling, harassment, or harm from ranchers or hunters.

I urge NPS to do everything possible to protect the native wildlife and ecosystem of the Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 10836**

The Tule Elk must be protected. Take down the fence and remove the cattle. They do not belong in this area.

**Correspondence ID: 10837**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Please tear down the elk-killing fence. Please protect the elk, not private cattle ranchers. The elk deserve to roam free.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I offer the following points in support:

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely, Ruth Kastner

**Correspondence ID: 10838**

I urge the National Park Service to manage Point Reyes for the benefit of native wildlife instead of non-native and destructive cattle. I have been to Point Reyes, and it is a national treasure that needs our help to make it more wild, not less.

**Correspondence ID: 10839**

Cattle are an invasive species. We need to protect this habitat for the species that are native to it.

The cattle ranchers can move their cattle somewhere else.

**Correspondence ID: 10840**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10841**

Please spare this unique group of animals so they can roam free in the nature we are all a part of.

**Correspondence ID: 10842**

As a U.S. citizen living abroad I recognize the unique natural patrimony of the United States, possessing diverse and (still) truly wild spaces. This comment is to encourage the US Park Service to continue to carry out its mission to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Specifically, I believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence currently constraining the territory of a potentially endangered species. This fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources, and puts the Point Reyes Tule Elk at further risk. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park, to favor the grazing of domestic livestock. Private cattle operations are simply not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 10843**

Free them...they are living beings

**Correspondence ID: 10844**

Your actions and policies kill endangered animals instead of protecting them and their ecosystem. Please reconsider and act to protect and preserve them.

**Correspondence ID: 10845**

The native animals (elk in this case) should have priority over livestock. Please let the Point Reyes elk roam their native territory unhindered. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10846**

Help Free Point Reyes Tule Elk

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Finally, thanks to public outrage and a flood of comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that.

**Correspondence ID: 10847**

I have been a California resident for most of my life and have visited the beautiful Point Reyes area many times. I believe priority must be given to wildlife welfare over commercial livestock. My husband and I have gone on long trail runs there and were disappointed to see fences in a National Park. Please allow the Tule Elk to roam free (and unimpaired) by removing fencing and do not renew permits for livestock grazing, which is no longer appropriate. I support the adoption of Alternative B aka "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

**Correspondence ID: 10848**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I appreciate you listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are utterly inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's absolutely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for ANY reason.

Private cattle operations are NOT appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point

Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10849**

Being deeply concerned about the wellbeing of animals, especially wildlife and the TULE ELK, in general I am in favour of plan B with its main objective to remove the lethal fence that confines the elk at times in unsuitable and far too small environment without natural water supply and food.

Of course cattle, driven by animal abusers, must be banned from national park land which must be reserved for wildlife!

However: unnatural fires that kill countless animals of all kinds, are unacceptable, as well as the use of herbicides: Leave nature alone, but provide for suffering animals!

Thank you for your attention: For all animals - against human egoism, greed, and malice!

**Correspondence ID: 10850**

Please help, you know you can!

**Correspondence ID: 10851**

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i Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10852**

Like so many other animals the Tule elk should be free and left alone.

**Correspondence ID: 10853**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10854**

How many Tule elk has "our government" killed today? Years ago when Point Reyes National Seashore was established, the public spent millions to insure that the land in and around the national park would be natural, the ecosystems intact. The farmers who agreed to conditions for such were well aware of the regulations. Now the whining greedy corporate interests want and want and want from the public. NO! You knew the regulations; you agreed. Now, get off our land if you cannot be ethical or moral.

That is bad enough. The weak and totally ineffective staff of Point Reyes National Seashore are worse because they are not standing up to the bullies. You know how to beat the bullies at their own game. Stand up, do your job, and do it.

All the above has proven to be groundwork for killing native animals in OUR park. OUR representatives at the park service are actively setting up conditions such that OUR Tule elk will die. The Tule elk are native. The farmers and/or corporations are not! Protect OUR land, OUR ecosystems, OUR Tule elk, OUR park--not bullying, whining, greedy corporations.

**Correspondence ID: 10855**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10856**

First and foremost, I urge the agency to stop complying with livestock owner requests, and instead remove the elk fence to (1) protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and (2) restore the ecosystem.

In other words, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which recommends removal of the fatal fence thus allowing elk to naturally roam free.

I would like to give thanks to the agency for paying attention to the overwhelming public support for removal of the elk fence.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is also unconscionable and unacceptable to cause confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Furthermore, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Private livestock operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes or any other national park and should be prohibited in order to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

It is time to stop putting profit first and instead prioritize the well being of all aspects of the natural world.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

**Correspondence ID: 10857**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal, harmful fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

You need to listen to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's beyond cruelty to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. How can you even live with yourself letting this happen?

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

It's disgusting that you are allowing greed to determine your murderous decisions.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10858**

Commenting on the subject of the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore:

Thank you for listening to the voice of the people in their request to take down the fence blocking the tule elk from their broader habitat. Although there are ranchers against this decision, fences are inappropriate and deadly in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife... these animals are already up against so much due to climate change and habitat encroachment. The public's interest is in the wellbeing of these elk and so other violent methods of control such as culling, etc are unacceptable as well.

I join the large number of concerned citizens and urge you to order the removal of the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10859**

This land should be restored to its original natural uses for the restoration and preservation of the wildlife in a wilderness environment. It should not be used for the enrichment of cattle ranchers to destroy the environment with their herds of profit making animals.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.



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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10860**

Is it possible to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Is that so hard to do the right thing?

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. What is wrong with you?

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason!!!!

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10861**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs

during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 10862**

Of course it is better to do what is possible to protect these animals

All while the farmers protect theirs

Thanks to all our wrong decisions the planet is now in a mess

We should have listened to the Indians

The cowboys messed up big time, taking nature and all other life with them

Anything to restore the balance is so welcome

Thanks for reading and good luck to all our victims

**Correspondence ID: 10863**

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It is important to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10864**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10865**

Free the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 10866**

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**Correspondence ID: 10867**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

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Sincerely, Jason Albano

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Sincerely, Mrs. mary peteinaraki

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Sincerely, Wendy Rénier

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Sincerely, Cindy Chic

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10875**

It is long past time to place the health of the planet and the environment before rancher profits. Cattle are interlopers and also highly harmful to the environment and human health. In no way do cattle ranchers and cattle deserve priority over native species, especially species that faced extinction and exist in ever dwindling numbers. The native Tule Elk deserve to roam free on federal lands in their native habitat with only the most minimal interference to ensure their health and safety. Let the interloping cattle stay in feed lots in ever dwindling numbers as is deserved and hoped for by most humans who recognize the destruction and decimation of cattle to the environment and human health. I have a sister who is a big beef eater and also had a four-way bypass in her 60's and almost died due to her beef heavy diet. Let the planet win for once and send the cattle and the ranchers packing.

**Correspondence ID: 10876**

We are living in a time now when we should be farming fewer cattle and re-wilding larger spaces to help combat climate change.

Confining these Elk to a limited area where they they will die of thirst and malnutrition is a despicable, calculated act of cruelty driven by financial greed.

I would like to thank the Agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for the removal of the fence and urge it to take the necessary action to remove it.

Once this has been done I would also urge the Agency not to cull the herd and allow it to grow naturally in accordance with the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation and the Charter of the National Seashore.

Once again I urge The National Park Service to choose Alternative B and allow the restoration of the ecosystem and the preservation of Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife.

In hope,

A. Nicholson

**Correspondence ID: 10877**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Please do the right thing!!

**Correspondence ID: 10878**

The Tule Elk are the NATIVE wildlife - PLEASE work to save them! NO fences - they do nothing but harm to the Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 10879**

Dear NPS

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas; the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Moreover, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thus, I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks for considering this request

Jamie Scott

**Correspondence ID: 10880**

Put the elk before cattle. They are an endangered species and need protection.

**Correspondence ID: 10881**

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife and urge you to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 10882**

Please save the elk - wildlife is more important than cattle,

**Correspondence ID: 10883**

There is hope, because there are all those who care. Caring breaks compassion. Compassion are the flames that rebuild nations after war. It is The mighty presence that illuminates existence to resistance. This is why the wild goals must sustain their habitations. Life has no meaning where there is no purpose. When we sustain life- we give precedence to growth and expansion, to learning and growth. All life is necessary for each of humanity and animal-'s survival. The more we extinct- the more we become extinct. This is not how humanity must end, neither is this how the wild goals should either. Put away these barbaric tactics- that we all may survive.

**Correspondence ID: 10884**

Dear National Park Service,

I would like to urge you to opt for Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". The purpose of National Parks is to protect wild-life and give nature a chance to recover from the destruction done by humans, and not to give farmers the possibility for some fast profit. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in a National Park, and it's unacceptable that in a National Park, native elk die of thirst and malnutrition because they are fenced in.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please take these mandates into account when making your decision.

Sincerely, Ulrich Schmidt

**Correspondence ID: 10885**

Save elks

**Correspondence ID: 10886**

Please free elks and protect Point Reyes for native life and not for livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks,

Silvia Bertano



**Correspondence ID: 10887**

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Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Valentina Medini

**Correspondence ID: 10889**

I consider it essential that we restore natural biodiversity and ecosystem services around the world to keep our planet and ourselves healthy. I applaud any well thought out moves away from industrial farming and allowing re-establishment of natural species and land management which allows recovery of soils, air and water.

**Correspondence ID: 10890**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10891**

Point Reyes is a national wilderness area. As such, preserving the wildlife and natural habitat there should be the top priority. The Tule Elk should be allowed to roam freely in their natural habitat. All of the other natural creatures there should also be protected along with their habitat.

I support Alternative B. However, instead of the further development described in the plan, the NPS should remove existing roads, buildings, tourist infrastructure, and other development in the national wilderness area. There should be no cattle ranching, farming, or other economic activities in wilderness areas. There are plenty of other places in the country for humans to do these things. There are not many places left for endangered species to live.

Point Reyes is a special place for wildlife. If you're going to make changes to it, those changes should be for the benefit of the wildlife.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10892**

National Park Service:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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You have the opportunity to do the right thing - restore the National Park to the original intent, save the natural habitat including the animals, and support the community over inappropriate ranching interests.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 10893**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Mitzi Ocean

**Correspondence ID: 10894**

Dear National Park Service,

Thank you for accepting and considering public comment.

Please remove the fence that is containing wild elk at Pt Reyes. Wild animals should not be fenced at any time, especially not permanently. They evolved to move and that movement helps them survive and helps the ecosystems they move through to flourish. Penned animals must eat everything they can in their enclosure, which is harder on the ecosystem and, during periods of high heat and drought, deadly for the animals.

I strongly urge you to remove the fence and allow these elk to not only avoid extinction but also live free and thrive. I know I'm not saying anything you don't already know better than I do.

I am offering my support for you to do everything in your power to preserve the wellbeing and dignity of these animals.

Sincerely, Cindy L. Parker MD

**Correspondence ID: 10895**

Please remove the fence and the ELK HERD go free to there natural environment , and be again part of the wildlife at POINT REYES.

Give all wildlife maximum protection and leave them unimpaired for all the enjoyment that the park give.

Thank you

Myra Berario

**Correspondence ID: 10896**

It has been heartbreaking to hear about and see pictures of the Tule Elk over such a long period of time, dying of hunger and thirst, fenced out of their native territory. Really disturbing for the responsible agencies to see this happening and not take action and remove the fence they had built that had caused this suffering.

Please remove the fence and free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it!

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10899**

Please put the elk ahead of any other plans being considered.

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Please remove the elk fence so that Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife are protected and the natural ecosystem can be restored. Thank you for listening to the public and it's overwhelming support for removing the elk fence, rather than minority private cattle operations.

**Correspondence ID: 10901**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife and should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10902**

This is NOT a Farming area, and Cattle Ranching needs to be kicked out, in favour of the Elk and other Wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 10903**

With my husband and friends I have enjoyed several holidays in North American conservation areas. The animals have always been every bit as interesting as the scenery, and we are very grateful for the fact that they are able to thrive and lead natural lives in these areas.

I realise that elk and other animals can be a nuisance to neighbouring farmers, but that's always a problem, and perhaps they could be helped in some other way. Especially with endangered animals I do believe that their health and conditions necessary to their conservation should always have priority in a park which was originally created for that purpose. Please seriously consider the option to remove the fence and allow the elk and other wildlife to have a safe and natural life.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 10904**

I favor Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 10905**

As an ecological and biodiversity consultant it seems to me that the only sensible option is Option B.

Keeping the elk fenced in is bad for them and bad for the vegetation and other species within the area.

By removing the fence and allowing the elk to move freely through the countryside, the health of both elk and habitats will be assured.

Option A is obviously not working and results in major health and welfare issues during times of drought, plus over-grazing of habitats.

Option C makes no sense in a wilderness area, especially with an endangered species such as the Tule elk, whose population should be in the thousands or tens of thousands.

The 1993 scientific advisory committee recommended that the elk at Tomales Point be "permitted to self-regulate" and that "the long-range goal of elk management at the seashore should be the re-establishment of free-ranging elk throughout the seashore." This cannot be achieved without removing the elk fence and allowing the elk to move freely around the landscape.

I look forward to hearing that sanity has prevailed and that option B has been chosen and enacted.

**Correspondence ID: 10906**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 10907**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10908**

To Whom it May Concern:

I recently heard about an 8 ft tall fence erected in Point Reyes National Park, resulting in massive deaths of wild elk. If this was done for the benefit private citizens who own cattle and domestic animals, this is a travesty. Wild elk should be allowed to roam free. They should not be contained behind tall fences, causing them to starve and die due to having no access to water.

I wonder who the park service works for? Private citizens who own cattle or the public? Who employs the national Park service? One wonders if the employees of the national park service gains something personally from protecting the interests of ranchers, rather than protecting wild elk.

The fence should be removed as soon as possible.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 10909**

Dear sirs,

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence, and will allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize privately owned cattle over native wildlife on any publicly owned lands, anywhere. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in here and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." This clearly requires the fencing to be removed.

It is criminal to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park owned by all the people of the United States! Furthermore, when the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. EVER!

I beg you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem to what nature intended.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Respectfully,

Curtis M. Tomlin

**Correspondence ID: 10910**

Please protect the Tule Elk. There are cattle all over the country. They don't need protection. Tule elk are unique and only in Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 10911**

Leave the tule elk alone and free to roam. It's THEIR territory. You're stealing it from them just



like Europeans stole this country from Native Americans. They have a role to play in the ecosystem and the NPS is supposed to protect the ecosystem and its natural residents.

**Correspondence ID: 10912**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Alfons Egger

**Correspondence ID: 10913**

I am writing to support your choosing Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Please listen to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I fully support your plan to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10914**

a national park belongs to all the people, even those not born, not certain interests for their immediate profit. The intent of establishing this park was to conserve a unique ecosystem and therefore, this supersedes all other purposes - let this be so.

**Correspondence ID: 10915**

Please rip up the abomination that is an eight foot fence killing Tule Elk. We have to do so much more to protect the planet and the flora and fauna we share this fragile earth with

**Correspondence ID: 10916**

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

Jacqueline Schmidt

**Correspondence ID: 10917**

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**Correspondence ID: 10918**

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**Correspondence ID: 10919**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

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Sincerely, philippe fourcaud

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 10927**

I have long had grave concerns about the unfortunate bias the National Park Service has of putting the desires of ranchers within the National Seashore ahead of preserving and expanding the primary function of the park as a haven for natural ecosystems and wildlife. The park was created to advance these values, and ranchers were given a generous period of time and subsidized fees to continue commercial activities on a public treasure. The direction embedded in the legislation that created PRNS was that ranching would be phased out at a moderate pace

so that the park could reach its full potential as a natural haven for biodiversity and public recreation.

The time has long since come to switch the park's guiding principles to an emphasis on expanding Point Reyes' natural areas and significantly reducing the negative effects of extensive livestock production on this biological treasure. The Park Service's goal should be to reduce and phase out the many negative impacts that continued ranching pose for the park's functioning as a haven for biodiversity.

One crucial step to take to advance this goal is to end the physical restriction of tule elk by the fence in the northern part of the park. At present, this portion of the park is more like a commercial game park than a wild ecosystem. The elk held captive on Tomales Point have suffered tragically from their inability to move to other parts of the park to access essential water and food. Please put wildlife above beef production in the national treasure that is Point Reyes National Seashore.

Trent W.. Orr

**Correspondence ID: 10928**

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I support the National Park Service choosing Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow Tule Elk to naturally roam free. And once the elk are able to move freely, they should never be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason. They have a right to be there as a native species!

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I urge the National Park Service to remove the fence and to protect the native wildlife in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you again for allowing the public to voice our opinion.

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Regards,

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Please protect my planet! Please protect my animals!

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Thanks to public outrage and comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters, the Park Service is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10991**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10992**

Please choose Alternative B and remove the elk fence that restricts free movement of the tule elk. Do not allow culling, hazing, or harassment of the herd. We must preserve our rapidly vanishing wilderness and wildlife. Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

**Correspondence ID: 10993**

Please see attached.

**Correspondence ID: 10994**

Dear Sir/Madam,

After learning/studying the plight of the Tule Elk, I am moved to write to URGE YOU , with respect , to hear the voices of those of us opposing this plan.

I realise a portion of my comments are pasted here BUT it is to convey my thoughts most ardently & concisely that I do so.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I THANK YOU for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I TRULY KNOW that It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations ARE NOT appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Therefore, I MOST RESPECTFULLY request the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Regards,

Crystal Schwass

**Correspondence ID: 10995**

The elk should be free and all wildlife should be allowed to live their lives as nature intended.the ranchers should not be allowed to use this land

**Correspondence ID: 10996**

Please free the Elk and protect Point Reyes for the wildlife (not the cattle who are destroying it).

Thankyou.

**Correspondence ID: 10997**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Please protect the Tule Elks!

**Correspondence ID: 10998**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 10999**

SAVE THE ELK!

**Correspondence ID: 11000**

Stop the Killing

**Correspondence ID: 11001**

I am writing to request you to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

In support of my request, I offer the following:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I appreciate you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence, as fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Based on the above, I urge the removal the elk fence as soon as possible to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11002**

Please allow these precious animals the right to live in peace instead of starving to death. Be humane in your treatment of these beautiful elks.

**Correspondence ID: 11003**

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It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Finally, thanks to public outrage and a flood of comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 11005**

Good morning,

I hope that this email finds you well. I'm writing to respectfully ask that you consider performing the following actions:

1. Choose Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.
2. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service need to prioritize native wildlife over cattle.
3. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk need to live gentle lives and die of natural causes.
4. Private cattle operations need to be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore, and also to protect human health. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Dr. Helene Sicard-Cowan

**Correspondence ID: 11006**

Tule elk are majestic, highly social animals. In California, they have been hunted nearly to the point of extinction, at the behest of cattlemen. Now, only about 600 roam the Point Reyes National Seashore. But, instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula behind an 8-foot-high fence, all to please the livestock owners. Sadly, however, recent droughts in the region have produced deadly consequences. Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die horribly of thirst and malnutrition. I am writing to ask that you free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife – not for the cattle destroying it. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11007**

I appreciate Alternative B, where the elk and conservation seems to be foremost considered. I believe the elk should have free range while the cattle are confined. It makes more sense as the cattle are the introduced species to the area. I also appreciate the removal of invasive plant species, however, I believe it would be better in the long run to limit the use of pesticides as much as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11008**

We rely on the National Park to protect endemic and indigenous species. Please join us in support of Alternative B, with "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Since the fence prevents access to

needed food and water, or relief from starvation and thirst, it must be removed. The elk should not be restricted from access to food and water especially in favor of supplying ranchers and livestock. Thank you for managing these magnificent animals appropriately. If the herd is too large to survive in a restricted area, that means the area needs to expand or become unrestricted. Thank you for your effort to make the situation better, if you cant please everyone, at least take the part of the Elk.

Aloha from Hawaii

**Correspondence ID: 11009**

I strongly believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It breaks my heart to hear that the confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 11010**

Our national park service is not for protecting livestock interests. Please protect our natural heritage by taking down the fences and better yet removing livestock from a National Seashore!

**Correspondence ID: 11011**

Hello, thank you for taking public comments. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I appreciate you reading this comment.

Best, Casey

**Correspondence ID: 11012**

I have been following this issue for the last few years. It is important that there is a humane resolution for the vital Tule elk. Below are the obvious reasons:

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11013**

I am for your proposal to tear down the 8-foot-high elk fence at Tomales Point. Our National Parks are for wildlife and people. Not livestock. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 11014**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for allowing my input.

**Correspondence ID: 11016**

free the elk

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**Correspondence ID: 11018**

Protecting nature, including the Reyes elk, is far more important than raising beef cows. We must make space for nature to exist in our daily lives before it is gone forever.

**Correspondence ID: 11019**

Tear down the fence and let the native rule elk forage freely.

Time to stop using public lands for private, destructive,

Cattle interests.

Dr. Lani Steele

**Correspondence ID: 11020**

Protect Point Reyes Wildlife At ALL Cost!

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**Correspondence ID: 11022**

Our wildlife and public lands are for ALL Americans not just ranchers and their cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 11023**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.



Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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**Correspondence ID: 11026**

I am from Scotland UK and have followed various conflicts between landowners/ranchers/hunters etc and conservation/humane groups for wildlife/plant life, over the years, and wish to appeal to the landowners etc to show a more humane attitude towards endangered wildlife, as the Earth is facing a biodiversity disaster via climate change. In this

instance, over a species of deer, which has obviously suffered great stress to survive, but now being threatened with further harassment.

We have similar problems in the UK, but on a smaller scale. With this problem landowners and allies should now see the need to reduce their claims, as they will only lead to degradation of the landscape, and the extinction of a species. Any economic, hunting or whatever impacts on a landscape activity has to act within parameters with consideration of conserving naturally found species on that land, and indeed, see it has common sense to do so. Many activities can be marginal, and in being so, environment destroying and we have it in British farming on land brought in in the Second World War to provide extra food, but no longer of being profitable, so it is going over to conservation and becoming of tourist value for wildlife observation, and investment from donations to maintain it.

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 11028**

The national parks are for the public and the wildlife there, and privately owned livestock should not take precedence. That's not fair.

The elk need to be protected and they need to roam. Please do the right and just thing.

**Correspondence ID: 11029**

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Fences push native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 11098**

**BREAK DOWN THE FENCES!! FREE OUR PRECIOUS TULE ELK AND PROTECT POINT REYES!!**

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**Correspondence ID: 11103**

I lived in California for forty-eight years, North and South. When I returned and saw what has been allowed to happen in the name of profit and progress, I wept. It is well past time to permanently protect all of the scant resources that remain, reintroduce species that have been exterminated, and enhance survival opportunities for those that still exist. Wildlife crossings, migration routes, access to water and protection from hunters, trappers, fishers, and farmers and livestock producers is essential. Do so as soon as possible, perhaps California can reclaim its title as the "Golden State" if you do.

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**Correspondence ID: 11105**

You have a wild herd of elk in your Pierce Ranch Core Area that you fenced in and left to die during hot weather. What are you like? Please take down the fences and stop trying to appease local livestock owners. How was this not stopped immediately?

**Correspondence ID: 11106**

Cattle are notorious destroyers of natural habitats. Once destroyed, habitats cannot be rebuilt. The seemingly insignificant species we destroy in our greed might have held the key to our own survival. Assaulting nature is assaulting the future of mankind.

**Correspondence ID: 11107**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the dangerous 8 foot high fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize invasive cattle over native wildlife.



It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, hunting, or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the deadly elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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**Correspondence ID: 11122**

To who It may concern,

American Public Lands should be reserved for the public and that includes the animals that live there not privately owned animals who are there for profit to an individual . Public lands are there for the general public to enjoy and that includes maintaining the wild animals who already make that area their home.

Thank you

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**Correspondence ID: 11125**

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Please save the tule elk and remove the fences!

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**Correspondence ID: 11132**

I support Alternative B and removing the fence enclosing the Tule Elk - allowing the tule elk to roam free and creating new and improved opportunities for public recreation, use and enjoyment of the Seashore.

In addition I encourage the Park Service to evaluate opportunities and strategies to:

Ensure cattle do not enter the wilderness area once the 8-foot elk fence is removed;

Enhance and restore habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife within the planning area;

Develop fire management practices within the planning area to maintain healthy ecosystems and natural processes;

Inventory and restore native coastal prairies within the planning area;

Assess climate-related impacts on water resources and native vegetation within the planning area;

Increase public access, use and enjoyment via new trails, camping, and other activities that integrate the planning area into a parkwide trail network

Expand public education and interpretation of Native American culture and history in consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and other descendants of Coast Miwok inhabitants;

Improve public education and interpretation about the Tomales Point elk and their role in the ecology of the Point Reyes peninsula.

Respectfully,

Laurie-Ann Barbour

**Correspondence ID: 11133**

PLEASE FREE THE TULE ELK AT POINT REYES AND PROTECT THEM AGAINST BAD PEOPLE!

**Correspondence ID: 11134**

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I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 11136**

Please do the right thing and remove the fences that prison the Tule Elk at Point Reyes! These poor animals are starving because of these fences and you can save them!

**Correspondence ID: 11137**

Please free the Point Reyes TULE ELK and shut down ALL fences!!

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Sincerely, Miss Grace Ukoha

**Correspondence ID: 11139**

I'm asking you to please preserve our native wildlife in their native habitat. It is not for the cattlemen and their cattle, it is for all of our native wildlife and it deserves to be preserved not destroyed.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11140**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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Thank you

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**Correspondence ID: 11142**

I strongly support the notion of letting the elk be the elk, and removing barriers (fencing) to their freedom. Though I live in Massachusetts, I visit Point Reyes regularly when staying with relatives in the area, and several times have observed groups of elk peacefully congregated in different parts of the park. It certainly enhances my experience as a visitor, but more important, it enables the elk to live their lives in as free and natural way as possible. This is obviously important if animals, and a diversity of species, are to continue to thrive on the planet.

Ben Brooks

**Correspondence ID: 11143**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Rena Renee Cantway

**Correspondence ID: 11144**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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Sincerely, Mrs. DELPHINE MCINTOSH

**Correspondence ID: 11146**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. So please, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife

and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for thinking about the welfare of these animals and the future of our natural environment. Regards, Rachel

**Correspondence ID: 11147**

free Elks & STOP being a BASTERD licking farmers ass

**Correspondence ID: 11148**

I would like to comment.....

WHY are we condemning beautiful animals to death??

Why is our National Heritage, being locked away in prison??

Why are we so ridiculously trapped in a vicious cycle of abuse and barbarism??

The Tule Elk, and all of our wildlife should be protected and free.

We need to stop bowing before and worshipping the decedent and destructive phenomenon of Cattle ranching, or Pig rustling, or Chicken tic-tac-toe.

Seriously, STOP KILLING ANIMALS

**Correspondence ID: 11149**

Please, please free the Tule Elk now! It is unconscionable to trap wild animals to their death. They should be free to roam and survice as any wild animal. it ranchers want to raise other animals, they have to deal with taking care of them on their own.

Thank you. Susan Lambert

**Correspondence ID: 11150**

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**Correspondence ID: 11151**

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Sincerely, Sandra Short

**Correspondence ID: 11152**

Only 600 Elk left! Please save them from extinction! That is a tiny gene pool as it is. Cattle reaks havoc across our country. Is this cattle meat exported? It doesn't matter if it's exported or not, but another issue to think about, especially because that is our water exported along with it. Save our wildlife from extinction in the USA! Let's have something else besides cows for our children, grand children and the future to be able to behold. My heart breaks for all of the endangered wild animals in the world. There are so many and it is a crime of humanity. Take down the fences!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11153**

Thank you for opening up for comments. It is understandable why this fence was built in the first place but now we know the negative implications. It is up to you now to do the right thing and take it down.

**Correspondence ID: 11154**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle (which contribute significantly to climate change already) over native wildlife. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable and immoral to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I ask you to please take this seriously and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11155**

Protect the Ule Elk.....NOT the ranchers!!!

WILDLIFE AREAS ARE FOR WILDLIFE!!

**Correspondence ID: 11156**

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I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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**Correspondence ID: 11157**

Good morning,

I believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and we shouldn't be prioritizing cattle over the native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I feel that private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Also, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the more natural ecosystem.

Thank you,

- Lisa

**Correspondence ID: 11158**

Please tear down the fence that is confining the Tule Point elk. This is public land and native wildlife should have priority over cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 11159**

IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE THE ECOSYSTEM OF TOMALES POINT / POINT REYES!! TO PRESERVE LIFE ON EARTH WE

HUMANS MUST CORRECT OUR ERRORS AND BEGIN TO PRIORITIZE AND SHOW RESPECT AND LOVE FOR NATURE IN ALL ITS BEAUTY AND DIVERSITY.

**Correspondence ID: 11160**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Amy Lerner

**Correspondence ID: 11161**

Remove the fence and allow the elk room to forage.

**Correspondence ID: 11162**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. I've been to Point Reyes several times and love this park. I'm writing to ask you to choose Alternative B-- Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. I think the Elk should be allowed to roam free-- fences confining these native creatures are totally inappropriate in a National Seashore! Point Reyes National Seashore is part of the natural heritage of all Americans and the elk should be protected and allowed to run free--not confined like livestock. I was sad to see dairy farm operations within the park when I visited in the past.

Private agriculture is not appropriate in a National Seashore and should no longer be allowed. The native animals and natural conditions should be the priority of the park. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." That is pretty clear direction and I think it should be heeded. Please do not cull the herd, just allow them to exist under as natural of conditions as possible, just the way national parks are supposed to do.

Please remove the elk fence, end private agricultural operations and restore Point Reyes's ecosystem to as natural of a state as possible.

Thanks very much--

Leda Beth Gray

**Correspondence ID: 11163**

The elk are the denizens here, not the cattle. I'm shocked that the NPS is even considering this. I thought the NPS was all about conservation. Shameful.

**Correspondence ID: 11164**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Deanna Smith

**Correspondence ID: 11165**

Please tear down the 8 ft fence so the elk can wander and forage freely. Elk should not be confined within small areas especially when cattle are roaming on leased public lands. I want the elk to roam freely on "my" public land not cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 11166**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Thank you - I just bought my husband a life pass to the national parks and I hope my investment was a wise one.

Elizabeth

**Correspondence ID: 11167**

You, Point Reyes, are a National Park. You protect the native wildlife - not rancher's cattle [which means ranchers \$\$\$\$\$]. So stop the bs and do what is right for the elk. National Parks should not subsidize private citizens. And even if it is "other" public land, it should be the native wildlife, not money makers for individual citizens,

**Correspondence ID: 11168**

We must protect nature, please!

**Correspondence ID: 11169**

Please do not disrupt this ecosystem. Free the elk and let them continue to mold the landscape to sustain other animals in the area. This is common sense and any objection to not comes from greed or inconvenience.

**Correspondence ID: 11170**

Please remove the Tule Elk Fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited this magical place and it still to this day is one of the most beautiful places I have visited. The wildlife there MUST be preserved!! If this is a national park then why is our government not protecting these animals? What a shame and very disappointing.

The Tule elk have suffered greatly for decades trapped behind these fences. Hundreds have died due to lack of water and proper forage as reported by the National Park Service.

This is a place for us to protect our wildlife not the farmers or cattle herds. On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the act creating the National Park Service, a new federal bureau in the Department of the Interior responsible for protecting the 35 national parks and monuments. Why have we stopped protecting our national parks? How sad it is to think one day there will be no more America the beautiful because of greed and a government not doing their job!

**Correspondence ID: 11171**

Alternative B is best for the Elk Herd at Pierce Ranch Core Area," as it removes the fence and allows elk to roam free.

Fences don't belong in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't confine native elk to die of thirst and hunger. Free-roaming elk shouldn't then be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11172**

These majestic animals need to roam freely on land that should not be hoarded by cattle

ranchers. The ecological balance must be preserved, especially given the harm to the environment cattle cause. Therefore, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Sincere thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service must not prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. This, actually, is outrageous, especially considering that the elk were there first!! And it's national park! Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk must not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are totally inappropriate in a NATIONAL PARK like Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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**Correspondence ID: 11173**

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**Correspondence ID: 11174**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the Elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. The native wildlife were there first and should be your top priority and only priority in protection of the park. Cattle can go anywhere but these innocent Elk can't, so it is your job and top priority to protect the Elk by removing the Elk fence immediately. The innocent Elk need space since they are free-roaming and shouldn't be subject to culling, hazing, or any type of harassment so they can be moved to another location. This is their location and should stay there location forever. It is unacceptable to confine these innocent native Elk and let them die of thirst and malnutrition especially in a park with plenty of food and water for them. That is just

wrong and hopefully you will make the correct decision and PROTECT THE ELK AND ONLY THE ELK now. Remove d all cattle from the Elk land and only allow the Elk to live in the land where they have lived for years. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

I am asking that you choose the only alternative that is the right one to choose and that is Alternative B called Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Core Area which will remove the fetal fence and allow Elk to naturally roam free has they have all their lives and all the lives of their parents and ancestors.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, that means protecting ALL wild animals, including the innocent Elk and forgetting about the cattle that are RUINING the park land. The Elk have lived there for thousands of years, and the park was always in good condition. Now cattle have been put in and they are ruining the park. The park is for wild animals and for people to enjoy and NOT for cattle.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the Elk fence and protecting the innocent Elk. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Please follow the concerns of the public and do the right thing for the Elk and protect them forever. Remove cattle now and never allow them in the park again. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11175**

This is murder of the elk. It is inexcusable. Don't do this.

**Correspondence ID: 11176**

Livestock will destroy the native plant population, introduce additional invasive species and completely disrupt the balanced ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11177**

Poor decision if the reason is to protect these elk. More harm than good will be the result.

**Correspondence ID: 11178**

Currently, about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service proposes killing members of two free-roaming herds?

And to add insult to injury, your confining part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

The elk will not have appropriate access to essential resources like ADEQUATE water, and they will die. Your conflicting roles of protecting wildlife & farmer's interests has come to a head. These animals will go EXTINCT or will continue to survive based on your decision. If you're going to play “god” in a sense by managing wild populations, try doing what you know is right!

**Correspondence ID: 11179**

Do not replace native elk with cattle or other domestic animals. The parks are for the native species

**Correspondence ID: 11180**

I have visited this Park and I feel that there is no place for a fence here to keep the elk in! I feel

that private cattle operators should not be competing with the native animals and plants in this area. Thanks for hearing my opinion!

Carolkoehler

**Correspondence ID: 11181**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jolanda JEANNET

**Correspondence ID: 11182**

Remove the fence and let the elk roam and forage free. Fences inappropriate in such a place. Plus there are fewer of this species than cattle. Time to save what's left.

**Correspondence ID: 11183**

I am asking you to please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife! This is their land and should be shown the respect they deserve.

I appreciate and thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence as they are not appropriate in wilderness areas. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. They should be free to roam where they want and not be subjected to any form of harassment or threat, as has been done. With this in mind, I am asking you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

It is imperative that you support and choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for your consideration to this key initiative.

Best,

Karen

**Correspondence ID: 11184**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11185**

As a previous longtime resident of the Bay Area, I have enjoyed visiting Point Reyes and seeing the Tule Elk. I never realized they were fenced in to appease the local cattle farmers and that elk deaths occur every year within the fenced area due to lack of food and water sources. I am writing to ask you to choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" plan. Once the fences are down, please do not cull the herd. They should be allowed to roam freely. This is a National Park (seashore), after all.

It would also be appropriate to finally end the cattle farms in the area.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 11186**

To whom it may concern,

I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.



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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11187**

Greetings:

My wife and I support a plan to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. We urge you to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Specifically, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

In addition, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11188**

Please do everything possible to protect the Elks!

**Correspondence ID: 11189**

Remove fence and stop managing wildlife for the benefit of special interests.....

**Correspondence ID: 11190**

Please stop the destruction of land for cattle. Humans continue to use the land to destroy majestic animals and have brought many of species to extinction. We have no idea of the long-term effects of various species extinction but should realize it will be detrimental to all living beings on our planet.

It is cruel to confine wild animals that need to roam and forage to stay alive. Please take down the fence to allow the Tule elk to roam free and help rebuild these herds.

There has to be a solution that will satisfy everyone without destroying land and animals for human consumption.

thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11191**

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Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that

found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kim Shrader

**Correspondence ID: 11193**

Speaking as someone who has seen these graceful animals in their natural home, I am appalled that the Park Service would kowtow to the cattle people and let the elk die a slow death. When I visited Point Reyes, it was very clear that the cows were damaging the land; they do not belong there and should be relocated. The tule elk DO belong there, and the Park Service's job is to protect the land and the wildlife that belong to all Americans. Please do so.

Thank you.

Terri Neill

**Correspondence ID: 11194**

There are several other national parks with elk. I believe that all of them have some form of hunting, either by permit to individuals during a prescribed season, or by park personnel.

This is just common sense. If the fence is going to be removed, the elk are still going to find boundaries - there will always be a fence! There are highways, personal property and villages. Taking down the fence without an agreement that specifically allows culling of the herd to keep it healthy as well as TO KEEP THE HERD FROM BEING A PUBLIC NUISANCE OR DANGER TO VISITORS IS ESSENTIAL.

As a long time environmentalist, artist of the environment and resident of Pt. Reyes for 50 years, I strongly submit that the only way to find a sensible policy is to avoid a lot of input from national organizations, although they are well meaning.

The process itself will be best handled if it kept to a careful, respectful consideration of Both the ranchers and the representatives of the elk themselves. (i.e. natl park personnel)

Ranchers have been demonized and unfairly characterized by people who spend their lives at a desk! I respect those who spend their lives trying to protect nature, who carry this into the political arena, but ranchers and environmentalists are not separate.

There ranchers are individuals who carry a history of the land, and who do care for the land its animals. These ranches are not feedlots, and people who eat beef and fish from costco should realize that they are damaging nature by that choice (fossil fuel, and terrible loss of land and practices in Australia, Brazil, etc.) far more than the ranches of Pt. Reyes.

A careful study of the long term affects of allowing the elk to expand is vital! The reality is that without predators the elk will become a nuisance to private property and to hikers and children in the park. The PRNS needs to take a position on this that is a long term look at keeping the herd both heathy and within limits.

Last, please consider the effect of removing the cows from the grass lands, and the resulting FIRE DANGER to all of inverness riidge.

Is the park going to take on mowing the ranch lands? removing invasive weeds? The Marin Co fire dpt. requires me to do so on my land - to remove all vegetation within 5 ft of buildings. This will be a massive maintenance issue for the park - or a horrific wildfire situation.

**Correspondence ID: 11195**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. It is about time that this country puts or cherished wildlife over the cattle owners. This has to stop now. It is unacceptable that the wildlife which we love and playing second fiddle to cattle.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

**Correspondence ID: 11196**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Paula Jerome

**Correspondence ID: 11197**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

There is undeniable overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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**Correspondence ID: 11198**

The priority is the elk, not the cattle. Please prioritise the wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11199**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Cheryl Richards

**Correspondence ID: 11200**

Good day all,

United states as whole is falling far short of their promises of 1) protecting natural resources for citizens and visitors. 2) increasing said shared resources. 3) Stopping the abuse of entitlement programs for individuals to prosper and the citizens to clean up. The processes of how a rich individual or worse a corporation can get handouts with little issue states our country no longer exists for the people but for the rich and corporations. If the US wants to slow its demise into another bygone anemic democracy then those with special interests need to be kept at bay. Please reverse the trend of handouts that not only destroy our precious irreplaceable resources but enlarge and protect what we have with more vigor. Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

**Correspondence ID: 11201**

Please keep in mind the ecological impacts of this decision. Conservation is important for the preservation of our healthy future.

**Correspondence ID: 11202**

They were here before the Indians we also removed

**Correspondence ID: 11203**

I respectfully request that you consider Alternative B to more appropriately align with responsible wildlife stewardship at Tomales Point.. The existing Tule Elk confinement via fencing disrupts the existing ecosystem and puts undue stress on herds, native vegetation, and other wildlife. By confining the Tule Elk with fencing, you are restricting their natural territorial behaviors, limiting their access to water /normal vegetation grazing opportunities, and increasing their risk of both malnutrition and infectious disease. The vegetation and wildlife in the fenced areas is also currently negatively impacted by overgrazing by the Tule Elk, which disrupts the natural food chain and vegetation growth rate for those areas. This ecosystem cannot sustain both the impacts of climate change and the fencing installments installed to ensure grazing areas for privately owned livestock. Since the Tule Elk population is the native species, the fencing must come down and plans to remove the private livestock must be considered to aid in the restoration of the National Seashore ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11204**

Good Day,

Please remove the elk fence so that elk have access to adequate food and water. Fences are inappropriate and defeat the purpose of a wilderness area. Please do not prioritize cattle over native wildlife. These elk should not be harassed, hazed or culled. An ecosystem stays healthy when native animals and plants are allowed to flourish.

Thank-you.

**Correspondence ID: 11205**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Jackie Giardino

**Correspondence ID: 11206**

As a concerned taxpayer and Zoologist I am joining the overwhelming public support for the request that the National Park Service implement Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's barbaric and UNACCEPTABLE to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park - one that my tax dollars help to support.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations should not take precedence over natural occurring wildlife in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation MANDATES "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. This is your responsibility to preserve and protect our NATURAL heritage - not cattle that serve to provide profits to cattlemen.

**Correspondence ID: 11207**

Dear NPS,

The current situation with the tule elk at Point Reys National Seashore is a disgusting travesty of the protections Americans expect for our native wildlife.

Having read through the options, the agency must choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area".

This will accomplish many important things, not the least of which is removing the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

There is simply no reason for that fence. Especially in a wilderness area! Confined native elk are literally dying of thirst and malnutrition IN A NATIONAL PARK SET UP TO HELP THEM SURVIVE AND THRIVE. in

As I read it, Alternative B will also prevent culling, hazing or harassment of the tule elk.

It seems private citizens need to remind the NPS that The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes.

Additionally, the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

It seems non-cattle company private citizens need to remind the NPS that cattle operations of any kind DO NOT BELONG on Point Reys.

Enact Alternative B. Kick out the cattle and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Best,

**Correspondence ID: 11208**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11209**

I'm tired if ranchers who use our land fircheap deny native species to riam on the land that they belong on. Parks should be for the environment nit big interests

**Correspondence ID: 11210**

Dear National Park Service:

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.



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The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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**Correspondence ID: 11211**

Please make policy changes about the fencing that is negatively impacting the locally environment and wildlife.

Alternative B would remove the fence and allow wildlife like the Tule Elk to roam unhindered and not starve to death. Fences like this are never appropriate in wilderness areas where a freedom to migrate or roam is the natural order. I am so angered by the Park Service and other decision makers prioritizing cattle owners over local wildlife. It's such BS that ranchers can constantly undermine the likelihood of survival of wildlife, all to make money. How does the Park Service bend so easily to their will? Makes one wonder.

Please remove the elk fence and make protection of native wildlife your obvious priority. Restore the ecosystem, which is what your mission should be.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11212**

Dear All Concerned,

Please consider my thoughts and comments.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank You.

Sincerely, Marina Mooney

**Correspondence ID: 11213**

Please act to protect the Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore!

**Correspondence ID: 11214**

We are supposed to be stewards of these beautiful lands. Please, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11215**

It is not right that these elk should be pinned up. They are wild animals in a national park and not livestock.

Cattle should not be allowed to graze in a national park which is for people to visit.

**Correspondence ID: 11216**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 11217**

Please, help tule elk of Point Reyes.

Thank you, from Italy

**Correspondence ID: 11218**

I understand that tule elk have been confined within Point Reyes National Seashore, and that this has caused some to suffer from lack of access to food and water. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, and ridiculous for that to happen in a national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 11222**

Please tear down the elk-killing fence!

With recent droughts, the fence has had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition. That is cruel and bad for the environment.

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it or to appease livestock owners.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11223**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11224**

A National Park is not a zoo. Native wildlife should not be confined as in a zoo for our entertainment. Neither should beef cattle be prioritized over elk. Free the elk and remove the cattle!

Ainsley Donaldson

**Correspondence ID: 11225**

Honorable officials,

I am asking that The National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Simply put, these fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and NPS shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for removing the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Respectfully,

Caleb Merendino

**Correspondence ID: 11226**

Please do the right thing and stop choosing the needs of livestock over native species especially on our public lands.

**Correspondence ID: 11227**

Please choose Alternative B - Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area - to remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. There's no reason to kill and/or confine the magnificent elk.

Thank you,

Judy Fore

**Correspondence ID: 11228**

Please free the Tule elk and tear down the fence as well as protect, not kill other herds in the Point Reyes National Park. These parks are to support wildlife, not domestic animals.

**Correspondence ID: 11229**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11230**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11231**

Why are you prioritizing cattle and ranching

over managing a National Park as

park management is intended?

Tear down that fence, manage the elk,

and stop torturing these animals

for the sake of cowering to ranchers.

Please function as a public park agency,

and not allow yourself to be bullied

by the cattle industry.

**Correspondence ID: 11232**

Please remove the elk fences, they need the land for grazing....don't we have enough land for cattle already? For the sake of the wildlife please remove the fences. Thank You, Ken Foley

**Correspondence ID: 11233**

Please work to protect the Tule elk of Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 11234**

The world's biodiversity is in decline. Every effort must be made to protect it. Please remove the elk fence and allow this native species to thrive.

**Correspondence ID: 11235**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, destinee Thornton

**Correspondence ID: 11236**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I respectfully urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11237**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Neil Carlson

**Correspondence ID: 11238**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Lisa Pooter

**Correspondence ID: 11239**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 11240**

Protect the elk not benefiting our environment not the livestock that destroy it. Planet over profit.

**Correspondence ID: 11241**

To Whom It May Concern,

-Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.



-Thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I'm exceedingly tired of hearing of cattle being prioritized over native wildlife.

-It's unacceptable and deplorable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

-Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

-Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

-Please to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11242**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

Adam Davis

**Correspondence ID: 11243**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11244**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Adrienne Bone

**Correspondence ID: 11245**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence. This is outrageous considering we are already in a period of extreme drought and elk will not be able to find water sources if they are boxed in.

**Correspondence ID: 11246**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11247**

Thank you for listening to the great public support for removing the elk fence at Point Reyes National Seashore.

With regard to the elk herd, I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the existing fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in any national park and should be ended in Point Reyes to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence, to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the natural ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11248**

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you for reading my comments

**Correspondence ID: 11249**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Christine MATHIEU

**Correspondence ID: 11250**

Please free the elk, tear down the fence and allow them access back on their territory. It's the right thing to do.

**Correspondence ID: 11251**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thankyou for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11252**

This land should be prioritized for the rare elk. We have enough cattle across the country. Tear down the fence and free the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 11253**

To whom it may concern,

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

So please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Gabe Russo

**Correspondence ID: 11254**

I can only state that free-roaming Elk should receive an equal status to lands vs. cattle raised solely for consumption.

**Correspondence ID: 11255**

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence that prevents elk from naturally roaming free.

**Correspondence ID: 11256**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Roxana Anabella Sagona

**Correspondence ID: 11257**

Alternative B [Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area] is a more modern, sustainable and sensible alternative to the horrible alternative. These elk should be allowed to roam free in their native habitat without being constrained by a fatal fence, totally inappropriate for "wilderness" areas. This country already has too many cattle and Tule elk should not be culled/sacrificed/harassed for the sake of a few greedy people, nor be confined and thus die of thirst and starvation. Is this what a National Park stands for??? Now is the time to eliminate private cattle, or other private operations, at Point Reyes. Furthermore, the contemplated alternative plan contradicts the charter of the National Seashore and the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation which mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act which designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Protect the "commons" and ensure that the rights and responsibilities of the public are prioritized over those of the few narrow, greedy, and stupid private individuals seeking short-term, unsustainable profit.

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11258**

Point Reyes should provide protection for native species, not support the interests of livestock owners. Choose alternative B to remove the fence and protect them from culling and harassment.

**Correspondence ID: 11259**

Please let the elk free to roam this area. Cattle should never have been here in the first place. We really need to protect wildlife before it is too late.

**Correspondence ID: 11260**

Before there were people, there were Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 11261**

Dear NPS:

As far as the Point Reyes Tule Elk are concerned, it's Alternative B, baby! It is the ONLY way to go. The 8' high fence, and the decimation of two whole herds, would kill not only the elk but the \*biological diversity!!!\* they provide that natural area.

Need more reasons?

--> How would it look on your organization's "resumé" to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition -- in a national park?!

--> Free-roaming elk MUST NOT be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

--> Commercial, private cattle operations are not and never were appropriate in Point Reyes. The charter of the National Seashore is trampled on by this activity (let alone what the cattle do to that environment!).

--> The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes.

--> Not only that, but the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." UNIMPAIRED!

In summation, elk GOOD, cattle BAAAAAD! Please don't prioritize cattle \$\$ over native wildlife. It's just SO not a Park Service kind of thing to do!

Thank you so much for listening to me and the overwhelming number of people speaking out in public support of REMOVING the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, as is killing existing herds of these majestic, native animals.

Thank you again and again. My gratitude is "Tule" heartfelt! ;)

Sue Torrey

**Correspondence ID: 11262**

Protect our endangered wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11263**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11264**

Leave the elk alone and stay in your own lane.

**Correspondence ID: 11265**

I believe I am stating the obvious when I say that government entities charged with protecting the environment bizarrely end up exploiting the environment. So, let's start there. Wildlife is essential. Commercial animals are not. Perhaps when we used to have an abundance on a healthy planet say in the early 20th Century someone thought the two can coexist but they cannot. We don't really need the National Park Service if you are unable to push back on commercial interests and say this tiny slice of what used to be our national heritage is off limits to exploitation. It takes big boy pants to say that to greedy capitalists but that is what leadership

is. Look at your grandchild and consider do I want to be known for making some asshole rich or for protecting this wildlife so that my next generation can adore it. This isn't even a debate. You know the right thing to do. Do it.

**Correspondence ID: 11266**

I am asking the National Park Service to do the following

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I would appreciate the Park Service to listen to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you, Jose Sena

**Correspondence ID: 11267**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I fully support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Patricia Mathis



**Correspondence ID: 11268**

the cattle industry doesn't care about wildlife, all they care about their cattle and taking all the land for themselves,

**Correspondence ID: 11269**

I'm writing to ask that you please free the Tule Elk and tear down the fence at at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I realize that there are competing requests related to cattle vs. elk, but considering that confined elk who are not able to roam and forage will die of thirst and malnutrition, please consider protecting the 600 native elk that are left.

Sincerely, Dr. Patricia Molloy

**Correspondence ID: 11270**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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**Correspondence ID: 11271**

Don't sacrifice endangered elk to private cattle farming. National parks and lands are for everyone to enjoy, not for exploitation. I completely agree with the points made by the Center for Biological Diversity.

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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Thank you,

Scott Buchanan

**Correspondence ID: 11272**

Do the right thing! Native wildlife takes precedence over the greed of humans, or SHOULD!!

**Correspondence ID: 11273**

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These lands should be exclusively used for wildlife. Please keep in mind that wildlife should be free to roam. Any obstructions to movement should be removed and cattle should not have access to this area.

**Correspondence ID: 11275**

Please protect the Elk and provide habitat for them to eat, reproduce and thrive.

**Correspondence ID: 11276**

I support Alternative B. Remove this fence that will kill elk! These elk need to be allowed to roam free. The land owners in question will have to deal with their own problems some other way besides leading to the death of these animals

**Correspondence ID: 11277**

Please keep cattle out and remove fencing. This area should be used for wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11278**

Please free the Tule elk ASAP! Protect ALL wildlife without confinement.

Thank you.

LDR

**Correspondence ID: 11279**

Please remove the fence so that Tule Elk can move freely in order to find the food and water they need to survive.

Although cattle farming is a long tradition in the park, I believe it should be ended if farmers cannot accommodate sharing the park with free-roaming native wildlife.

My family and I have visited the park on several occasions and seeing the elk is a thrill. They are beautiful creatures and add to the experience of the visit, something that dairy cows don't do.

Please help preserve natural biodiversity in the park by allowing the native wildlife to range as needed in the park.

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Don't kill members of two free-roaming herds just to appease local livestock owners. They shouldn't be confined to a small peninsula with an 8-foot high fence. With recent droughts, they're doomed to die as they're unable to roam and forage naturally. Let them live freely.

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and malnutrition because they have been confined within this fence. This is not a way to preserve and protect wildlife.

Please remove the unnatural elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for allowing the public to express concern about this important issue.

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**Correspondence ID: 11315**

I urge you to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for nativt wildlife. Cattle should not be allowed to destroy it.

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**Correspondence ID: 11318**

Dear Sir / Madame,

I understand there is an overwhelming public support regarding removing the elk fence.

It is a growing awareness that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, thus, the Park Service

ought to prioritise native wildlife over cattle.

With regard to the wellness of elks, I find it unacceptable that native elks die of thirst and malnutrition!

This is particularly shocking since it is happening in a national park!

It is imperative that the National Park Service choose Alternative B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area"). That way, the fatal fence can be removed allowing elks to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence has been removed, free-roaming elks should not be subjected to culling, haing or harassment - not for any reason!

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Again, I would like to emphasise the urgent matter to remove the elk fence in order to protect the Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sincerely, Marie

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**Correspondence ID: 11326**

Please give the tule elk the freedom to roam as wildlife should have, particularly at a national

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I am writing in support of Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. The elk fence should be removed. However, I don't know if it is best to discontinue provision of supplemental water and

minerals for tule elk indefinitely. Although Alternative B would increase the elks range, it may still be a relatively small area (by elk standards) to which they will be confined. There may be times of extreme conditions where it is beneficial to assist. Thank you

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**Correspondence ID: 11336**

It's a challenge to balance the welfare of our wildlife and the "entitlement" of local ranchers. BUT ... the cattle are destined to live a relatively short life on 4 hooves, and we are ... or should be ... committed to preserving our Native Wildlife in some reasonable balance with "Private Land Use."

One of the JOYS of hiking in Marin is the opportunity to see Elk and other species roaming freely on the land on we do the same. And somehow we have to figure out how to balance the various types of "land use" in Marin and give all concerned what they need, and what they are due.

Local ranchers are not entitled to run their cattle on every inch of public land - their ability to do so is a Privilege and not a Right. And so my sympathy for them is tempered by the pleasure I get when hiking out into Northern/Western Marin and catching a glimpse of "how it must have looked "Back When."

So please tell the Ranchers that they need to figure out how to "Play Well w/Others? Because as one of those "Others," my property taxes ... I'm now hunting for a house to buy subsidizes their costs of raising cattle on what has to be a blend of "grass fed on Public Land" and "grain finished back in their property. We can all bend a little in service of the Gift of Enjoying Marin.

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The Point Reyes Park lands should be focused on protecting the Tule elk as opposed to providing land for cattle to eat off of. We nearly wiped out the Tule elk and they should be the priority. I was a resident of California for about 20 years and lived at varying addresses up and down the coast and so I am very familiar with the area we are talking about. Even besides the devastating consequences for the Tule Elk of using the land for cattle grazing, there are additional wildlife that also suffer from this practice. Even beyond the negative effects on wildlife in general, beef production creates a whole other set of problems related to global warming. Rather than prioritize a practice that produces numerous environmental problems, decisions need to be made to minimize the negative environmental effects. We have spent so much time going only in the direction of making decisions to benefit humans and our desires and it has created many of the environmental problems that we are grappling with today. It is time to turn the corner and approach these decisions with the reality that we can't continue to engage in “business as usual” in which our human economic interests direct all decisions. We need to start restricting our economic activity and doing so at Point Reyes by restricting the cattle grazing and preserving more land for wildlife is the appropriate decision to make.

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**Correspondence ID: 11348**

NPS ~

I have come to understand the National Park Service should remove the fence and allow elk to roam free. To put it politely, fences are a nutty idea in wilderness areas. Therefore, I urge the agency to remove the elk fence in order to restore the ecosystem.

Thank you ~

~ PJL

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Please protect the Tule Elk and other wildlife.

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 11357**

let the tule elk back on the land. get rid of the cattle. prioritize native wildlife. thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11358**

Hello, I would like to urge NPS to adopt Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area."

As a visitor to Point Reyes, I am always struck by the incredible natural beauty. To my eyes, fences not only spoil the views, but also stop the wildlife from roaming freely.

Where I live in Montana, many landowners are taking out barb wire fences and sheep fences because of the harm they do to deer and antelope, especially fawns. Instead, they are stringing up one strand of electric tape or wire and, paired with a solar charger, use this to move their cattle herds around pastures in a rotational grazing system. The old way of letting cattle roam over hundreds of fenced in with barb wire acres is damaging our grasslands.

I urge you to remove the existing elk fence and leave the wildlife alone.

Too much development is killing off our wildlife. Point Reyes should be proud of its opportunity to make it a haven for nature. There is plenty of land that cattle and sheep ranchers can access as an alternative.

Thank you.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11360**

Dear Supervisors,

This situation was brought to my attention many years ago. I was sure the public and Park Service would find responsible alternatives to this atrocity. Now 10 years later, I find that nothing had been done.

This inhumane atrocity needs to be responded to immediately. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. I encourage the Park Service to implement plan B and allow roaming and water access to the Elk heard.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I thank you for accepting my comments.

Gary L Walsh

**Correspondence ID: 11361**

To be considered:

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Sincerely, Mark Mansfield

**Correspondence ID: 11362**

It is long past time for government at all levels to stop catering to agricultural interests that do not care about a sustainable future for \*all living beings. Please stop. Save the tule elk. I love visiting them down there, and we must protect them. You must protect them.

Thank you,

Tom Fendley

**Correspondence ID: 11363**

Do the right thing and protect and free Elk and Native Wildlife at Point Reyes. Don't be blinded by greed. Get rid of the deadly fences. Elk, wildlife, and cattle can graze in open land.

**Correspondence ID: 11364**

ELK BEFORE CATTLE!

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REMOVE THE ELK FENCE NOW and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11365**

When I went to Point Reyes National Seashore I was astonished had how degraded much of the land was by the various farming practices. The national park Service has stooped so low in continuing to allow the farms that exist here to do basically anything they want even when it causes extreme degradation of the environment the NPS is supposedly protecting. The NPS should rewrite the Tomales Point Area plan so at the very least it allows the Tule Elk to roam freely. These farms have been here long enough and the leases should be terminated. It is disgraceful how the National park Service has handled this area. Thank you.

Steve Jones

**Correspondence ID: 11366**

I believe the the National Park Service should choose Alternative B (removig the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.) I appreciate the fact that the NPS has listened to the public with regard to removing the elk fence. I firmly believe that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas.

I believe that it is unacceptable to let native elk die of thirst and malnutrition caused by artificial confinement, , especially in a national park.

Additionally, I do not understand why private cattle ranches are considered appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for addressing my concerns.

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Thank you for your attention to the concerns of citizens.

**Correspondence ID: 11369**

I support the Park Services efforts to protect endangered species.

**Correspondence ID: 11370**

Please free Point Reyes Tule elk and protect Point Reyes for wildlife, not cattle

**Correspondence ID: 11371**

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**Correspondence ID: 11372**

Please remove the i' fence that pens Tule Elk and does not allow them to feed & drink in the native habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 11373**

Please do not allow the killing and or caging of these beautiful Elk. They are in their native territory and are not harming anyone or anything. To kill these animals to allow free ranging cattle to use their territory is the ultimate insult. It is beyond time that we start appreciating our natural wonders.

If cattle ranchers want to make a living at raising cattle they should do so on their own land and not national parks. If they want access to national parks for grazing then they should accept the wildlife that is and has been there for centuries before they came. It is not their land to manage and control the native wildlife should and must come first.

**Correspondence ID: 11374**

Hello,

I would like to comment on the proposed measures to protect tule elk at Point Reyes.

Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. To honor this law, I support removing the fence and allowing native tule elk to roam as they wish. Commercial cattle operations do not justify culling operations of elk.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, as a national park is no place for business interests.

Thank you for prioritizing our native wildlife.

Heidi Ananthakrishnan

**Correspondence ID: 11375**

As a former resident of Marin County, I watched this struggle between the public good and the private landowners play out for a long time. It is time to protect the Tule Elk for good. I had the good fortune of hiking years ago on Pierce Point in the fog, and the elk appeared close by. What an amazing gift. As we decimate more and more viable habitat for other species, we have to remember that our presence on the planet should prioritize respect and humility for God's creation. It is important to maintain balance, and not overwhelm or eliminate other creatures for our convenience.

Please choose Alternative B and let the elk roam free.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 11376**

I comment the National Park Service for being mindful of the public outcry and taking action that tries to compromise policy to satisfy those who feel harmed, notably cattle owners. However, the confinement of the elk is having disastrous consequences - they are dying of malnutrition.

Thus, I support the following:

1. National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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Thank you

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**Correspondence ID: 11382**

PROTECT REYES POINT, ESPECIALLY THE REYES TULE ELK, FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE, NOT FOR CATTLE. WE NEED MORE PROTECTED AREAS FOR WIDLIFE, NOT MORE GRAZING FOR CATTLE.

THANK YOU

**Correspondence ID: 11383**

Dear Folks:

Please remove the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Please preserve the land for native wildlife. Thank you for considering my comment.

Best regards,

Sarah Frutig

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Marliene Fuller

**Correspondence ID: 11386**

Hello, I would like to express my support for the National Park Service to choose Alternative B Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area, with respect to the elk of Point Reyes National Seashore. I think it would be a big mistake to start transforming the wild in our parks and nature reserves into essentially zoos with unnatural confinement and boundaries. I feel that this is a slippery slope that really endangers our ability as humans to truly experience nature, on top of being detrimental and even fatal to the creatures who belong in an unrestrained natural setting where they can act out their instincts and natural behaviors. As a Christian I believe it is contrary to our responsibility as caretakers of creation to inhibit any creature from being able to fulfil their God given design. I understand that livestock owners are in favor of the confinement, culling, and hazing of these creatures in order to protect their property that generates their income. There has to be a balance so that our relationship with the natural world is symbiotic and mutually beneficial. Otherwise, we as humans will become parasitic by nature, and our true nature as nurturers could become buried.

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Sincerely, Ms. Diana Robinson

**Correspondence ID: 11388**

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Lynn Benner

**Correspondence ID: 11389**

I believe that the National Park Service has an obligation to protect the Point Reyes Tule Elk for future generations to admire and enjoy. I was in awe of them the first time I saw them as a little girl. They belong to all of us and it would be unconscionable for the Park Service not to do everything in their power to protect them and help them to survive and thrive.

Private cattle ranchers should only be allowed to graze THEIR cattle on THEIR own property and NOT on public lands. Cattle ranching destroys the environment and is harmful to native wildlife.

I urge the Park Service to remove the fences to allow the elk to roam freely and to protect them from any type of harassment. So, please protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11390**

Dear National Park Service:

Thank you for soliciting public comments on the management policies for the Tule elk herd, and I'd like to share my connection to the area and my investment in seeing these policies account for the conservation and well-being of this iconic California cervid.

I was a longtime resident of Alameda and Sonoma Counties before moving away. However, as a wildlife photographer, writer, and critically acclaimed novelist, I still engage with conservation issues in all aspects of my work, drawing from this area that was so formative to me. Point Reyes National Seashore is a treasure--not only its Tule elk but the diversity of its raptor life and other charismatic fauna like American badgers, coyotes, and bobcats. This diversity draws many people to Point Reyes and supports NPS's mission to excite the public about

conservation and natural spaces. I am aware of the delicate balance of stakeholder interests in this land--tribal, agricultural, and public interest--but anyone in good conscience can agree that this herd has been suffering for a long time. The drought-related die-offs are just another episode in a series of tragedies, including Johne's disease, overpopulation in a restricted area, and contamination from the pastures.

At the very least, I support a revision of the policies to give this herd the water and other natural resources it needs to survive. To thrive, however, the herd needs the fence to come down. Solutions don't need to be either-or: native wildlife versus cattle, the park versus historic farms versus tribal politics, conservation versus profit. I'd love to see the stakeholders work in good faith and from a shared connection to California land to give the herd the relief it needs. Otherwise, this park will come to seem to the visiting public more and more like a cruel zoo exhibition. No one wants that.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Warmly,

Sarah Cypher

**Correspondence ID: 11391**

I urge the Park service to tear down the fence enclosing the Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 11392**

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All efforts should focus on protecting Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restoring the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11394**

Please tear down the elk-killing fence. These majestic elks have a right to roam free. The farmers are the one that should put up their fences.

**Correspondence ID: 11395**

Love the elk! Take down the fence!! Cows out of GGNRA.

**Correspondence ID: 11396**

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Free the elk!

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**Correspondence ID: 11399**

It is outrageous that the US government is clearly in cahoots with the animal agriculture industry. Animal agriculture is the most brutal and most environmentally destructive industry that has ever existed. I DO NOT WANT MY TAX DOLLARS BEING USED TO SUBSIDIZE THIS VILE INDUSTRY NOR DO I WANT MY TAX DOLLARS BEING USED TO ROUND UP WILD AMERICAN HORSES OR TO KILL WOLVES, BEARS, COUGARS, OR COYOTES OR TO BUILD FENCES TO KEEP NATIVE ANIMALS FROM GAINING ACCESS TO VITAL FOOD AND WATER RESOURCES. BUT MY TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING USED TO FINANCIALLY PROP UP THE ANIMAL AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY AND TO EXTERMINATE WILDLIFE (LIKE HITLER EXTERMINATED JEWS) ON BEHALF OF THE ANIMAL AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY. I AM OUTRAGED!!!! The animal agriculture industry is literally causing the 6th mass extinction and is the leading cause of deforestation, species extinction, water depletion, water pollution, ocean dead zones, fisheries depletion, pandemics, world hunger, and climate change. ANIMAL AGRICULTURE NEEDS TO BE ABOLISHED. If the same exact things being done to animals in the animal agriculture industry were being done to humans, they would be crimes of rape, kidnapping, assault, theft, and murder.

TEAR DOWN THE FENCE AND STOP LETTING THE ANIMAL AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY DESTROY OUR PLANET AND EXTERMINATE WILDLIFE.

And, to top it all off, the products this demonic industry produces not only cost wild animals their lives and destroys our planet but it's even destroying the health of those who consume these products as meat, dairy, eggs, and seafood are the most acidic and inflammatory foods and are loaded with artery-clogging cholesterol which lead to all kinds of very common and very deadly diseases like heart disease, cancer, cerebrovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and kidney disease. And, it's putting us at risk of another pandemic such as bird flu and swine flu.

**Correspondence ID: 11400**

Save the elk! Ignore the farmers! FREE THE ELK.

**Correspondence ID: 11401**

Please do not allow confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition--especially in a national park!

Once you have removed the elk fence, please protect the free-roaming elk from any culling or harassment.

Private cattle operations do not belong in Point Reyes and should be ended to conform to the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you for your attention to these points.

**Correspondence ID: 11402**

Dear Superintendent Kenkel,

We, the undersigned, support the proposed option for removing the 2 mile fence that contains the Tule Elk at Tomales Point. It is time to shift the balance AWAY FROM long-held ranching interests and IN FAVOR of native herds and other species living on the land at Tomales Point.

Time for the National Park Service to protect native species and ecosystems NOT favor commercial ranching business.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia Boyer

**Correspondence ID: 11403**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable. Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 11404**

Thank you for taking the time for comments regarding the Elk Herd. Option B should be the one that you consider. After all the comments and outrage from the public regarding the fence keeping the elk separated from the livestock, you should instead tear the fencing out and not penalize these magnificent wild animals. Livestock has been know to tear up existing lands with their hooves. It would be better for the land if the fence was torn down and the natural animals have the land.

**Correspondence ID: 11405**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Lisa Burgo

**Correspondence ID: 11406**

Thank you for listening to comments regarding the Point Reyes National Seashore Tule Elk, and the “death fence” that is killing them by starvation and thirst. A national park is no place for fences or livestock. Stop appeasing the greedy ranchers, and do the job of protecting the endangered wildlife that exists there. The fence needs to be removed immediately to ensure the safety of the herd and allow them to roam free in accordance with the National Seashore Charter. I believe that livestock should never be prioritized over wildlife. I understand that there is a Plan B, “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area”, that should be put into affect immediately. Allowing or even forcing animals under your protection to die by either starvation or culling, is unacceptable. The Point Reyes National seashore has a delicate ecosystem which the Tule Elk are part of. The way the law is written, makes it clear that this national park area is no place for ranchers, cattle, livestock, or fences; and those things are in opposition to the Organic Act, and the legislation mandating the Point Reyes National Seashore. Do your job of protecting endangered species and preserved wildlife areas and ensure that the protected species there not only survive, but thrive. There are always more cattle, and other places for them to be raised or to graze. The same might not be true for the Tule Elk and the other wildlife and plant species that call the Point Reyes National Seashore their home.

**Correspondence ID: 11407**

You can make a positive difference!

**Correspondence ID: 11408**

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Sincerely, Marilyn Fleetwood

**Correspondence ID: 11409**

We must protect nature!!

**Correspondence ID: 11410**

Kill the COWS, not the elk.

It's time wwe stop caving into special interest farming and ranching, mining and timber industries.

Do your job and protect the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 11411**

Tamales Point Area Plan  
Superintendent  
Point Reyes National Seashore  
1 Valley Road,  
Point Reyes Station 94956

RE: Elk

A herd of 262 elk is hardly a large group. They have suffered long enough with the fence. The ranchers have many acres. Remove the fence and let the elk roam.

The elk are fenced in like a zoo, let them be free!

Judith Carr

**Correspondence ID: 11412**

Please choose alternate B and remove the fence to help the Tule Elk thrive.

Thank you for listening to the Public support of the Tule Elk issue.

Truly,

Betty Lawler

**Correspondence ID: 11413**

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Sincerely, Mrs. Lea Derence

**Correspondence ID: 11414**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11415**

To National Park Service administrators:

I urge you to remove the fence confining tule elk within Point Reyes National Seashore. The fence is an absolute threat to the long-term sustainability of the elk herd.

The elk herd is an important part of the P.R. National Seashore ecosystem. Cattle are not, and I urge you to no longer allow raising cattle within this area.

As you know, tule elk were once thought to be extinct. Please do all you can to protect the remaining population.

Sincerely, J. Merriman

**Correspondence ID: 11416**

ENOUGH with backing livestock ranchers unsustainable demands. They need to change their antiquated bad habits and join intelligent society. Change is difficult but necessary. We cannot bow down to the needs of the few. FOR THE GREATER GOOD!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11417**

Suggested comments:

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**Correspondence ID: 11418**

Cattle shouldnt be encouraged. Elk should be protected

**Correspondence ID: 11419**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

**Correspondence ID: 11420**

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**Correspondence ID: 11421**

National Park Service

Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road

I am commenting on the proposals for management of Tule Elk on the Point Reyes National Seashore.

I am a Certified Wildlife Biologist, and a retired employee from what was the California Department of Fish and Game. Among my career activities was preparation for the return of the Tule Elk to the National Seashore. As part of that preparation, my Supervisor, Oscar Brunetti, a wildlife pathologist, and I made monthly trips for most of a year to the seashore to find, shoot and kill on each visit, about a dozen exotic Fallow and Axis deer that had been introduced by a local property owner who operated a private hunting preserve on the land. The exotics had escaped confinement and spread onto the National Park Service property which had been purchased at full market price from a former rancher. The deer we shot were processed to feed the needy by a charitable place called Saint Anthony's Mission in San Francisco.

After a year of relentless hunting, we had not completely eliminated the exotics, but reduced them to the point it was hoped they would be less prone to infect the elk with the pathogens and parasites they carried. Because some of the parasites were also found in livestock (which might actually have been the source of the infestation), we understood the livestock operator had been paid full market value for the Park's property, so it was expected he would remove all his livestock to new lands he was able to buy with proceeds from the sale.

A few years after I retired, I visited the Seashore, and saw there were still a few exotic deer we hadn't exterminated. I also was shocked the Park Service was still allowing livestock to graze on Park Land, and fenced elk out from a water source essential to them, even though livestock parasites could be transmitted to the elk.

I hope the Park Service will focus on making the Seashore a place that displays healthy, native species, and not allow the fencing of water sources that are needed by Elk and other native wildlife. That they will sever their collaboration with agricultural operators who degrade the natural resources and native wildlife. Please make the National Seashore a Park, and not a farm.

Sincerely, Earle W. Cummings

**Correspondence ID: 11422**

The preferred recommendation is for the National Park Service to select Alternative B, named "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." This option involves the removal of the harmful fence, granting elk the freedom to roam naturally.

Appreciation is extended to the agency for heeding the strong public backing to eliminate the elk fence. Fences are not suitable in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should prioritize native wildlife over cattle.

Allowing confined native elk to suffer from thirst and malnutrition, particularly within a national park, is not acceptable.

Following the removal of the elk fence, free-roaming elk should not face culling, hazing, or harassment under any circumstances.

Private cattle operations are ill-suited for Point Reyes and should be ceased to uphold the National Seashore's charter. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates the "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, while the Organic Act designates national park lands to be managed in a way that preserves them for the enjoyment of future generations.

A strong request is made to the agency to remove the elk fence, safeguarding the native wildlife and restoring the ecosystem of Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 11423**

I am concerned about the situation at Point Reyes, a beautiful park I have enjoyed with my family. I encourage the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to roam freely.

Thank you for considering the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I find it unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

When the elk fence is removed, elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11424**

Hello,

I am writing to urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Ellen Stauffer

**Correspondence ID: 11425**

Free the tule elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11426**

Please choose Alternative B Plan, removing the fence so that the elk can roam free in the wilderness area. It doesn't make sense to have plans that lead to these elk dying or thirst/starvation, or by culling from the US in a US designated wilderness area. The removal of the fence and the better protection on the elk can be legally supported by the the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation and the Organic Act.

**Correspondence ID: 11427**

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."-Mahatma Gandhi

"We should respect animals because it makes better human beings of us all."-Dr. Jane Goodall

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11428**

Dear Superintendent,

The Point Reyes elk can be culled by Park Service. Take the elk and donate to San Quentin prison for food. Remains of the elk can be donated to the Graton Native Indians and northern California tribes. As you know, Native Americans can make clothes and belts, moccasins, out of elk hides. Nothing is wasted, jewelry and garments can be made. It's a suggestion.

Sincerely, Dwight Johnson

**Correspondence ID: 11429**

Do not use land used by wildlife for cattle raising. Cattle have no place on public lands.

**Correspondence ID: 11430**

Hello,

My name is Domenic Lanciano, and I am writing to you today in favor of the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect and restore the native wildlife and their environment in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alos, fences should never be permitted in wilderness areas and the NPS should not favor the cattle owners instead of the local wildlife in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please ask the NPS to use Plan B, (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area),” and remove the fence to allow the local wildlife, including the elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to my comments about protecting Point Reyes National Seashore and its wildlife.

Sincerely.

Domenic Lanciano

**Correspondence ID: 11431**

Do what is right for our country and wildlife:

It takes 12 years, on average, to protect species — but the Act says it should take two. More than 400 species are awaiting decisions now; hundreds more aren't even being considered. Western pond turtles, golden-winged warblers and so many others are in limbo. Already at least 47 kinds of animals and plants have gone extinct waiting for help.

Delays are caused, in part, by underfunding from Congress — but that's not the whole story. The Fish and Wildlife Service has a convoluted, slow process for deciding whether to protect species: Though the law says those judgment calls just need to be based on solid science, 20-plus bureaucrats get involved in every decision.

Many of them have little knowledge of the species in question. Yet, simply because they're high up the management chain, they're able to veto protection at will — forcing agency scientists to deny safeguards that are desperately needed and, in turn, prompting us to challenge those denials in court.

This broken system must be fixed. Decisions affecting the survival of species must be made swiftly, effectively, and without the interference of bureaucrats.

**Correspondence ID: 11432**

Tamales Point Area Plan c/o Superintendent

Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road

Dennis and I are in favor of removing the rule elk preserve fence to allow the herd to roam freely.

In our opinion, there has been a disregard for serious logic for years. It would make more sense for the responsibility of fencing to manage rancher's herds to fall on the ranchers themselves,

rather than using fencing to manage the elk herd. Ranchers should be responsible for corralling their cattle herds away from the elk. Over the years, they have received numerous benefits at the expense of the Tule Elk herd and the wishes of the public.

It is evident that adding fencing to keep ranch cattle away from the herd is reasonable, sound, and justified. The ranchers have been granted special privileges in leasing land from the park for an extended period, which has fostered a sense of entitlement.

We support the Park's preference for removing the tule elk fence, including all temporary water systems that were installed during the drought. Additionally, we agree with discontinuing the monitoring and management of rule elk. This decision has the potential to enhance recreational uses and improve the visitor experience at the historic Pierce Ranch.

However, we do not endorse any allowance for the park staff to cull any of the elk in the Tomales Point herd for population regulation. It is crucial to allow nature to manage the herd naturally.

**Correspondence ID: 11433**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 11434**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the removal of the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. This is especially concerning since these tule elk do live anywhere else on earth, and like all non-human animals, their numbers are dwindling to near-extinction because of human activity. The National Park Service has a duty of care to protect these animals from death, and extinction, and a good place to start is by removing the fence.

I have had the great privilege of tracking animals with a group in Tomales Bay, and the surrounding area at Point Reyes. While I live in Minnesota, my heart goes back to that very special place in the world and all the fascinating creatures who live there. Do the ethical thing and tear down the fence. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11435**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.



Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Wendy Henry

**Correspondence ID: 11436**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11437**

Tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11438**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11439**

Tamales Point Area Plan c/o Superintendent

Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road  
Sep 11 2023

Subject: Remove Fence around Tule Elk Preserve

Dear Superintendent

I heartily endorse your proposed revision to the Tule Elk Management Plan and adoption of the preferred alternative to remove the 2-mile, 8-foot tall fence at the southern end of the 2,900-acre preserve to allow the tule elk herd to be free. I also recommend that you then monitor their populations, manage them in a way that assures their long-term viability, and prohibit elk culling. This fence was erected to separate the herd from private cattle ranches but has failed mightily, as witnessed by the recent disastrous die-offs of tule elk. Further, the preferred alternative should assure that cattle from private ranches in the park do not enter Tamales Point in order to protect its natural resources.

The National Park Service (NPS) should also collaborate with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria regarding management of the Tamales Point peninsula.

It has been a long time in coming for the NPS to finally propose a preferred alternative to do what is right by removing the tule elk fence. As you may know, public meetings with Congressman Huffman are frequently filled with Marin County citizens who are outraged and vociferously complained about the lack of proper tule elk management and associated die-offs which have not been properly addressed to date. Ranchers who are urging the NPS to keep the fence are ignoring these views and the proper role of the NPS. As I recommended against extending ranching leases from 5-year to 20-year terms in previous comments to you, ranchers are also ignoring past promises to incrementally remove the ranches and return them to their natural condition once landowners decide to no longer ranch the land.

This fence blocked the elk from getting enough food and water during drought conditions, and you are fully aware that as we experience all the future impacts of climate change, drought conditions will continue. The die-offs and lack of proper adaptive management is unconscionable and contrary to the NPS mission to preserve unimpaired the natural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

Sincerely, **Correspondence ID: 11440**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Gun Mezarlis

**Correspondence ID: 11441**

The Tule Elk are the INDIGENOUS inhabitants of Pt. Reyes, and should have priority over private Dairy farms. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11442**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Gun Mezarlis

**Correspondence ID: 11443**

Thank you for listening to public support for the elk at Point Reyes. It is unacceptable to let wildlife in the area of the national parks to die of thirst and malnutrition. I strongly urge you to accept Plan B which would remove the fence and allow the elk to roam freely.

**Correspondence ID: 11444**

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the removal of the elk fence within Point Reyes National Seashore and to advocate for the adoption of Alternative B, titled "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," as part of the National Park Service's decision-making process regarding this important matter.

I would like to commend the agency for taking into account the overwhelming public sentiment in favor of removing the elk fence. It is my belief that such fences have no place in wilderness areas and should not take precedence over the well-being of native wildlife. It is distressing to think that confined native elk might suffer from thirst and malnutrition within the confines of a national park, and this is simply unacceptable.

Once the elk fence is dismantled, it is imperative that we ensure the protection and well-being of the free-roaming elk population. This includes refraining from any form of culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason. Furthermore, I strongly believe that private cattle operations within Point Reyes National Seashore should be brought to an end in order to honor the charter of the National Seashore, which emphasizes the paramount importance of maximum environmental protection and preservation.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation underscores the mandate to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." It is my sincere hope that we can uphold this mandate by removing the elk fence and taking steps to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife while restoring its ecosystem.

I urge you to consider the voices of concerned citizens like myself and to support the removal of the elk fence in order to preserve the integrity of our cherished national park and its unique ecosystem.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing about your efforts to protect and restore Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely, Alexandra Carr

**Correspondence ID: 11445**

I support removing the fence and terminating ranching activities. The Pt. Reyes National Seashore is for the enjoyment of the public, not for ranching. No ranching!

Sincerely, **Correspondence ID: 11446**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 11447**

Hello,

Please remove fences that restrict wildlife especially from reaching drinking water. National Parks are places for wildlife to thrive and people to enjoy them. Cattle grazing should not take place in public lands, nor should hunting, trapping or other activities that ruin public lands.

Thank you,

Jenn Falcon

**Correspondence ID: 11448**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11449**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11450**

I am writing to strongly urge the NPS to prioritize and unconfine the elk herd and Pierce Ranch Core area. Please choose Alternative B, which removes the fence and allows these amazing animals to roam the wider area that they need to survive. Fences like this are inappropriate in a wilderness area such as Point Reyes (which I have had the pleasure of visiting). Prioritizing domestic cattle over wild animals like these elk seems inappropriate for a federal agency like the NPS. I would rather my tax dollars go to support the wildlife than some for-profit ranchers' cattle. Such businesses shouldn't be in a national park in the 1st place.

So, please - remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and work to restore the ecosystem.

Thank you,

Carol Appleby

**Correspondence ID: 11451**

To Whom It May Concern,

I respectfully request that The National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I sincerely hope that you take into consideration the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. That is after all your sole purpose!

**Correspondence ID: 11452**

Tomales Point Area Plan c/o Superintendent

Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road,

Re:

Removal of Existing Fences Confining Tule Elk

SEP 08

I am writing to express my very strong support of the proposal to remove 2 miles of fence across Tomales Point that currently is confining herds of tule elk.

For too long ranchers and politicians have bent the rules and regulations to their favor while ignoring the original mandate that set forth the PRNSS. The ranchers were paid market value for their real estate decades ago. They were given very favorable lease back options which have expired. And now they demand and are given even more concessions at significant cost and disadvantage to taxpayers.

The Park was established for the people as a national park, not to promulgate private interests. The tule elk are a national heritage and a wonderful attraction to our Point Reyes National Seashore. Special interests have confused and corrupted the dialogue for their own personal gain. Something is wrong when private ranching operations are given priority in a national park.

President Reagan said loud and clear: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

Please respect the wishes of the overwhelming of citizens and "Tear down those tule elf fences."

**Correspondence ID: 11453**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11454**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. John Rutherford

**Correspondence ID: 11455**

- The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.
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- It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.
- Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.
- Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”



- You must remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11456**

Cattle or other commercial for profit animals should not be on ANY national park property. Indigenous animals should be the only animals on their native land. There are so few untouched, natural places of beauty and introducing these beasts would destroy this balance of nature. National parks are for the citizens of the United States, not commercial ranchers and their profit.

**Correspondence ID: 11457**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jennifer Mamola

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Sincerely, Mrs. peggy patti patti

**Correspondence ID: 11459**

Free the elk! If you are going to confine them, take care of them. Better to let them be wild as nature intended.

**Correspondence ID: 11460**

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Sincerely, Mr. dick patti

**Correspondence ID: 11461**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11462**

I write to urge the Park Service to protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not cattle.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11463**

With regards to the Tomales Point Area Plan, I first want to thank you for listening to the public which overwhelmingly is in favor of removing the elk fence. Putting a fence in a wilderness area makes no sense - the Park Service should consider wildlife more important than cattle.

I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Marlene Alexander

**Correspondence ID: 11465**

SAVE THE TULE ELK

**Correspondence ID: 11466**

The fence needs to be removed. The elk need space to roam and reproduce, etc., and the cattle are not natural to the area and should not be allowed to graze there.

I am opposed to having a fence in place!

**Correspondence ID: 11467**

Good morning,

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence at Tomales Point. I am writing to ask that the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes either and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11468**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 11469**

Why does money have to change, kill and destroy all what humans love. Our unquenchable thirst for money with no thought for what is killed, ruined or forever displaced has to stop. Compassion should direct our path forward and should include all of our gorgeous natural world. Greed is killing our planet and all the beautiful species that reside here including ourselves.

**Correspondence ID: 11470**

Do not implement the plan to kill some elk, confine others for cattle ranching. Our natural world is far more important than cattle, which contribute to global warming.

**Correspondence ID: 11471**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11472**

please remove the fence that restricts the mule elk at point reyes national seashore.

privately owned cattle farms have no business on point reyes seashore. aside from point reyes being a national park, the damage that cattle do in their grazing is not sustainable

**Correspondence ID: 11473**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and to restore the ecosystem to what the legislation intended.

**Correspondence ID: 11474**

Even though I am from Los Angeles, I have often hiked through the Tomales Point area and seeing the elk there has always been a highlight. I encourage you to choose Plan B, the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce ranch Core Area plan, to give the elk the room they need to survive.

Thank you for listening to the public's overwhelming support for protecting the elk and putting their needs over those of a few ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 11475**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11476**

every creature must be free

to live their natural lives

**Correspondence ID: 11477**

Please save the Elk and move the cattle

**Correspondence ID: 11478**

Stop confining the tule elk. Free them now. Business interests are not a priority in this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 11479**

I believe and hope that our National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you listening to our concerns and for thinking about our wildlife that is so important for our country.

Reba Reiser

**Correspondence ID: 11480**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. I respectfully urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 11481**

I urge the Park Service to choose Alt. B. Please free the Tule elk and protect Pt. Reyes for native wildlife. Do not prioritize livestock which is destroying the Pt. Reyes ecosystem over native wildlife. Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Pt. Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. As for the notorious fence, it is unacceptable to allow confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Please take it down asap.

Thank you for considering my views.

**Correspondence ID: 11482**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Shonda Hannah

**Correspondence ID: 11483**

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Remove remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank You

**Correspondence ID: 11484**

Too much of wildlife land is being eliminated. We need the wildlife to thrive and to live in balance with it in order to survive ourselves. The same the Chief Seattle stated.

**Correspondence ID: 11485**

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Sincerely, Mr. Gary Pasqua

**Correspondence ID: 11486**

Save the tule elk. Stop catering to ranchers and favoring them, cattle and basically their economic issues over the natural/environmental ones of the elk and its habitat. Do not kill any tule elk on behalf of ranchers or otherwise. Use of taxpayer money to do so should be illegal and IS immoral/unethical, and disgusting. These beautiful animals belong there and should be allowed and encouraged to continue to live and thrive. They are special in their own right. Cattle are everywhere and taking over US lands as it is.

**Correspondence ID: 11487**

Save the Tuke Elk! The Park Service is should tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 11488**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Wendy Haan

**Correspondence ID: 11489**

Difficult situation but decisions should favor the elk. Cattle are destructive to the natural environment and need to be elsewhere.

**Correspondence ID: 11490**

The Elk should not be confined, please choose option B and tear down the fence.

It's the only option that is right for both the elk and our humanity.

**Correspondence ID: 11491**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11492**

Tear down the elk-killing fence.

**Correspondence ID: 11493**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 11494**

Please protect the Tule elk of Point Reyes. Let them be. We keep moving, killing, destroying animals and environments. We MUST stop. It is to our own detriment that this madness continues.

**Correspondence ID: 11495**

Good day, I lived many years in the Bay Area and enjoyed Point Reyes and the wildlife. Do, what is necessary for the native elk to thrive.

Thank you, M. Salone

**Correspondence ID: 11496**

Re: Tule Elk Hear

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to protect the elk herd and allow them to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. The Park Service should not prioritize cattle over wildlife. A fence confines the native elk and does not allow them the ability to roam to seek water and food. When this happens, the elk face malnutrition and starvation.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11497**

Cattle farming is a high impact, largely unsustainable industry. A millions-year old species of elk is a rare treasure under our care.

**Correspondence ID: 11498**

While I respect the people who make their living grazing cattle, the enterprise has always been misguided. These grazing lands were stolen from the indigenous and from nature itself. There was an order that had existed for millions of years. That order was severely disrupted by this hostile takeover and the repercussions are obvious. Biodiversity has been decimated by this practice. It is time for reparations. It's time for social justice. It's time for the wrongs of the past to be righted and nature's delicate balance to be restored for all the right reasons.

If people want to eat meat they should get themselves a hunting license and look their prey in the eye.

**Correspondence ID: 11499**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Megan Watson

**Correspondence ID: 11500**

I am amazed that the very government agency that it given the task to protect the remaining wildlife in America has to be pleaded with to follow through with "their duty."

Regarding the The National Park Service Alternative B— "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," is the obvious choice, removing the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free instead of supporting big ranchers who use our public land for profit at the expense of helping the natural species that formerly inhabited the land. This is madness. THIS IS A WILDERNESS AREA, not another pasture for the billions(?) of cows that feed only our species!

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. I thank The National Park Service, in advance for protecting our heritage instead of protecting the for profit businesses who use OUR LAND and the land of the elk and other species. MADNESS.

Your representation of the citizens of this country, and the wild animals with no voice or profit, is to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Sincerely, Michael S Suchorsky

**Correspondence ID: 11501**

Please tear down this Elk killing fence. The Elk belong here and the cattle don't. The Elk enrich the environment and the cattle destroy it.

Please do your job and protect this precious place and the fauna that belong there.

**Correspondence ID: 11502**

Please do not prioritize private cattle operations over the Tule elk in the park. Take down the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 11503**

As a native Californian and having grown up in Marin County, Point Reyes National Park has played an important part in my life.

I emphatically add my voice to those that are asking that the Tule Elk population not be unnaturally reduced, but that they be released to other appropriate open spaces, and/or that their allotted area in Point Reyes National Park be increased.

Thank you,

Hannah Alex-Glasser

**Correspondence ID: 11504**

I urge you to take down the fence restricting the grazing and movement of the Tule Elk. The livestock should be restricted or removed, not the land's natural inhabitants.

Sincerely,

Jim Ahearn

**Correspondence ID: 11505**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11506**

Keep the Tomales Point area to benefit the elk herds, not cattle !

**Correspondence ID: 11507**

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and thank for listening to public support for removing the elk fence. The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. We have very little land set aside for wildlife - we need to preserve and protect this land.

The following are my thoughts -

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\* Lastly, please Urge remove the elk fencing to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Knoeppel

**Correspondence ID: 11508**

I am so very tired of my tax dollars going to support livestock grazing while wild animals and wild places are destroyed.

Parks were commissioned to protect wilderness, not the livestock industry.

Let the elk roam free without harassing or culling.

**Correspondence ID: 11509**

Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," is the option the National Park Service should support resulting in removal of the fatal fence so that elk can naturally roam free.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The Park Service should remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 11510**

I urge protection of Point Reyes for the native plants and wildlife. Areas such as this are decreasing and wildlife is threatened and destroyed. We must protect our native ecosystem or they will be gone forever. These ecosystems do provide benefits.

Cattle do severe damage to native landscape. Cattle can be raised other places. They are not an animal in its natural habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 11511**

Thank you for listening to the people who have demanded the removal of the fence on Tomales Point at Point Reyes National Seashore and opening this discussion up to the public. It is cruel and inhumane to fence elk in, especially during drought years when they need the freedom to roam and get the nourishment they need. A national park should be for people to enjoy nature in its beauty, not for people to graze their livestock on. In fact, the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Cattle grazing is a violation of this legislation, and not only should they be removed, the farmers who grazed their cattle there should be prosecuted for violating this law. Please choose Alternative B, the complete removal of the fence, so that elk can once again enjoy their natural habitat and fulfill their role in the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11512**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Wildlife is very important to biodiversity and a balanced ecosystem. National parks are for the enjoyment of the public, not the profit of a few.

**Correspondence ID: 11513**

Please save the grazing areas of the park for the natural wildlife in the area, not for cattle grazing!

**Correspondence ID: 11514**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in any wilderness areas where deer, elk and other herds follow age old trails to move from pasture to pasture.

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife, especially when these cattle herds are using public lands and paying very little if any for the use of these public lands.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. These animals belong to the American public and we should be able to enjoy them without seeing evidence of cruelty and unnatural death.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The Trump administration liked to use public lands for the enrichment of a few privileged individuals. This greedy and exclusive approach is unworthy of the Biden administration which was supposed to protect our country from profiteers and preserve the environment and all the animals in it for future generations. Leave a legacy worthy of the Biden administration.

**Correspondence ID: 11515**

WISH HUMANS EXTINCTION,,,NOT NATURE/ WILDLIFE!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11516**

The Tule elk are a unique national treasure and should be protected. Livestock are a dime a dozen, and there's plenty of room for them elsewhere. Please take down the 8 foot Tomales fence so the elk can thrive.

**Correspondence ID: 11517**

I treasure all of our National Parks and am a frequent visitor across the United States. As a Taxpayer and donator to the NPS, I feel like these parks belong to ME, a citizen of the United States and to the general public. I expect the NPS to govern and manage these lands for the protection of the wildlife and ecological systems within them, and NOT to allow private interests to take over and destroy the very park that the NPS is suppose to protect! So, please tear down the fence that is restricting the Tule Elk on Point Reyes, and allow them to roam freely on what should be a natural eco-system. I ask that you act quickly and strongly oppose the cattle interests that should not even be allowed on protected areas. I trust that you will put your mission into practice "to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the NPS FOR THE Enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations." Thank you,

**Correspondence ID: 11518**

It is wrong for the Wildlife Service to prioritize cattle over wildlife. This is actually the law. Cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic



Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Using public dollars to subsidize private cattle operations at the expense of Tule elk is wrong. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the elk should roam free, and not risk starvation and thirst in a penned area. Massive elk die-offs have occurred in drought due to the fence at Tomales Point.

**Correspondence ID: 11519**

Please use common sense and your sense of right and wrong to give freedom to the native

Tule elk at Point Reyes. Cows are not native and with the billions of cows and very few native elk, cows need not always have preference over every other native species on the planet.

Please I ask you, do what is right in this instance and pick the elk over the cows.

**Correspondence ID: 11520**

Please tear down the elk killing fence. It's shameful that the national park service would put the care of wildlife below that of livestock owners whose livestock is destroying the ecosystem. Tear it down now!

**Correspondence ID: 11521**

Hello, please do not thin the herd of the Tule elk. These animals bring tourism to the area and should be accommodated to have their space and thrive.

**Correspondence ID: 11522**

Thank you for considering my comments. I'm writing to encourage the National Park Service to remove Point Reyes National Seashore's elk fence, which confines native elk, allowing them to die of thirst and malnutrition. To protect the Point Reyes seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem, I'm urging the NPS to choose Alternative B, which will remove the killing fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Also, if the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. I also don't believe that private cattle operations should be allowed in a national seashore. The charter of Point Reyes National Seashore calls for "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within it, and I don't believe cattle operations and grazing achieve those goals. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11523**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11524**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11525**

Free Point Reyes Tule Elk

**Correspondence ID: 11526**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11527**

I am a private citizen. I want to speak up for the elk. They have a right to their native homeland. Your recent actions to contain them is unacceptable. It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Let wild things be WILD!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11528**

Cattle and the humans who keep them are abundant. Tule elk are threatened by insufficient access to forage and waters. Provide for an increasing tule elk population.

**Correspondence ID: 11529**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11530**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11531**

I am voting to favor the tule elk over cattle. I beg you to fully consider the impact of your powerful decisions.

**Correspondence ID: 11532**

Growing up in Marin before there was a Point Reyes National Seashore, it was always a treat to see tule elk roaming the area. Later, I often took my children to explore the area. While the ranches may be considered "historic", they are relatively recent in historic time and have changed the landscape, not necessarily for the better.

The Park Service does not always make wise decisions when it comes to stewardship. For example. Since the removal of Johnson Oyster Farm the water quality of the estuary and bay have deteriorated. Cattle excrement continues to empty into nearby bays but can no longer be cleansed by filter feeding organisms. Cull the cattle, not the elk, and restore balance to the area. Quit pandering to the ranchers and think of the greater good for the land, the animals, people. I am always amazed at this country's knee-jerk reaction to problems: wipe out or kill first whatever is easiest, then figure out what caused the problem. How many species, how many areas, have been damaged by this short sighted, bureaucratic approach?

**Correspondence ID: 11533**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 11534**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem! Thank you!!

**Correspondence ID: 11535**

The elk behind the fence are suffering. National Parks were created to preserve our national natural heritage, which includes the protection of wildlife along with beautiful natural areas. Prioritizing livestock to the degree of allowing elk to suffer from malnutrition and lack of water, as they do here, is unconscionable. Please take down the fence, and supervise the area to prioritize the elk and other wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11536**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

We thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

We urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11537**

Thank you for listening to the public who takes the time to comment concerning this matter. We ask that the National Park Service choose Alternative-B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It is our responsibility to protect the elk from dying of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. It is not the place of private cattle operations in a National Park whose mission is to ensure maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." We ask that you act urgently to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11538**

I often visit Point Reyes and am a constituent and taxpayer. The Park is a disgusting, heartbreaking cattle ranch in disguise and i was truly disgusted with the abuse of the elk and the prioritization of the cows and veal calves. I go to see the vistas, the ocean and beaches, and the Tule Elk. You need to do better.

**Correspondence ID: 11539**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Donna B.

**Correspondence ID: 11540**

I was horrified to read that the Park Service is considering culling some of the 600 endangered Tule Elks at Point Reyes. The elk are not interfering with the dairy herds - it is the humans, the farmers and the cattle who are interfering with these precious creatures, who have every right to be there, especially in a National Park!

If we can't find a sustainable place for ourselves in the natural world, then we will keep driving our fellow creatures, and ultimately ourselves, to extinction. This is on us!

**Correspondence ID: 11541**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Véronique Lajoinie

**Correspondence ID: 11542**

Hello,

My name is Samantha, and I am writing today to ask that the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. We are so grateful that you have listened to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Park service is there to be a voice for native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die a torturous death of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I hope you will do the right thing. Thank you!

Sincerely, Samantha

**Correspondence ID: 11543**

Please release the elk and stop protecting those cows!

**Correspondence ID: 11544**

Point Reyes is the ONLY National Park left with these elk. They are indigenous species to the area and part of our wildlife heritage

we want to leave for the next generation.

What is convenient and profitable for a few landowners does not justify losing our native wildlife.

Please leave these elk to roam in peace and tear down this fence.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11545**

Protect the beautiful elk

**Correspondence ID: 11546**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Nancy Correa

**Correspondence ID: 11547**

To assure the protection of the econ system of nature, the essence of life.

**Correspondence ID: 11548**

Hello - Having enjoyed Point Reyes I would like to say:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore much like what occurred on Santa Barbara Channel Island. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11549**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Caitlin Welsh

**Correspondence ID: 11550**

I wasn't aware of the tule elk or even that California had any. We should be protecting them and expanding their range to ensure their survival instead of what has been happening. Educating the public about them, encouraging some limited access to viewing them in natural habitat could help local economies. There aren't any endangered cattle in this country, or lack of places for them. We need to protect the native species we still have left not drive them to extinction like we have in the last century or so.

**Correspondence ID: 11551**

Dear Sirs:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fencing and allow elk to naturally roam free. Please prioritize free elk roaming over cattle grazing. Thank you for your time and consideration in considering public comments.



**Correspondence ID: 11552**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Colin Thompson

**Correspondence ID: 11553**

A National Park should not be fencing in wildlife. The elk are roaming foragers and should be left to follow their nomadic patterns.

Livestock are NOT more important than our wildlife. Livestock concerns should not override wildlife concerns. Livestock are a profit-based business, they could be given less space and fed by those that own them.

Wildlife cannot survive without the ability to move through large territories. We need to support wildlife instead of restricting it to appease profit-based concerns.

**Correspondence ID: 11554**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 11555**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Colin Thompson

**Correspondence ID: 11556**

Good Afternoon:

The current situation which stands at Point Reyes National Seashore of containing Tule Elk, prohibiting their free roaming and ability to maintain natural herd standards and routines, is monumentally cruel and contributes to thirst, starvation, and eventual death.

This is exceedingly unnatural and nefarious, as favorability and roaming privilege is awarded to private cattle operators, whom seem to be the largest voice of opposition towards tear down of the "Killing Fence"...though, clamoring voices of those who are In Favor of striking the fence, are stronger, louder and demonstrably support continuity of preserving a vital ecosystem allowing the Elk to thrive.

Please, NPS, in your kind consideration, please select Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area as the favored choice.

I am a concerned citizen who lives in Chicago ,Illinois and even though many miles may separate us and this situation, it is of alarming importance to open the channels for the Tule Elk to continue to live, thrive and cultivate our ever changing Ecosystem and Climate protections!

Kindest Regards in this consideration of this vital "Eco-Conscious decision!

**Correspondence ID: 11557**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11558**

Please expand tule elk habitat and reduce cattle grazing allotments.

**Correspondence ID: 11559**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 11561**

Taxpayers should not fund livestock fences nor should areas designated for wildlife be

encroached on by livestock. Certainly, wildlife should not be killed, herds wiped out, to allow more cattle to graze.

**Correspondence ID: 11562**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Nancy Woods

**Correspondence ID: 11563**

Thank you for listening to our concerns. Please remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free so that they will not die of thirst and malnutrition, particularly in a national park. Please do not allow any culling, hazing or harassment of the elk for any reason. Please eliminate all private cattle operations at once and permanently.

**Correspondence ID: 11564**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the fence. Wildlife should NOT have obstacles in the environment.

COMMON SENSE & ETHICS. GET SOME. IT'S FREE....like all wildlife should be.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11565**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11566**

I am writing to commend you for striving to change your policies for the better. As an organization that works hard to preserve and promote the proliferation of native species threatened by human encroachment we appreciate the importance of the elk which have such a constrained habitat. Given that the livestock, for which the elk are excluded from their natural range, are abundant and can thrive in a wide variety of other locations already degraded as natural habitat, it is incumbent on you as the National Park Service (and not a livestock management organization) to ensure the survival and good health of the Point Reyes elk herds. Your mandate is not to promote raising cattle (especially in a park!) but to 'maximize protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment... by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations'. Therefore, the fence must be removed (as per Alternative B) and the elk protected from harassment, culling or any other interference, and left to roam freely in their native habitat.

On a personal note, I and my family have visited California for its unique natural ecosystems, not the urban centres. We enjoy, especially no-trace backcountry camping and hope one day to experience the grandeur of Point Reyes on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. I am particularly pleased that motorized access is prohibited. This goes a long way to minimizing habitat destruction by human forces. Encountering 8-foot fences, starving elk and lands managed for cattle would leave visitors to your park with a very negative impression.

**Correspondence ID: 11567**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please, I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11568**

The park service should remove the fence and allow the Elk to roam free and I thank them for listening to the overwhelming public opinion in doing this. It is the cattle and the ranchers that have caused the devastation to the flora in this area and it is immoral to fence in the elk leaving them to die of starvation and thirst, they should be allowed to roam free and should not be subjected to hazing, culling or harassment by anyone. Private cattle operations are not suitable for the Point Reyes, the Charter of National Seashore should be honoured.

**Correspondence ID: 11569**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Shari Welsh

**Correspondence ID: 11570**

Please stop appeasing owners of livestock, who always overgraze and want to "own" the entire west with no other natural grazing species... Tear down your fence at point Reyes so the tulle elk can graze naturally, and forage during droughts to find water and alternate sources of

nutrition...Please allow them to be grazers since they were almost hunted to extinction I think they need a better chance than being penned up in a fenced off area affords. And you might do environmental studies of the effects of livestock grazing on Point Reyes and the surrounding area; and maybe limit the ranchers access if they are degrading the environment. You are supposed to protect our resources, not just for ranchers, but for all. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11571**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Evi Georgantzi

**Correspondence ID: 11572**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11573**

Hello! I am writing in support of the Tule Elk, and I am calling upon the Park Service to remove the fence, free the Tule elk, and to focus on protecting local wildlife. I thank you in advance for listening to public support to remove the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is not right to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Please, I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11574**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss stephanie rossenu

**Correspondence ID: 11575**

Thank you for opening up this comment period following public support for removing the elk fencing in Point Reyes. As a visitor to the region and a lover of wildlife and nature, I now urge you to choose Alternative B and fully remove the fencing that currently confines tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore.



As native wildlife, tule elk should be able to live freely -- not within the confines of a man-made fence. It is incredibly disappointing that native wildlife are being blocked from their own habitat and access to ample food and water sources, often to their own detriment and even death during drought years, while cattle are allowed and prioritized in the park. A nature preserve, no less.

There are many other places to raise cattle. Here, in tule elk habitat, is not appropriate. Thus, I also urge you to remove cattle from Point Reyes and allow the natural wildlife in the park to thrive, uninterrupted, for future generations. It would be great too if you could help restore the ecosystem in Point Reyes following the removal of the fence and (hopefully) the cattle.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11576**

Please continue to take steps to allow the elk herd here to thrive, free of impingement of \*private\* profit concerns. This entitlement of ranchers to public lands must be treated as what it is: entirely inappropriate and unnecessary.

**Correspondence ID: 11577**

I appreciate, and Thank You, for allowing and accepting comments.

I urge you to consider a proposed solution to protect The Point Reyes elk herd and select a more natural and sustainable option to remove the fence and allow the elk herd and other wildlife to roam free, as intended.

No native wildlife should be forced to die unnaturally, especially when caused by man-made fencing and restricted access to food, water, and other types of herd "control" (mismanagement).

Our National Parks were intended to protect lands and wildlife from damaging human interventions, and maintain / restore the many ecosystems.

Private or commercial Ranching and Farming operations aren't appropriate for National Parks, in particular when they do intentional harm to the native wildlife and ecosystems.

Please support the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as well as the Organic Act.

Thank you for listening, and begin the positive change to address concerns in a manner that respects native wildlife and restores ecosystems.

**Correspondence ID: 11578**

Starving elk populations by not allowing them to forage freely is cruel and unethical. The needs of the Point Reyes elk must be taken into account when managing the land. A solution that doesn't address this is no solution at all.

**Correspondence ID: 11579**

FREE The Elk & Protect Point Reyes so Wildlife Can Live/Graze in Peace & End The Control of the Cattle Ranchers!

**Correspondence ID: 11580**

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you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11581**

lease let the tule elks free again, no more killer fences to torture or kill them.

**Correspondence ID: 11582**

You should be concerned more for the elk, not the ranchers using my public lands for their cattle. It makes me so angry. The ranchers are given way too much leeway as to where they graze their cattle. My public lands and I don't seem to have a say. Did I mention? It makes me. ( I don't eat beef).

Bonnie Scott

**Correspondence ID: 11583**

Yes to Tule elk, no to livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 11584**

Hello there -

I am writing to urge you to help the elk survive and thrive at Point Reyes. Accordingly, please choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area) and remove the fence to allow elk to roam free.

As a national park, I hope you prioritize the welfare of the park's natural animals over livestock (which should be the responsibility of the ranchers). The fences are killing the elk and benefiting private people, which is an unacceptable use of the public's tax dollars.

I also ask that you enforce viability of the elk and prevent people from killing or otherwise harassing the elk population.

Thank you for everything that you do to preserve our fragile ecosystem for the public good.

Cheers, Kiran.

**Correspondence ID: 11585**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this longstanding conflict between commercial cattle operations and natural values at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

I support Alternative B that allows native Tule elk to travel freely in their historic habitat. Fencing in elk has been an unacceptable source of mortality for this native species. The fencing should be removed.

Commercial cattle grazing operations are antithetical to the natural values that the Point Reyes National Seashore exists to protect and should be phased out immediately.

**Correspondence ID: 11586**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11587**

PLEASE PROTECT THE ELK AND ALL WILDLIFE SPECIES! I THANK YOU KINDLY!

**Correspondence ID: 11588**

It is far from impossible for ranchers to have optimal profit while their cattle graze among elk. If cattle cannot thrive among Elk, how come Elk have thrived along deer, bison, and other herbivores? This is only one of the reasons why it is absurd that any Elk should be confined by a fence or even pointlessly slaughtered. The Point Reyes National park is a place for wildlife and people to live in peace. For both wildlife and people the elk should roam free and be protected!

**Correspondence ID: 11589**

Greetings,

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. It's awful to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The National Park Service must choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." I insist the agency removes the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11590**

I am writing to request that all elk fences are removed to allow the Elk to roam freely. Cattle operations don't belong on National Park lands unless they can show benefits to the habitat without any degradation to native wildlife. The National Parks should prioritize the needs of native wildlife and habitats over commercial and private endeavors.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter and being the advocate for the Elk and other native wildlife on the lands you protect.

Thank you,

Bert Alm

**Correspondence ID: 11591**

Hello. I am respectfully requesting that you tear down the fence that prevents Reyes Elk from foraging for food and water, and protect them from being exploited or killed by the cattlemen whose cattle are effectively destroying the ecosystem. Polices lean too far in the direction of cattlemen, and not enough in preserving the habitat and ecosystem of native species and animals, such as the endangered Reyes Elk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Carolyn Carter

**Correspondence ID: 11592**

More than 152 elk died in a single year from apparent starvation and thirst from being confined to the Tomales Point Peninsula. I support your proposal to remove the fence and let the elk roam free. Cattle grazing is decimating wild populations, wasting water, and spreading fecal bacteria. Please save the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 11593**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnes's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnes's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Ingrid Alpha

**Correspondence ID: 11594**

I am writing to urge The National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Specifically, I urge the agency to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I would like to thank your agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Thank you very much for your attention to this very important and urgent matter.

Sincerely, Judy Dufficy

**Correspondence ID: 11595**

PLEASE PROTECT AND SAVE OUR TULE ELK NOW!

**Correspondence ID: 11596**

Please remove the elk fence and let them be a free roaming herd. Don't allow cattle to impact this important ecosystem. Choose plan B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 11597**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11598**

My understanding is that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11599**

Please remove the domestic livestock and keep all of the elk. How can the Park Service place a for profit cow that benefits one citizen before the elk who belong there? For Profit livestock should be on their owners private property, not public owned lands. Leave the elk be.

Thank you, James Woods

**Correspondence ID: 11600**

Dear National Park Service,

Thank you for considering the removal of the tall fence at Tomales Point in the Point Reyes National Seashore Park in California. The elk and other native wildlife need access to look for food and water. To leave the fence would be cruel and inhumane.

Having been to many, many beautiful US National Parks I am surprised that the Park service would cater to private cattle owners over the native wildlife in a public park. This practice needs to end and as stated in the Point Reyes Legislation.

I do appreciate your willingness to hear the public concern and recommend the removal of the fence which will allow the elk to act in their natural manner; freedom to roam, known as the "Unconfined Elk Herd / Pierce Ranch Core Area called Alternative B.

Future generations will thank you for doing the right thing for wilderness, wildlife and the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Gina Gennaro

**Correspondence ID: 11601**

Please allow the Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore to survive. They are a more important part of the ecology than the cattle ranchers, and predate them.

Before the cattle ranchers were there, the elk and Native Americans were there, and make an important part of the heritage of Point Reyes. The cattle ranchers are not the only historic use; the elk and native American history are much more important, as they occupied the area for so much longer.

So please no more elk killing, and no more fences that harm the elk. They end up starving since these fences keep them from getting the nutrition they need.

Bryan Rosen

**Correspondence ID: 11602**

Please read part of a plan to protect these elk from becoming a threatened species. Thank you,

Retain and continue to maintain the elk fence.

- Control the elk population through lethal removal to a pre-defined threshold to prevent dramatic swings in population levels resulting from year-to-year water availability.
- Remove non-historic supplementary water systems but enhance the availability of naturally occurring water at the springs and seeps.
- Continue active vegetation monitoring to understand the impact of the elk herd on Tomales Point vegetation.
- Allow overnight camping at the beaches and coves along Tomales Bay using a site-based reservation system.

**Correspondence ID: 11603**

Free the Elk. CRUEL AND UNNECESSARY!

**Correspondence ID: 11604**

Support and activate Plan B. It is unacceptable to hem in the elk and allow them to suffer from malnutrition. Once freed they should not be culled or hunted. We need to safeguard wildlife for their sake, the sake of the Park's ecosystem and the health of the planet.

**Correspondence ID: 11605**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ryan Burger

**Correspondence ID: 11606**

Wild regional population needs and should be afforded greater protection and encouragement than any current plans proposed or imposed by commercial operations off public properties apparently allow.

**Correspondence ID: 11607**

Tule elk are native to California and should be allowed to roam free in their natural habitat on Point Reyes. Here in Hawaii many of our native plants and animals have been displaced by cattle ranches and grazing, which ultimately destroy the natural ecology. The elk have existed historically as part of the ecosystem and should be treasured, not confined to an area unable to sustain their herds where they die in times of drought. Please remove the fence before it's too late for them!

**Correspondence ID: 11608**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point



Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11609**

Cattle are destructive and soon to be phased out as better, more ecologically sound animal husbandry practices are developed. Don't bend over for the cattle industry, protect our native species!

**Correspondence ID: 11610**

To Whom it May Concern,

The Tomales Point Area Elk, must be allowed to roam freely! Why are they contained behind a fence? For who's benefit; cattle ranchers, farmers, the public?

I request the National Park Service (NPS) must do the following in regards to the Tomales Point Area:

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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I urge the NSP to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Wildlife, wild areas and natural areas should always take precedence over agriculture, industry, corporations, or any other form of business or association of business. Business has exploited indigenous people and nature for centuries, this is just another example and it is time it ends here.

It is the National Park Services duty and obligation to protect wild areas and wildlife.

Thank you,

Josh

**Correspondence ID: 11611**

I am asking that you let the Elk roam free and totally eliminate the allowance of any livestock. Livestock are detrimental to the natural environment of the landscape.

**Correspondence ID: 11612**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Clare Wheeler

**Correspondence ID: 11613**

Thank you so much for heeding we many members of the park loving public who are appalled and heartbroken that confined elk have died of thirst. Please adopt Alternative B and tear down the fence!

I hike at Point Reyes, and Tomales Point is one of my favorite destinations, so I often see the elk. It would be nice to simply enjoy viewing these still rare and recovering creatures, instead of worrying about their future.

Gretchen Whisenand

**Correspondence ID: 11614**

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Confining these animals is inhumane, as they are unable to roam their natural habitat and can suffer malnutrition and other maladies as a result. Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Best,

Monica Hegedus MD

**Correspondence ID: 11615**

Please immediately stop pursuing a kill mentality against the elk on tule island at the expense of ranchers or anyone else. That's is their home. Too many of our government agencies are tied up with hunters, ranchers , developers etc and favor them over our natural heritage and land that supports & belongs to wild animals. This is a no brained! Thank you. Par sellers

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**Correspondence ID: 11616**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 11617**

Remove the fence, please.

**Correspondence ID: 11618**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11619**

I am very tired of reading that cows (dairy or otherwise) are receiving priority over elk and other native animals

at Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank goodness that something is finally being considered to address the problem. REMOVE the fence that is confining the elk. It is an OUTRAGE. Elk MUST have priority over cows. Steps must be taken to resolve the domestic cow issue. Curbs must be imposed on cow numbers, with a plan aimed at their eventual elimination. They have no place in a National Seashore. Their grazing places excessive and unnatural stress on available and natural vegetation. Release the elk and TERMINATE the cows. That is my position on the matter.

**Correspondence ID: 11620**

Please do the right thing and protect the elk. No one travels to see cattle. We travel to see amazing wildlife and beautiful beaches .

**Correspondence ID: 11621**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of a California native animal—the Tule elk. These animals must be protected and prioritized over beef cattle in our national parks and seashores. The fencing of the elk is shocking and inappropriate. The preference for cattle makes no sense. We have lost so many native species due to habitat destruction. This must stop. Eliminate cattle from our national parks and seashores and please stop the grotesque treatment of our native Californian wildlife.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11622**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11623**

I am writing in support of the NPS choosing “Alternative B” (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area), removing the fence on Tomales Point and allowing the elk to roam free on the wilderness land of Point Reyes. I have been visiting Tomales Point for decades, and have encountered the elk there in every season and weather condition. It is always inspiring to see them roaming the elk reserve, and always disheartening to pass the fence on my way home. The elk are not naturally confined, and the die-off during the drought of the early 2020s demonstrated the consequences to these majestic creatures of being unnaturally trapped behind the elk fence. Once the elk fence is removed, humans should get out of the way: hazing and harassment must be prohibited, and the herds should not be culled by human action of any kind. I respect the ranchers on Tomales Pt., and I value the dairy products their herds produce,

but Pt. Reyes should not continue to be rangeland. The ranchers need to phase out their operations and restore the ecosystem at the National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 11624**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Susan Joyce

**Correspondence ID: 11625**

I want to strongly urge you to PROTECT the tule elk, one of the animals I heard about growing up as a child in California and which my father, also growing up in California, told me about. The fence is a terrible idea that does what, helps use public lands for private livestock!!! In our disappearing natural world, we must protect these animals and other native animals and plants. This is especially true on the coast where there is such pressure to destroy the environment for people's uses.

No fence please.

**Correspondence ID: 11626**

Thank you for reading my comment: the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. This issue is important to me.

**Correspondence ID: 11627**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11628**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Vivian Sciacca

**Correspondence ID: 11629**

Please protect the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. The Point Reyes National Seashore should not be managed for the benefit of ranchers at the expense of the elk. A National Seashore should be a public good not an agricultural subsidy. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." This is not yet happening in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 11630**

I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which removes the fatal fence and allow elk to roam freely.

Thank you for listening to public support and removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I believe that private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11631**

I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling or harassment for any reason, or by anyone. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 11632**

Please choose the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," option which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife, and to have these poor animals die of malnourishment and thirst is unethical and inhumane.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended immediately.

Please remove the fence and return the land to the rightful residents - the elk.

Sincerely, Dawn Zelinski

**Correspondence ID: 11633**

We need to strengthen and enforce protections for our wild life - not sacrifice them for some cows.

**Correspondence ID: 11634**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you, Susan

**Correspondence ID: 11635**

We visit Point Reyes whenever we visit California; the Tule Elk Herd is a unique opportunity to see wildlife while exploring the park. Leave these majestic animals alone! It's their home.

**Correspondence ID: 11636**

Please allow the Tule Elk to forage unimpeded by fencing so that the animals can forage in their natural habitat and thus contribute to a healthier environment. Current practices of confining the herd has proved dangerous and deadly to the animals who are malnourished and unable to find enough water to keep from dying. As park officials, you must prioritize the wildlife in your care over livestock in the area.

**Correspondence ID: 11637**

I appreciate this opportunity to request that the National Park Service select Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Native elk should not be fenced in a National Park! Whose idea was this? It is time to stop such a practice.

Private cattle companies have no place in a National Park, and such an agreement should be ended. The cattle companies will find other options for their animals. Which in this time of climate crisis should be diminished.



I ask that the fencing be removed. This National Park should be supporting the restoration of native plants and animals. That is the patriotic actions that a National Park should be promoting and enforcing.

**Correspondence ID: 11638**

Parks are for wildlife, not commercial enterprise such as cattle farming. However, culling of Tule Elk at some future date may be necessary for the health of the herd. There are bison, not cattle, in Yellowstone. There is no livestock ranching in Yosemite.

**Correspondence ID: 11639**

The National Park Service should consider the welfare of the native elk as primary, not the interests of private cattle owners.

Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove fatal fencing and allow the elk to naturally roam should be chosen. Fences that harm wildlife are unacceptable in wilderness areas.

Please remove the elk fence and protect the wildlife of Point Reyes as mandated by the purpose of national park lands.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11640**

Please remove the Tule Elk Fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The Tule elk have suffered greatly for decades trapped behind this fence. Hundreds have died due to lack of water and proper forage as reported by the National Park Service.

Further protections for the elk should be administered including the removal of all cattle in Point Reyes National Seashore. Tule elk can contract diseases from manure from these domestic animals. It is the National Park Service's obligation to protect the natural resources of the park above all else.

**Correspondence ID: 11641**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11642**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease.

The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Carmen Torres

**Correspondence ID: 11643**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. EMPATHY!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11644**

I have been HORRIFIED by the confinement and consequent suffering and even death of native tule elk in our national park, and now I am beyond horrified to learn of plans to kill and continue or expand confinement.

PLEASE abandon these plans and make provision for protecting native life which BELONGS IN THE PARK! The Park Service, funded by taxpayers, should not bow down to polluting private interests and their encroachment on public land.

**Correspondence ID: 11645**

Hello, please accept my comments here - the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's terrible and completely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park and once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Frankly, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in any National Park area. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11646**

I thought the National Park Service was established to protect species, not work for the cattle owners.

Tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

We need a Right of Nature: Rights of Nature (RoN) is a legal instrument that enables nature, wholly or partly, i.e. ecosystems or species, to have inherent rights and legally should have the same protection as people and corporations; that ecosystems and species have legal rights to exist, thrive and regenerate.

**Correspondence ID: 11647**

Here is where we are, not stated by a radical environmentalist, but from the Head of the United Nations: "Humanity is waging war on nature. This is suicidal. Nature always strikes back -- and it is already doing so with growing force and fury. [...] Let's be clear: human activities are at the root of our descent towards chaos. But that means human action can help solve it. Making peace with nature is the defining task of the 21st century. It must be the top, top priority for everyone, everywhere. [...] But there is no vaccine for the planet. Nature needs a bailout. [...]"

This is an epic policy test. But ultimately this is a moral test. It is time to flick the “green switch”. We have a chance to not simply reset the world economy but to transform it.

<https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/speeches/2020-12-02/address-columbia-university-the-state-of-the-planet>

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**Correspondence ID: 11648**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11649**

I am writing in support of Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area”. In fact, I am surprised that alternatives are being considered that confine elk, keep them from roaming naturally and could lead to their deaths due to starvation. Fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas!! Additionally, since private cattle operations should not be in Point Reyes at all, it obviously follows that cattle should not be prioritized over native wildlife.

As someone who has visited over 100 national parks and monuments, whose kids have earned 50+ junior ranger badges, and who has earned 15+ junior ranger badges myself, I am incredulous that any other alternative complies with NPS goals and standards.

**Correspondence ID: 11650**

Park Service - please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — it's not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11651**

Thanks to the National Park Service for deferring to the strong public support for removing the inappropriate elk fence to prioritize wildlife over cattle. Sound, viable, sustainable, and humane wildlife management requires a regional approach to accommodate wildlife's need to migrate to feed and breed, and to avoid "bio islands" that diminish healthy genetic diversity. It's also outrageous to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, and to be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment especially in a national park when the fence is removed.

Private cattle operations on public land get enough special consideration all over the country, aren't appropriate in Point Reyes, and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Cattle ranchers do not deserve to be allowed to violate these provisions.

Human development and industry encroachment into wild areas increases continually and wildlife has nowhere left to go. We can't exterminate wildlife and sterilize the whole country. It's unfair to be continually subsidizing enterprises which privatize their profits, but socialize the destruction and costs in their use of public resources. And being wealthy and free is hell on a dead planet.

I urge the Park Service to permanently remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Respectfully,

Lise Sayer

**Correspondence ID: 11652**

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

I am shocked that this fence was ever proposed in the first place.

**Correspondence ID: 11653**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Guy Martino

**Correspondence ID: 11654**

Dear National Park Service,

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's totally unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11655**

As a recurrent and grateful visitor to Point Reyes, I recognize how crucial it is to protect Point Reyes from cattle grazing. So do friends who have volunteered to help in tend that precious vestige of untrampled nature.

**Correspondence ID: 11656**

How is it possible that you would confine and even cull these majestic wild elk, just to appease cattle ranchers ? We are battling climate change. We need our wild animals whose numbers continue to decline...and instead of protecting them you are protecting cattle who are causing more climate devastation.

I urge you to set the elk free to forage as they deserve in their own habitat and not cave in to greedy cattle ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 11657**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Barbara Sunblade

**Correspondence ID: 11658**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Laurie Fattore

**Correspondence ID: 11659**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and you shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11660**

Thank you for listening to the outpouring of support for removing the fence in PRNS to restore the tule elk access to water and foraging. I wholly support Alternative B to remove the fence. It is our National Parks' responsibility to protect wildlife and habitat. I urge you to listen to the public and restore the park to a more natural state which will benefit the public where private businesses cannot.

**Correspondence ID: 11661**

The Park Service should free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. Therefore, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. And I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

Sincerely,

Noah Younelson

**Correspondence ID: 11662**

Please help save the elk and remove the fence as out public land should be used for the native animals and not for free to profit cattle ranchers...Thanks Mark and Patty

**Correspondence ID: 11663**

While I don't live in California (anymore) for the time being, I will be moving back in the next few years for military work, and I have lived there over 5 years in the past. It is incredibly important to preserve animal habitats and their surrounding ecosystems. I've seen California grow



exponentially in just the 5 years I was there. There is no shortage of development, and if we don't take special care to protect the ecosystems out there, they will simply be paved over. There is no shortage of people, but there's a growing shortage of conservation. If we are careful, we can keep these things, if we are not, we will lose all of it.

**Correspondence ID: 11664**

Please remove the fencing that restricts the Tule Elk! The Elk have a right to roam the land and more importantly, to access water! We are using so much federal public land for cattle and we cannot continue to rob our wildlife of their natural habitat. Please remove that fence and limit cattle grazing in the Tule Elk habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 11665**

Please remove the elk fence in the Pierce Ranch core area.

The elk should be free to roam and not be victimized by culling, hazing or other harassment.

Stop putting cattle (which produces climate catastrophe) profits over our wildlife!!!!

The government agencies should be working for us not the corporation profits of animal slaughter.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes.

The Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

private cattle profits should not take precedence over our precious wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11666**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

PFences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please consider the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11667**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 11668**

Dear NPS,

Thank you for collecting public comments on policy issues for our PUBLIC national parks. Hopefully this time public comments might actually matter more than the 2 dozen private ranchers and their powerful Big Ag lobbyists in deciding the management of a national park created to "preserve the diminishing seashore and its wildlife." Part of that legislation was to preserve the historic culture, that ignores the long history of Miwok and privileges the short history of colonial ranching. PRNS has fulfilled that commitment by preserving historic ranching with Pierce Point and the Morgan Horse Ranches. It is unacceptable that PRNS is in the business of private ranching that decimates the natural environment of our public seashore. It is essential in this Tomales Point Plan to prioritize the elk and choose Plan B to remove the elk fence. Hopefully posts will be left in place to provide raptor perches and a visual testament to how ranching has parceled our park for profit and kept 1/3 of it in private profit hands. One of the main points of the original legislation was to end commercial practices within 25 years. It is long overdue that ranching fences be removed to fulfill the mission of the park to preserve and protect the native grasslands and wildlife. The claim that this will put ranchers out of business is ludicrous. All of the ranchers were paid fair market value for park lands and they have adequate grazing lands on their own private ranches. Stop prioritizing private profit businesses over public access and wildlife preservation. Execute Plan B to fulfill the park mission.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for prioritizing preservation over private profiteering in our national park with its mission to preserve and protect the environment and its flora & fauna by choosing Plan B to remove elk fences.

**Correspondence ID: 11669**

I'm so sick of our last vestiges of habitat for all of our wild animals consistently turned into grazing for domestic animals. This latest with the Tule Elk is just awful, keeping them from natural waterways and causing them to die. How sick and cruel. I, as a citizen want our wildlife to be taken care of not killed off, so that people can make some money. We spread like a plague over this planet. It's past time to tamp that down and protect our wildlife that is left, from our greed and apparent need. This country doesn't need to make money off of every inch of our public lands. It needs to stop.

**Correspondence ID: 11670**

I am writing as a former employee of the Tule Elk Preserve in Kern County, way back in my youth.

I am against the USNPS killing the elk who need expanses of grazing land. The history of those 20 + elk that were found on Miller-Lux land were the very last remaining of their species. How many millions of dollars have been spent on saving these animals for posterity, biodiversity, enjoyment, whatever?

Move them somewhere else! Or MUCH better yet, Move The Cattle Out! The owners can't possibly be paying enough per head to cover the damage cattle do to the environment (of a National Park!) People should not take precedence over rare animals.

Very Sincerely, Lucy G. Clark

**Correspondence ID: 11671**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11672**

For heaven's sake! Just use some common sense! Open the fence, herd the elk off the peninsula and make sure they're all out of the area, then put the fence up again so they can't get back in. Now don't you feel silly that you never thought of that?

**Correspondence ID: 11673**

Please consider the following and adopt policies to protect the native Elk. The Elk are part of the National Park, they belong there, not the cattle.

Choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Lanigan

**Correspondence ID: 11674**

I thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

I think fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to me to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Also, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should NOT be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason!

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ENDED to honor the charter of the National Seashore. These cattle operations also are befouling the water, which is another good reason to close them for good.

I also urge you to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area", which will REMOVE the FATAL FENCE and allow the elk to naturally ROAM FREE!

**Correspondence ID: 11675**

Get off your lazy asses and protect flora and fauna in your region! You have the ability to protect these unique animals. Now DO SOMETHING!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11676**

The elk and ALL wildlife are way more important than any livestock and it is imperative that we do all we can to protect them!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11677**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and

manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Laura Gamsby

**Correspondence ID: 11678**

Dear National Park Service,

I am horrified by the treatment of the elk that are trying to survive at Point Reyes National Seashore. The fence must be removed. The priority given to cattle is ridiculous! This makes me absolutely sick that you have allowed the elk to starve and die of dehydration. Why did we restore the elk to the area just to make them suffer and die? What type of insanity is this?

Please remove the fence and the cattle. (Alternative B)

Allow the elk to roam free.

Do not harass or kill the elk for any reason.

Sincerely, Rachael Stalker

**Correspondence ID: 11679**

Whenever I am visiting the Bay Area I always try to have a day at Limontour in Pt Reyes NS. It is a beautiful place that could only be improved by the expanded presence of wild Tule Elk and the phasing out of livestock. Please select plan B so that Pt Reyes evolves as an authentic element in the National Park system.

**Correspondence ID: 11680**

I am submitting the following comments because I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I want to thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I believe it's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Also, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Additionally it seems obvious that private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Finally I would like to urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments regarding this critically important issue.

**Correspondence ID: 11681**

NO cattle!!! It's a PUBLIC park!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11682**

Take the fence down so the wildlife can thrive and our ecosystems can be healthy.

**Correspondence ID: 11683**

I want to thank the National Park Service for being receptive to public comments before saying that I believe the agency should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove a fence that proves fatal to elk and would allow them to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize the space needs of cattle and livestock over the ecological needs of native wildlife.

It should be unacceptable and embarrassing that native elk would be condemned to die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park and private livestock interests and operations should be ended especially when they run contrary to the needs of protected wildlife. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes while the Organic Act designates that national park lands "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner... as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

To fulfill and remain compliant with this mandate the agency MUST remove the elk. Protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and natural ecosystem; retain and ensure the park's integrity for future generations.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 11684**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 11685**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 11686**

FREE THE ELK!!! DO NOT BECOME A TOOL OF THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11687**

Thank you for listening to those in the public that want to see Tule Elk thrive in Point Reyes. I totally support the National Park Service tearing down the fence that is causing undue distress for these animals. Please choose Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area, which removes the fence causing these problems and thus will allow the elk to roam freely. These elk must not be allowed to continue dying of thirst and starvation because cattle ranchers want the land to suit their own needs. Cattle must not take priority over the elk. We are talking about a national park. The land belongs to wildlife and once the fence is removed elk must not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Nature is excellent in finding its own balance and will, as it always has in the past, control wildlife population without the need for human intervention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please act swiftly to remove the fence and restore this ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11688**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Stephanie Rossi

**Correspondence ID: 11689**

Please free those elk and allow native vegetation to return. Cattle are not helpful in that environment and should not be allowed to destroy the ground covering to the detriment of the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 11690**

confining wildlife in a national park to certain areas where it is a high possibility for them to die from thirst and hunger is a crime; i know that economic interests take precedence, but why bother to make a national park in first place; are you so cruel to let so many animals suffer from all kind of privation because of bribery from cattle breeders?

**Correspondence ID: 11691**

I am writing to urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. It's inhumane and absolutely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park!

Cattle operations aren't even appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should NOT prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11692**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.



Sincerely, Ms. Vanessa Carbia

**Correspondence ID: 11693**

I urge you to execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

The overwhelming voice of the public has advocated for removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle must not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable. Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps must be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and must be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of all."

**Correspondence ID: 11694**

Tear down that fencing. These majestic elk are not domestic and need to be free roaming.

**Correspondence ID: 11695**

Hello, I'm commenting in support of Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and removing the current, problematic elk fence. Thank you first of all for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. As many others have said, fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas; we shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Rather, these elk should be able to roam free, preventing their deaths from thirst and malnutrition. Also, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations are best served other places, not in a National Seashore such as Point Reyes. We should honor the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, which mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment," and also the Organic Act which designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 11696**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11697**

Dear NPS,

I am writing in support of removing the fence that confines the Tule elk at Point Reyes, ultimately causing many elk to die due to lack of water. Please move in favor of freeing the elk in the park.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Dorer

**Correspondence ID: 11698**

Please let these elk run wild like they are meant to!

**Correspondence ID: 11699**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Raquel CD

**Correspondence ID: 11700**

Please protect nature over farming. The time has come to do right by our environment.

No more kicking the can down the road. The typical decisions for cases like these in the past have been for farmers and ranchers. Let this time be game-changing. Vote to protect tule elk and their habitat. Farmers and ranchers can and will adapt. Tule elk and the environment cannot recover once they are taken.

Specifically:

\*The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

\*Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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\*Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11701**

Please don't kill the free-roaming elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife!!! This is truly very important! We must keep our ecological systems in balance, just as nature intended.

**Correspondence ID: 11702**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Gail Lewis

**Correspondence ID: 11703**

"It's man's sympathy with all creatures that first makes him truly a man." - Albert Schweitzer

**Correspondence ID: 11704**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Carol Bellavia

**Correspondence ID: 11705**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Marci R McKenna

**Correspondence ID: 11706**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11707**

Set the Tule Elk free!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11708**

protect our wildlife and not the damn cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 11709**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

I lived in the Bay Area for decades and have had the pleasure of seeing the the Tule Elk at Point Reyes many times. The National Park Service faces many challenges in managing an area where such wild lands intersect with private lands and historical ranches. In this case, I think it is appropriate that the Service choose Alternative B--the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence, enabling the elk to roam free. The elk confined in their current space have died of thirst and malnutrition, which is not a viable option.

**Correspondence ID: 11710**

The purpose of our National Park Service is to protect the natural lands and creatures in our parks, not to serve the needs of private businesses nearby. Stop allowing ranchers' interests to prevail over our protected and often endangered animals.

**Correspondence ID: 11711**

Please free the Elk to roam naturally in Our National Seashore, where they belong. Our public land should be for us and our wildlife, and not for the benefit of cattle and cattlemen. Please, do the right thing.

Sincerely, Susanne E Wood

**Correspondence ID: 11712**

TEAR DOWN THE FENCE = TEAR DOWN THE FENCE= TEAR DOWN THE FENCE

YOU ALL HAVE KILLED OFF ENOUGH AND TO DEPRIVE WATER WATER IS SO SO CRUEL REALLY

THAT YOU ALL COULD DO SUCH A ACT OF CRUELTY .. THESE RANCHERS WILL USE ANY EXCUSE POSSIBLE AND SOME .. TO TAKE OVER PUBLIC LANDS FOR THAT CATTLE THAT THEY SLAUGHTER AND MAKE AMERICAN \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

ITS TIME TO TAKE DOWN THE FENCE AND THAT THE ELK ROAM FREELY AS THEY SHOULD BE AND DRINK WATER AT ANY TIME THEY WANT AS THEY SHOULD BE .. these ranchers THINK THINK AND ACT LIKE THEY OWN ALL THE LAND EVERYWHERE.. AND TAKE EMINENT DOMAIN FROM THESE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS IN BED WITH THEM TO GET RE-ELECTION AND SAVE THERE SEATS IN THIS SO CALLED UNITED GOVERNMENT ?? .. ITS TIME TO STOP THEM ON THE SPOT NOW AND = TAKE DOWN THE FENCE - TEAR DOWN THE FENCE - TEAR DOWN THE FENCE  
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**Correspondence ID: 11713**

Hello,

I hope this letter finds you well, and I would like to express my appreciation for your diligent work in managing Point Reyes National Seashore. I am writing to voice my support for Alternative B, also known as the “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” and to emphasize the importance of removing the elk fence to protect and restore the native wildlife and ecosystem within the park.

First and foremost, I want to thank you and the National Park Service for taking into consideration the overwhelming public support for the removal of the elk fence. The installation of such fences in wilderness areas is inappropriate, as it disrupts the natural flow of wildlife and can lead to detrimental consequences for native species. It is crucial that the Park Service prioritizes the preservation of native wildlife over the interests of cattle.

The current situation, where confined native elk are suffering from thirst and malnutrition within a national park, is deeply unacceptable. Point Reyes National Seashore is a sanctuary for wildlife, and it is our responsibility to ensure the well-being of its inhabitants. Removing the fatal fence is a necessary step towards rectifying this situation and allowing elk to roam freely and thrive in their natural habitat.

Furthermore, it is essential that once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk are not subjected to culling, hazing, or any form of harassment for any reason. These magnificent creatures deserve the opportunity to exist without undue interference, in line with the park’s mission to protect and preserve its natural environment.

Private cattle operations within Point Reyes National Seashore are a concern, as they do not align with the park’s charter and purpose. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation clearly mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within the park’s boundaries. Additionally, the Organic Act designates national park lands with the aim of providing for the enjoyment of scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife while leaving them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. Ending private cattle operations would be a significant step toward honoring these directives and preserving the park’s unique ecosystem.

In conclusion, I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B and remove the elk fence as a means to protect and restore Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and

ecosystem. Your commitment to upholding the principles outlined in the park's charter and the Organic Act will contribute to ensuring that this natural treasure remains unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your dedication to the preservation of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely, Kim Velez

**Correspondence ID: 11714**

Please choose Alternative B “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.” So much of California's natural beauty has been decimated in service of ranching and agriculture — Tomales Point is one of the only areas where tule elk are allowed to thrive. It would be devastating if the National Park Service chose to harm the elk, even here in a national park. The elk fence is currently causing the elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, which is both devastating and goes totally counter to the mission of the NPS. Moreover, no one wants to see a fence in what is described as a wilderness area!

Once the elk fence is removed, the elk should not be subject to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” I am begging NPS to protect and preserve the natural environment by restoring the native ecosystem and protecting — NOT killing — the tule elk!

**Correspondence ID: 11715**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable. Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Thank you, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes.

Joan M. vSmith

**Correspondence ID: 11716**

Hello,

I am a third generation farmer's daughter who has been visiting the Tule Elk reserve almost every year. The Point Reyes Seashore is my sanctuary as the area has always represented the

confluence of environmentalists and farmers to create a unique biosphere sharing cheeses and gourmet items with the world.

I am aware that the drought two years ago decimated the tule elk population for lack of water, one of the most painful ways to die.

I strongly urge the national park service to take down the fence and allow nature to co-exist. It has happened in Yellowstone with conscious farmers and it can happen in California.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nancee M. Volpi

**Correspondence ID: 11717**

Dear National Park Service,

I have been hiking at the Point Reyes National Seashore since the 1980s, and enjoy the wildlife and solitude of that beautiful place. There are millions of cattle in the U.S. today; livestock interests should not be able to close down/prevent what is needed for tule elk, especially in a national park! I ask you to do the right thing and select Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," so the elk have habitat they need all year round, which will allow them to thrive. Under Point Reyes National Seashore management, the elk should never be harassed or culled for any reason. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Tule elk and wildlife species of all kinds are threatened by human actions; we should be doing all that we can to assist wildlife in a world that so often threatens their existence. Legislation has already mandated this for tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Please, please, tear down that fence, leave the elk alone and finally, prohibit livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore. Livestock are not compatible with a healthy elk herd and environment at Point Reyes National Seashore. The National Park Service should be in the "business" of saving and sustaining wildlife species, not supporting the cattle industry.

Thank You,

Kyle Haines

**Correspondence ID: 11718**

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide



for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening!

Sincerely, David

**Correspondence ID: 11719**

Please care for these animals and free them to roam on their home land and protect them!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11720**

To fence these wild animals in, is to treat them like domestic livestock, in which case they must be taken care of - making sure they have the food & water they need at all times. You can't fence them in and just LEAVE them! If you can't just let them be free in this location, then perhaps moving them to a more suitable location would be an option. KILLING them or fencing them in are NOT appropriate options.

**Correspondence ID: 11721**

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11722**

It is unacceptable for ANY species to die of thirst and malnutrition. The Tule Elk deserve the maximum protection of their natural environment. The National Park Service needs to choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11723**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Joe Cundari

**Correspondence ID: 11724**

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Sincerely, Lourdes Mannise

**Correspondence ID: 11725**

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**Correspondence ID: 11726**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11727**

Elk are a tourist attraction too

**Correspondence ID: 11728**

Why should private cattle industries be allowed to over-ride the inherent rights of any wildlife species?

A National Park, in particular, should be relegated only to the protection and health of the species which

inhabit its land.

**Correspondence ID: 11729**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Lorna Welch

**Correspondence ID: 11730**

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11731**

Please free the Tule Elk!

Mary Ragsdale

**Correspondence ID: 11732**

Hello,

I am calling upon you and your organization to do right by the Tule Elk. We must protect and foster their development.

Thank you,

Marc

**Correspondence ID: 11733**

The Elk must roam Free

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 11734**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Ana Gonzalez

**Correspondence ID: 11735**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11736**

Dear NPS:

I understand you are considering removing a fence to allow the tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore to roam freely in the park. I think that's a wise idea.

I have read that the charter for Point Reyes requires, “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes. And the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” I think an 8-foot fence preventing the tule elk to free range, violates the letter and spirit of those objectives.

Thank you for providing me an opportunity to comment on this issue.

Jim Bachman

**Correspondence ID: 11737**

Please choose Alternative B and remove the fence to allow the Tule Elk to roam free. These are beautiful animals living in their natural area and their continued confinement is cruel and detrimental to their survival.

There are other places for cattle, but only here for these elk.

I know you have heard the cries for support of these creatures, and I appreciate your efforts. This a beautiful national park and I enjoy visiting this one and many others to watch the wildlife. They need access to roam to forage and seek water. Please do not cull this heard in any way.

If possible, private cattle grazing should be removed from this national park and the Elk and the Seashore environment protected as much as possible. At the very least, remove the fencing. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11738**

As a part-time resident of Marin County I am appalled to learn of this plan to limit Tule elk range and freedoms. Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the greatest public assets on the California coast. But it will never remain that way if plans to restrict and even reduce its natural indigenous wildlife are implemented. Please! I urge you to abandon plans to restrict, limit and even destroy Tule elk and their natural habitat. Please withdraw the planned limitations and allow them to thrive naturally.

**Correspondence ID: 11739**

Thank you for requesting comments on the Tomales Point Area Plan. I support Alternative Plan B.

Everyone should have the opportunity to experience the joy and excitement of viewing Tule elk.

Acting as browsers and grazers, native Tule elk fulfill a unique and critical ecosystem role. It is vital to remove the elk fence to provide Tule elk with access to essential water sources and grazing areas.

Cattle ranching should be disallowed in the Point Reyes National Seashore to prevent further ecosystem damage.

Finally, culling or harassment of the elk should not be allowed.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11740**

Free the Point Reyes Tule Elk and protect the point for wildlife!

**Correspondence ID: 11741**

Humans always ruin natural areas. It's our nature. We need to leave sensitive areas as is, without human intervention. Wildlife and biodiversity must have space such as Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 11742**

We support Alternative B. Prioritize free roaming elk over livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 11743**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Make it right by returning it to a natural state, so that nature may take its appropriate course without human imposed constraints or limitations.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 11744**

Please consider removing the fencing surrounding Point Reyes national Park which is hindering free movement of the elk. They are not able to graze freely as a result they are dying. We have a responsibility toward our wildlife as their guardians too, provide them with the best possible care. Thank you for your consideration. Louise Quillman.

**Correspondence ID: 11745**

I am writing to comment on Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) Tomales Point Area Plan (TPAP). As a frequent visitor to this beloved area, I am speaking out for the native Tule elk herds, which have been confined behind fences for many years. I believe the NPS has mismanaged the elk, which has caused the high death rate of these endangered animals. However, I really appreciate that NPS is doing the right thing in reaching out and considering public comments from people like me who are asking for the elk to be allowed to roam free without fences.

The NPS website indicates that five historic Shafter/Howard era dairies are operating in PRNS. Furthermore, the area also contains nine historic ranches and former ranch sites, which contain commercial beef cattle operations. To preserve and restore Tule elk populations and protect wildlife, the commercial ranching at Point Reyes must be ended. The fencing scheme is designed to create barriers to isolate the Tule elk herds from the commercial cows and cattle.

Such barriers threaten the remaining 600 or so elk in the Tomales Point area. Barricading the elk within fenced enclosures in the peninsula area prevents them from roaming to obtain sufficient forage and water for their needs. It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition. This is in direct opposition to the intended purpose of the National Seashore, which has been set aside to benefit wildlife and visitors of the Northern California Coast. The NPS must protect the Seashore and its wildlife.

Furthermore, I believe the best interests of the public and nature will be served by revoking the ranching leases. Historically, agricultural activities at the Seashore were scheduled to end decades ago. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. This clearly suggests to me that cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes.

The NPS has proposed alternatives in its TPAP. I ask that NPS adopt Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove fences and allow elk to naturally roam free. Following removal of the fence, the free-roaming elk should be protected from human activities that harm them including culling, hazing or harassment.

Tomales Point is one of the most spectacular areas at the Seashore. The fences must be removed. The elk are dying of hunger and thirst.

**Correspondence ID: 11746**

Leave the tule elk alone. And remove all the cattle from the area and designate it into a wildlife preserve.

**Correspondence ID: 11747**

This nation enables cattle ranchers to deplete the land, to kill wildlife by cruel and heinous means--cyanide, shooting from helicopters--and finally and UNFAIRLY TO PROFIT IN AN UNSUSTAINABLE BUSINESS that poisons the air and water of planet earth.

Enough of this! Do not side with and support the cattle industry in their depredations. There is no middle way. These people believe themselves to be entitled to whatever natural resources we have--unless you make these valuable resources utterly off-limits.

We must NOW put forth every effort possible to protect what we have, such as Point Reyes. Get rid of the fence--outrageous--and devote this area to the creatures who roam there. Once we yield up these treasures to greedy, unethical forces, there's no retrieval of what rightly once belonged to every single citizen of America.

Do the right thing. Send a clear message the Point Reyes (and other points in all directions) is off limits to exploitation of selfish outside interests.

I hope you do what is in my best interest, and yours, probably, and almost everyone else living in America--not that of the few.

Sincerely, Rebecca Richardson

**Correspondence ID: 11748**

Please remove the fence and do not allow private cattle operations. All ecosystems are important for our survival. Thank you for listening.



**Correspondence ID: 11749**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11750**

I understand both sides of this story but I say let's restore the land to its natural place. I'm sure it's some thought and insight. We could figure out another place to raise these cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 11751**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you...

**Correspondence ID: 11752**

I am writing to comment on the Tule Elk vs. cattle issue on the Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a citizen of the United States who is deeply concerned about our environment and the animals who share it with us, I do not believe that private cattle operations belong in Point Reyes in the first place. A national park should serve to protect and support the native wildlife species of the area, not alien introduced species which are being raised for private profit.

I understand that there is strong public support for removing the fence which prevents elk from roaming at will and having access to water and necessary forage. It is completely abhorrent to me that this fence results in native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a national park! And once the fence is removed, the elk should be allowed to move freely and to be free from any type of hazing or harassment for any reason.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

To me, this is common sense and I hope you agree.

Sincerely, Janice Higgins

**Correspondence ID: 11753**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11754**

Hello,

This is a Public Comment requesting (1) the removal of the 8' fence ("Alternative B") that restricts the Tule Elk at California's Point Reyes National Seashore from accessing the food and

water needed for their survival and (2) to return the area to the “wilderness” envisioned by those who established the National Seashore Charter.

It is totally anathema to the concept of designating an area “wilderness” and then imposing man-made restrictions on the wildlife that lead to their starvation and death. This must be corrected immediately.

Additionally, I am NOT in favor of any type of elk herd culling or herd harassment by the Park Service or local farmers/hunters after the fence is removed. I AM in favor, however, of eliminating all private cattle operations in the Point Reyes area, so that the natural ecosystem can be restored.

I have immense respect for Park Rangers and maintenance crews who protect and keep up our beautiful national parks. These parks are, truly, the gem of America. Without the protections allocated by law to the flora and fauna of these areas, we run the risk of destroying so much of the beauty of our country and the ecosystem at large.

Please make the requested corrections at Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 11755**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Carol Dotson

**Correspondence ID: 11756**

Dear National Park Service,

Tule Elk that reside within a nationally protected area should not be confined within a fence for the benefit of cattle ranchers. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, allowing the elk to roam freely. I urge the NPS to support wildlife and ecosystem services over commercial gains within a designated protected area. Thank you very much.

**Correspondence ID: 11757**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Katherine Babiak

**Correspondence ID: 11758**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. John Walker

**Correspondence ID: 11759**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Please make sure the water containers are cleaned on a regular or have a way for volunteers to assist with that.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11760**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. David Brown

**Correspondence ID: 11761**

The National Park Service (NPS) should protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The NPS should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

In addition, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Again, the NPS should remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11762**

The National Park Service is supposed to protect our wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I wish to thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. The National Park Service needs to return to its mission of preserving our wildlife.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11763**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 11764**

The elk, and the entire ecosystem of which they are a vital part, deserve a safe place in our world--to just be elk and successful, breeding members of their species. We are not the all of it, free to hunt, displace, terminate, drive other species to extinction. We do that because we can, and because some of us have respect only for human life and their own recreational pleasures. Enough of selfishness and greed! Let the animals have their rightful place.

**Correspondence ID: 11765**

Protect the Tule Elk at California Point Reyes National Seashore. Tear down fencing keeping Tule Elk confined. If you want to fence anything, fence all cattle on public lands, now and forever more, but let Tule Elk roam free as it should be.

**Correspondence ID: 11766**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11767**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11768**

My husband and I have enjoyed visiting the Point Reyes area for many years. I would like to request that you help free the Tule Elk of Point Reyes and protect it's original, native wildlife by choosing Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area) which will remove the fencing inhibiting and thereby killing the elk.

I believe our park services should serve wilderness areas and their indigenous wildlife, not privately owned cattle and ranchers. Also, culling and killing of elk should not be allowed and must be prosecuted by law.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue and my opinion.

Sincerely, C Branca

Mendocino, CA

**Correspondence ID: 11769**

FREE THE ELK AND PROTECT POINT REYES FOR FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE!

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 11770**

These majestic elk should receive total protection to lead natural lives! It's a damn National Park.

We need to eat less beef and thank God for the animals created.

**Correspondence ID: 11771**

The human beings on our wonderful Planet Earth, have upset the balance of the natural world.



They have caused the recent sixth mass extinction crisis, according to researchers, scientists and concerned citizens!

The homo sapiens both in rich and poor countries and other places have caused the biodiversity extinction crisis. They are also responsible for climate change and especially the overpopulation crisis, that is the most serious. It is the most tragic environmental problem everywhere. The world's people should learn to stop or at least reduce the overpopulation crisis. The people of the Planet Earth must try to solve the following problems including climate change, pollution and urbanization! And on the brighter side the solutions are recycling, renewable energy and electric cars! People of the Planet Earth, our only home, should pray for environmentalism, finances and health with real effort! The human beings must repent, fix our living world, and construct colonies in outer space. That is built living habitats on the moons, planets in our solar system and exoplanets, when they have the money, science and technology, when it is available. A brand-new life, ethic and living worlds are available to all life on our wonderful world for all sentient creatures if they try with effort!

**Correspondence ID: 11772**

We need to focus on reality.

Livestock farming has a vast environmental footprint. It contributes to land and water degradation, biodiversity loss, acid rain, coral reef degeneration and deforestation. In general we need to transition to other ways to eat protein. Livestock farming contributes 18% of human produced greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. This is more than all emissions from ships, planes, trucks, cars and all other transport put together.

Let's protecting the native tule elk instead of protecting livestock farms which are detrimental to the planet.

**Correspondence ID: 11773**

Hi, I'm writing to comment concerning the Point Reyes Elk herds.

I would like to see the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank You for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's Not-Ok to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a National Park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment either since they historically were here before settlers and later people moved in, "we're the problem" for the Elk, not the other way around and we far outnumber them locally by individuals in both species, and globally at 8+ Billion Homo Sapiens running amok, the Elk are NOT the problem.

Private cattle operations also aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended per the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thanks!

**Correspondence ID: 11774**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Hamid R Ebrahimi

**Correspondence ID: 11775**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 11776**

Please remove the fence and allow elk to roam free. This will benefit the eco system as a whole.

Thank you

-Marina

**Correspondence ID: 11777**

To Whom It May Concern,

First and foremost, thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I would argue that any domesticated animal should not be in National Parks, but that is a fight for another day.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once this is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I appreciate your time & consideration.

Sincerely, Heather

**Correspondence ID: 11778**

Some of my favorite hikes have been in Point Reyes. While I didn't see any tule elk, seeing tule elk roam free would have been a highlight, and one I hope to see in the future.

I highly encourage you to keep the herd free and unconfined in open areas, as outlined in Alternative B.

Thank you,

Richard Kandus

**Correspondence ID: 11779**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11780**

Good afternoon -

National Parks are for wildlife, first and foremost. Ranchers and other private businesses should not be allowed to use public lands for their profit, especially not at the detriment of wildlife and the wilderness. Wildlife is already struggling because of habitat loss, hunting, pollution, and climate change. Protect wildlife and the wilderness, do not cause harm. And, do not represent special interests in lieu of protecting life on Earth.

Please consider these points:

-- The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

-- The public overwhelmingly supports removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

-- It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

-- Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

-- Restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

Pia Heyn

**Correspondence ID: 11781**

Farming at the expense of conserving natural habitat is unethical and an environmental disaster.

Remove the fences and the cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 11782**

Protect Point Reyes area for elk, and get rid of cattle grazing there!!! Lucia Durand

**Correspondence ID: 11783**

Save Tulle elk

**Correspondence ID: 11784**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11785**

Fencing off Tule Elk is like putting them in jail. What have they done wrong?

If we think only of ourselves Mother Nature will eventually pay us back BIG TIME.

We owe it to the other critters to treat them with the respect they deserve.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 11786**

Good afternoon,

First off, thank you for listening to the strong public support for removing the elk fence. I'm writing to voice my support for Alternative B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area").

Wild places are meant to be wild and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's deeply saddening to know native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please uphold these pledges and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thanks so much for your time,

Chloe

**Correspondence ID: 11787**

FREE THE ELK!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11788**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes - or any other public lands - and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11789**

This treatment is inhumane and cruel and, as usual, in favor of ranchers, like so many other pro rancher laws that harm wildlife. These are not zoo elk and should be able to roam freely on THEIR land and habitat!

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe the elk were here before the ranchers and need our protection more than the ranchers. As a tax paying, US citizen, I ask the fence be taken down!

Elizabeth Luebbers

**Correspondence ID: 11790**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that

found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. George Smith

**Correspondence ID: 11791**

The Point Reyes National Seashore's first priority must be to wildlife, not to livestock. Please tear down all the fences and allow the elk to roam free. The park belongs to the elk not to cattle. Policies favoring the livestock over wildlife must stop now.

**Correspondence ID: 11792**

How dare you continue to favor cattle ranchers over the natural habitat and its fauna. How dare you take our public lands and lease it for pennies on the dollar for the avaricious cattlemen. We've come a long way and YOU should know better -- cattle consumption leads to a myriad of health issues for the individual as we were not designed to eat such huge amounts of it, as well as created polluting METHANE by raising them. And how much "meat" is thrown away every day? But you want to deprive a native species from life-sustaining water that belongs to us ALL? Shame on you for having erected it, shame on you for fighting to keep it. Shame on you for funding avarice over humility and respect for our Earth.

**Correspondence ID: 11793**

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" Wilderness and wild animals should not be fenced. Fencing causes confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition especially during droughts which are occurring more frequently. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

In my opinion, and that of many Americans, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly support the removal of the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Also, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 11794**

I encourage the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" for the Point Reyes National Seashore. I appreciate the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support already for removing the elk fence. Fences do not belong in wilderness areas as they endanger native wildlife, like elk. Wild animals should not be confined since it interferes detrimentally with their natural patterns. National parks are meant to preserve nature not endanger it. Once the fence is removed, it should be noted

that free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment unless by Indigenous nations.

**Correspondence ID: 11795**

As a frequent visitor and hiker to Point Reyes National Seashore, I fully support Alternative B to remove the deadly confinement fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The dairy farms that have been grandfathered in during the establishment of PRNS are an anomaly on NPS lands and should be restricted to limited herd size and acreage.

**Correspondence ID: 11796**

how many of these beautiful deer have died behind that fence? these animals deserve to have a place to live with food and water, they do not deserve to be sealed away ,

**Correspondence ID: 11797**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11798**

I am strongly in favor of allowing the elk herd to be able to roam freely. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I would like to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. This situation is dire!

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.



Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I would like to urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem! Please make this happen and allow the elk to roam freely.

**Correspondence ID: 11799**

I find it OUTRAGEOUS that anyone would consider culling a healthy herd of beautiful wild animals just because a few farmers don't want them getting close to their animals. Who was here first? Which species is native and which is invasive, and an unhealthy one for the planet and to eat at that.

Let the elk roam and not starve to death.

**Correspondence ID: 11800**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11801**

Please remove the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11802**

as a Bay Area resident I love to visit Point Reyes and one of the highlights is to see the variety of wildlife, including the Tule Elk and I am writing in support of removing the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Instead of

protecting the native tule elk of Point Reyes, for years the NPS has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners. I am glad to hear that the Park Service is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. The NPS should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 11803**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Peter Pagon

**Correspondence ID: 11804**

I support Alternative B - Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area - which calls for removal of the fence so Point Reyes's elk can roam free. I'm thankful NPS is aware that there is overwhelming public support for this action. Cattle should not have priority over native wildlife! Besides, fences are completely inappropriate in any wilderness areas.

I am a huge national park enthusiast and these protections are critical to the future of our lands and wildlife. I just returned from visits to three national parks in Washington state and only saw one elk during the entire trip. With climate change and other stressors on wildlife, it's unconscionable to fence native elk at Point Reyes .

These animals are at risk of malnutrition and dehydration if they remain confined that way. How this can be allowed in a national park is shocking. To me, this is totally unacceptable. They also shouldn't be culled, hazed or harassed in any way!

The National Seashore charter doesn't designate Point Reyes for cattle operations. To quote the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, it mandates "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. Cattle operations are completely opposite this mandate

Additionally, the Organic Act designates national park lands are to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Again, cattle operations go completely against this act.

It pains me to think NPS officials could ever consider cattle operations to be more important than any native species within park borders. PLEASE remove the elk fence, protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem of this vital resource.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 11805**

It is a travesty how the Tule Elk have been treated- these protected areas should be for wildlife NOT cattle. The elk should be the priority not livestock. Prioritize the elk and other wildlife

**Correspondence ID: 11806**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11807**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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**Correspondence ID: 11810**

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THANK YOU for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife!

It's UNACCEPTABLE to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, ESPECIALLY in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason!!!

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ENDED to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11811**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Andrea Haag

**Correspondence ID: 11812**

It's simple: the elk belong here.... NOT CATTLE!

**Correspondence ID: 11813**

Another RepubliRussian attack on We the People. These Elk don't deserve your contempt for a profit.

**Correspondence ID: 11814**

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Sincerely, Miss Tuula Niemi

**Correspondence ID: 11815**

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Sincerely, Dr. Amy Allen

**Correspondence ID: 11816**

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Sincerely, Miss Tuula Niemi

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Sincerely, Miss Tuula Niemi

**Correspondence ID: 11819**

PRNS should support and protect ranching and cultural resources. Ranchers are good stewards of the land and, when managed properly, agriculture is part of a balanced eco system.

The elk fence should remain with water and forage supplied in drought years. Culling should be a last resort if strictly necessary to maintain the health of the elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 11820**

Get the cattle out and allow the wildlife a chance to live.

**Correspondence ID: 11821**

Please free the Tule Elk

**Correspondence ID: 11822**

Please permit the tule elk at Point Reyes roam freely without harassment. Cattle grazing should always be considered secondarily to native flora and fauna.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment.

**Correspondence ID: 11823**

To the relevant NPS decision-makers:

As a Bay Area botanist, naturalist, and lover of the incredible native biodiversity that calls this special corner of the world home, I am frankly sickened by the blatant mismanagement of natural resources and corrupted priorities on display throughout the NPS managed lands of Point Reyes-- to the point that I no longer enjoy visiting at all, and recommend other destinations to tourists and visitors who ask me for nature-oriented day trip recommendations.

I have witnessed outright critical habitat destruction and the trampling of rare and endangered plants more times than I can count. At Bull Point alone, I've watched cows eat the globally imperiled *Lilium maritimum* before it could even flower, and seen the devastation of the rare *Campanula californica* (swamp harebell), *Sidalcea calycosa* ssp. *rhizomata* (Pt. Reyes checkerbloom), *Chorizanthe cuspidata* var. *villosa*, *Horkelia marinensis* (Point Reyes horkelia), *Leptosiphon grandiflorus*, and countless other native species. Notice how many of those rare plants' common names refer to Point Reyes-- their only home in the world? What an embarrassment it is to see those plants in further peril under NPS management.



The landscape of Point Reyes is dominated by cattle, "historic" (a laughable designation in the face of colonial history) ranches, the stench of cow feces, and the degradation via invasive plants, cattle-derived pollution, and the resulting eutrophication of every tiny parcel of habitat that remains fenced off from cows. It's incredibly sad. Cows do not belong here, period-- continuing to make concessions to and effectively subsidize unsustainable agriculture on NPS lands is beyond misguided. Enough is enough.

I'm not a wildlife biologist, so I will leave it to them to once again advocate for the native Tule Elk whose way of life and habitats we have almost completely destroyed. Stop cowing to the commercial interests of cattle ranchers-- take the fence down now!

Sincerely, Chloe Novak

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- I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11826**

These animals have a right to their home. Stop catering to big business and torture!

**Correspondence ID: 11827**

It is hard to believe that the livestock owners could be so cruel as to let the tule elk die of thirst and malnutrition!!!

Would you let your animals die such a horrible death?? Put the owners behind the fence for a week or two and let them feel this horrible condition!!

TAKE DOWN THAT FENCE NOW AND LET THE TULE ELK LIVE IN THEIR OWN NATURAL HOME!!!

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**Correspondence ID: 11829**

If Point Reyes is a National Park it should be used for Tule Elk and all wilderness only. To save nature is much more important as to let it be grazed by cattle. Wild animals have to roam free and have access to water and food.

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Sincerely, Ms. Carol Drabin

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Sincerely, Ms. Cecilia Moller

**Correspondence ID: 11832**

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The National park service should always put native animal's over outside influences.

People go to the parks to see the elk in their native setting free in inhabitions.

Keep wildlife wild and free.

Thank you for you consideration on this topic

Katherine Nelson

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Sincerely, Mrs. Christine Willson

**Correspondence ID: 11834**

Dear National Park Service,

I'm a Bay Area resident writing in support of tearing down the fence at Tomales Point and allowing all tule elk at Point Reyes to roam free. Point Reyes is an amazing place: I even went on my honeymoon there, and I've taken several magnificent backpacking trips there with my kids. Yet one thing that's always bothered me is that most of the elk are fenced in, purely to benefit a miniscule number of farms and ranches. Not only does the fence sometimes contribute to preventable elk die offs, but it seems completely incompatible with Point Reyes' mission. This is public land, designated as wilderness in many places, and yet the elk are treated as if they're in a zoo. I respect the farmers and ranchers of Point Reyes, but they need to coexist with the area's plentiful wildlife. There are about a billion cows in the United States, and very few tule elk. Why are we prioritizing the former and not the later?

Thanks very much for the time.

Best,

Jesse Greenspan

**Correspondence ID: 11835**

I've lived in northern and central California coastal areas for 30 years, and in southern California coastal areas for 10 years. And I've visited the Point Reyes Seashore several times during

those periods, and lots of time in California's National Parks. I've enjoyed watching the Tule Elk at Point Reyes, and I know many other people have as well.

I believe the National Park Service ought to go with Alternative B -- the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." My understanding is that Alternative B will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to roam free, as nature would intend.

I appreciate the agency's listening to what appears to be great public support for removing the elk fence. I've always believed that fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas.

I also believe the Park Service has no good reasons to prioritize cattle grazing over wildlife that's native to Park lands. Why should fenced in native elk be permitted to die from thirst and lack of decent nutrition, especially in a national park? I don't see how that's justifiable. And I don't believe free-roaming elk should be culled or harassed in any National Park setting.

Point Reyes doesn't need private cattle operations. These operations really ought to end if the Park Service is going to follow the spirit of the National Seashore's charter in my opinion. If you read the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, it mandates "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. Other legislation designates National Park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." These objectives don't seem to line up with private cattle operations; instead, they support ongoing protection and fostering of native wildlife like Tule Elk.

Given these points, I believe the Agency should remove the elk fence in order to best protect the Point Reyes National Seashore's wildlife, and to best protect and more thoroughly rehabilitate the ecosystem in the Seashore.

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Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11839**

I am very much in favor of Alternative B, which gives the tule elk free access to all of the park and will enable them to forage freely.

I am NOT in favor of the park serviced proposal to kill large numbers of the tule elk as a means to reduce herd size

Cattle concerns shouldn't be a priority in a wilderness area.

Thank you.

Patricia Pesko

**Correspondence ID: 11840**

Haven't we already, and continue to do so, sacrificed enough land for the cattle industry to the detriment of ALL OTHER LIVING CREATURES? HOOVED LOCUSTS as some refer to cattle. Isn't WILDLIFE SERVICES designed to kill ALL OTHER ANIMALS that compete with cattle? HORRIFYING!!!!!!

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**Correspondence ID: 11843**

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**Correspondence ID: 11845**

I would like the National Park Service to remove the 8-foot high fence at Tomales Point inside the Point Reyes National Park in California. The native tule elk should be allowed to have complete unconfined and unfettered access to water and food sources. It is unconscionable to let the elk suffer and die of thirst and starvation when these sources are within their reach, but blocked. They have no recourse. Certainly cattle need to eat and drink also, but not at the expense of sacrificing the existence of native species in favor of commercial livestock.

Thank you for your time in considering my request.

Respectfully,

Vera Loewer



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Sincerely, Mrs. Nancy Rittenhouse

**Correspondence ID: 11847**

Please be humane to animals.

**Correspondence ID: 11848**

Let Nature (the Elk) lead the way, not fencing by cattle owners!

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Nature over Greed e dry time. All future generations are watching

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**Correspondence ID: 11851**

Protect the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore,

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**Correspondence ID: 11853**

As a tax-paying citizen & resident of California, I demand that native wild life get protection.

Livestock destroys the environment, wildlife restores it.

Get rid of livestock, it is poisoning our land and waters.

DO NOT listen to the selfish ranchers and livestock special interest - their whole lifestyle is based on creating, raising, then killing animals.

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Sincerely, Ms Gail Bowers

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**Correspondence ID: 11856**

Thank you for listening to public support for removing the elk fence at Tomales Point. It is unacceptable to allow confined elk to die of thirst and starvation. Remove the fence and allow the elk to roam free of harassment. Private cattle operations are not appropriate for Point Reyes and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area", which will remove the fence and allow the elk to roam free. Please remove the fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and ecosystem. Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 11857**

Dear Sirs,

It is clear to me and should be also to you that the fence limiting the area in which the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore may freely roam in their natural habitat should be torn down. Their rights take precedence over the claims of ranchers on behalf of their cattle. The cattle have other spaces in which to graze. Shutting the elk into this relatively small space leaves them short of food and water and condemns them to suffering death by hunger and thirst. This is highly inappropriate. The fence must go.

Thank you for your kind attention to this missive.

Sincerely, Irwin Flashman

**Correspondence ID: 11858**

PLEASE. For all of us. Our - your - great great grandchildren and beyond. Do all that you can. You are our hope. Thank you. Tear down the fence. Don't support injuring the Elk; support a better way. Compassion over greed. PLEASE. Tear down that fence. For starters.

**Correspondence ID: 11859**

Cattle and other animal industries are going to ruin the world. We have other options. We cannot replace extinct animals once they are gone.

**Correspondence ID: 11860**

Tomales Point is a special place that needs to be protected for the public and for wildlife, including elk. The NPS should adopt Alternative B and remove the fence. Cattle grazing degrades the environment and should not be allowed in this National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 11861**

re: Tomales Point Area Plan,

My family and I very much enjoy visiting Point Reyes. We have hiked, backpacked, taken the children on the earthquake trail, and visited the elk multiple times over the last 35 years. It is a fabulous, close to home, outdoor resource. I have long considered the ranches on Tomales Point to be an eyesore. The compacted soil and erosion are easily visible. Reading the EIS was even more eye opening as to the damage that raising cattle in a sensitive ecosystem, that is meant to maintain a semblance of the native habitat, can and have caused. In the setting of accelerating climate change it is our responsibility to help maintain a natural environment,

including the native animals. Killing native animals and continuing to degrade the ecosystem of a national park so that ranchers can continue to be grandfathered into the area is unacceptable.

The only possible solution is to adopt Alternative F. Allow the plants, animals and land the chance to heal, and to help stem the tide of climate change.

Thank you,

Susan Wiegman

**Correspondence ID: 11862**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future general. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11863**

To Whom it May Concern,

I have visited California's Point Reyes National Seashore on 2 occasions, both visits with the express purpose of enjoying its grandeur, birds and wildlife, first and foremost of those its majestic Tule Elk herd. During both visits I spent a substantial amount of money in the local economy on food and lodging and in local stores. I have no intention of ever coming again if you go through with your plans to continually put the wishes of a small group of cattlemen over the greater good of the entire local community and the citizens of the rest of the country who deserve to be able to come to this park and enjoy the free roaming elk. We as a country have turned over enormous swathes of public land for grazing cattle over the needs of numerous and untold other species and against the express wishes of many, let's not make the same mistake here.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Wiechmann

**Correspondence ID: 11864**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11865**

I couldn't bring myself or my family on vacation to the area to see these majestic creatures from afar if I knew this issue wasn't being resolved to protect them!

**Correspondence ID: 11866**

The area was originally occupied by wildlife, not cattle. For the benefit of the wildlife and our climate, the area

should revert to the original occupants. Their effect on the land and the climate is much less harmful than cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 11867**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Erica Munn

**Correspondence ID: 11868**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I want to thank your agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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I would like to urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11869**

I support the NPS removing the elk fence. (Alternative B)In addition, I ask that the NPS address the following in preparing its Tomales Point Plan.

1. What is the proposed timing for the removal of the elk fence?
2. How does the NPS respond to ranching advocates' assertions that removing the elk fence will mean "an end to ranching." How soon would this occur?
3. How will the NPS will approach restoration of degraded habitats within the planning area, including the coastal prairie? What is the timeline for doing so?
4. Please explain how NPS will prevent cattle or cattle waste from degrading the wilderness area in the meantime?
5. Please address the question of water sufficiency for wildlife. Will existing springs, in addition to and other natural water sources, be developed and restored?
6. Please include discussion of NPS's plans for scientific studies of the Tule elk herd's recovery and changes in native plant distribution.
7. Please describe NPS's plans for educating park visitors about the Tomales Point elk's role in the ecology of the Point Reyes peninsula.

8. Will NPS be teaching the public about the Native American culture and history at Point Reyes, such as (but not limited to) historical genocide; eviction from the Point Reyes peninsula (as recently as the 1960s); relationship of Native people to Tule elk?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into your planning process and for considering my comments

**Correspondence ID: 11870**

I support Tule Elk over livestock. Wildlife is much more important to me. Please adjust your rules to support habitat for Elk and stop the cruel practice of fencing them out where they can't get enough food, etc. I am very upset to hear that Point Reyes park does not care about the fate of these majestic animals. Maybe it's time for a new directive? C'mon, support Tule Elk!!!

Sincerely, Rebecca Tipler

**Correspondence ID: 11871**

Please consider Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Protect the Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 11872**

Please comply with the process...

**Correspondence ID: 11873**

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to remove the elk fence currently constructed at Point Reyes National Seashore's Tomales Point. Instead, please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow the elk to naturally roam free.

The fence causes tule elk suffering and deaths by preventing the animals from reaching food and water sources.

I am further requesting that the National Park Service protect the elk from culling and harassment once the fence is removed.

Thank you for your consideration for the overwhelming public support for the removal of the elk fence and prioritizing our nation's diminishing wildlife over its harmful cattle industry.



Sincerely, Rebekah Gingrich

**Correspondence ID: 11874**

I remember my first and only viewing of these Elk, decades ago when the population was near a vanishing point. Much effort has been done to reverse that decline, only to come to this present moment when we are again making excuses to reduce their numbers. Stop choosing ranchers and cattle over the environment. This seems to always be the limiting factor on so many of our efforts to reestablish endangered or threatened species. We run up against ranchers.

Side with the tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 11875**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11876**

The elk fence at Point Reyes National Seashore is inappropriate, dangerous to area elk, and needs to be removed to protect native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to roam undisturbed and free from culling, hazing, or harassment of any kind.

Thank you for responding to overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences do not belong in wilderness areas, and NPS should not favor private cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11877**

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I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kelly Walker

**Correspondence ID: 11878**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11879**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11881**

For hamburgers?!?

A native species once again takes a back seat to the cattle industry. Tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Fewer than 600 individuals roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, failing to recognize that they are a critical keystone species, the NPS has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confining part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence. How will you protect this fragile ecosystem by allowing non-native species such as cows graze? How will you ensure a healthy elk population in essentially a captive environment; the answer is simple, you can't.

Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Please tear down the elk-killing fence. NPS is tasked with protecting fragile species and habitats. Outside of this recreation. Cows fit nowhere in this mandate.

Do the right thing, this has gone on too long.

**Correspondence ID: 11882**

I am writing to express my opinion that the NPS should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fencing currently in use and allow elk to roam free in the Tomales Point area.

Fences such as the one in the Tomales Point area are not appropriate in wilderness areas. These tule elk are native to California and deserve to be protected from death by thirst and malnutrition in a national park. Cattle should not be prioritized over native tule elk. Further, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be culled, hazed, or harassed for any reason.

I feel that it is not appropriate to have private cattle operations in a national park. The Point Reyes Enabling legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I don't see how fencing the tule elk in meets the legislative mandate or the mission of Point Reyes.

I strongly urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Let the tule elk roam free!

Thank you for inviting comments on this important issue.

**Correspondence ID: 11883**

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**Correspondence ID: 11884**

Please remove the fence for the elk.

Kindest regards,

Brooks

**Correspondence ID: 11885**

Dear National Park Service,

I have had the opportunity to visit both Pt. Reyes and Tomales Point. I loved the area because of the wildlife and wilderness feel of the area, not to mention the ocean. I am concerned about the Tule Elk that call Pt. Reyes home.

Apparently, the Elk are confined by a fence, to a small area that limits their ability forage, find water and walk about freely. This of course puts them at risk of starvation and death which is truly reprehensible as the fence is a human derived obstacle for these animals.

Also, apparently the fence was put in place to appease cattle ranchers. I am aware of the benefits cattle and other ranchers derive, at much reduced cost, on public lands. I have been appalled that the “public's” wildlife have been killed or restrained for private benefit. That is not right.

Please choose Alternative B and allow the Elk to roam free on public lands in Pt. Reyes National Park.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these comments.

Sincerely, Catherine Zimmer, steering committee member

Minnesota Public Lands Coalition

**Correspondence ID: 11886**

These animals need to thrive! Please help!

**Correspondence ID: 11887**

Remove the fence, it is starving the elf, it's cruel and inhumane

**Correspondence ID: 11888**

Please remove the fence and let the elk run free.

**Correspondence ID: 11889**

Please remove the fences and let the Tule elk roam free enough so that they do not starve and die of thirst. Since I lived in San Geronimo, until 2015, I was so aware of the travesty of the fence and the dying herds of elk.

Please let the wildlife free.

**Correspondence ID: 11890**

Dear NPS,

Please remove the fence that is confining the Tomales point elk herd. They deserve t roam free and live their lives .

Thank you,

Sonia Maria Magliocchetti

**Correspondence ID: 11891**

This is ridiculous. Move your fence or bring in water.The government has gotten even more stupid than ever.

**Correspondence ID: 11892**

We need to preserve what we have left

**Correspondence ID: 11893**

As a US taxpayer and landowner I request that you please protect the Tule elk by giving them access to food and water by removing the fence.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11894**

Please remove the fence that prevents Thule Elk to roam freely and find food and water. To intentionally let them starve is unconscionable. We have more than enough cattle in this country - why do farmers always win when it comes to protecting vulnerable species like these elk? Please do the right thing.

**Correspondence ID: 11895**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Save tule elk, not big agriculture.

**Correspondence ID: 11896**

Please take out the fence. All should be able to roam free.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 11897**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

**Correspondence ID: 11898**

Please remove the fence and allow the Tule Elk to feed. The cattle don' need protection from the Elk. As a country we are too focused on cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 11899**

Hello,

Please remove the fence for starving tulk.

Thank you,

Olga Jordan

**Correspondence ID: 11900**

Hello. Please remove the fence so the beautiful Elk can roam free like they are intended. They are starving. Please do the right thing.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11901**

please allow the natuve elk to roam free and remove the fence confining them

**Correspondence ID: 11902**

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**Correspondence ID: 11903**

We have to do much better here!

**Correspondence ID: 11904**

Please remove the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk. Per PETA, " that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water." Thank you so much.

**Correspondence ID: 11905**

Starving these beautiful animals to appease the horrific dairy industry is a crime against nature.

**Correspondence ID: 11906**

Help the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 11907**

Remove the fence and allow elk to graze

**Correspondence ID: 11908**

It's time to take down the fence and allow the tule elk to graze safely and naturally in their native environment. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and diseases, and wastes massive amounts of water. We should be encouraging the survival of native species like the tule elk, who live in balance with their environment.

**Correspondence ID: 11909**

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with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

please remove fences thank you katie

**Correspondence ID: 11910**

Tomalaes Point is the natural habitat of the Tule Elk. Fencing them out of their grazing grounds is tantamount to the massacre of a tribe!

**Correspondence ID: 11911**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

No species deserve to die from starvation due to human interference

**Correspondence ID: 11912**

When I lived in San Anselmo, I often went to see these beautiful animals. The fence is starving and dangerously dehydrating them and must be removed asap.

**Correspondence ID: 11913**

Please remove the fence in the Tomales Point Area so that the Elk have an opportunity to feed. Your fence has already killed enough.

**Correspondence ID: 11914**

Please take down the fence that inhibits elk and wildlife to live their lives naturally

**Correspondence ID: 11915**

The greatness of a nation and its MORAL PROGRESS can be judged by the way it treats its animals.

Re Tomales Point Elk Herd...NPS...tear down that fence!

**Correspondence ID: 11916**

NPS please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11917**

Please remove the fence and allow the elk to move safely.

**Correspondence ID: 11918**

Elk are majestic creatures that are indigenous to specific area in this country - cattle are not. I'm not against cattle, but there needs to be better land management so one species doesn't destroy the other.

**Correspondence ID: 11919**

Please remove the 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11920**

I am pleased to see that you are considering removing the fence. I hope that you decide that it is right to do so.

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It would be a step in the right direction to take down the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 11921**

Please stop letting these beautiful animals die because of your fencing. Let them get to food and water. They were here long before you!

Andrea DuPont

**Correspondence ID: 11922**

Please don't let these animals starve. They deserve the fences taken down. They were there before the cows.

**Correspondence ID: 11923**

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Please consider removing the fence which prevents the elk from grazing nearby seashore land.

**Correspondence ID: 11924**

This is so incredibly cruel!! Ashamed to say that our National Park Association made this decision. Apparently we need a more compassionate board of people voted in. REMOVE THAT FENCE!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11925**

Please protect our public waters and public resources!

**Correspondence ID: 11926**

This fence is not in the welfare of the animal to let them not be able to eat or drink and let them starve its cruel it needs to be removed the outside the environment is the only place for them to run free thank you

**Correspondence ID: 11927**

We live in Estes Park right by Rocky Mountain National Park. We live with elk in our yards, on the roads and in the park. Please support the elk and remove the fence! Let them live free range. Support wildlife not ranchers.

Thanks, K

Kay Rosenthal



**Correspondence ID: 11928**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to voice my support for the removal of the fence at Point Reyes National Seashore. The idea that we are containing native animals while allowing cow raising in a national park blows my mind. Wildlife is a driving force that brings people to our parks. We should be encouraging wildlife protections and growth in our parks, not the use of it as farm land.

I respectfully ask that you move forward with a plan to remove the fence and allow the deer to roam this beautiful park.

Thank you,

Alyson

**Correspondence ID: 11929**

I would like to urge the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. I believe this elk should be free to roam as many as 200 elk already died in one year. 3 miles is not enough space and the elk deserve to be free. There is only 4% left of the animal population is wild and I believe we have a duty to protect what little remains of wild life as we as humans seem to be very destructive. Thank you for the consideration and hope you will do the right thing in this matter. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11930**

Native animals should have priority on public land. Protections should also be required for indigenous predators .

**Correspondence ID: 11931**

Please help the elk who have been dying due to various issues that are solvable!! ALL animals deserve to be treated with respect and kindness

**Correspondence ID: 11932**

We should protect the tule elk and its environment.

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

thank you,

dr .leslie klein

**Correspondence ID: 11933**

Help these amazing animals.

**Correspondence ID: 11934**

The elk are so beautiful and a part of the history and natural animals that should be able to roam free as they always have. Don't let them die because man is trying to control their land. They need to be free !!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11935**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. T Gargiulo

**Correspondence ID: 11936**

Please take down the fence so that the elk can live. They were there before we were. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. With the earth at record high temperatures, more cattle grazing is not what we need.

**Correspondence ID: 11937**

To whom it may concern,

Please remove the fence. The cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Sincerely, Erika Boston

**Correspondence ID: 11938**

Please take down this fence and allow these beautiful animals, gifted from God, the opportunity to eat, live, and thrive on our planet. Our planet is only borrowed while we are here. We mustn't destroy our beautiful animal life and our planet because those few greedy, selfish individuals care more about money than our planet and our wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 11939**

So sad to starve these beautiful animals -- to protect WHAT??? let them roam

**Correspondence ID: 11940**

Wild animals should be allowed to roam free and to live the life God intended them to live

**Correspondence ID: 11941**

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**Correspondence ID: 11942**

NO to cattle grazing in National Parks.

**Correspondence ID: 11943**

Please remove the fence for te starving elk and open up the water supply for them also.Thanks

**Correspondence ID: 11944**

The lives of these majestic elk are in danger. It cannot be true that allowing the to graze beyond the fence barricade is not allowed. They are dying of starvation and thirst. Please take down the fence and let them live

**Correspondence ID: 11945**

Our overall HUMANITY is suffering for our lack of attention to our responsibility as stewards of the natural world which we have subdued and exploited.

**Correspondence ID: 11946**

Take down the fences harming wildlife and permanently remove all the cows.

**Correspondence ID: 11947**

Please remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 11948**

These beautiful animals have called this place home. Natural causes, severe natural causes, should not be the reason that these animals have to die. It seems that it should be state, national, government's cause to help these animals exist in the only home they know. They've been fenced in, with no way out, someone needs to be responsible. Step up to the plate and fix YOUR problem.

**Correspondence ID: 11949**

Take down the fence and free the elk. These animals need to be free to roam

**Correspondence ID: 11950**

please remove the fence constraining the Tomales Point elk. Why this hasn't been done already is a moral outrage.

**Correspondence ID: 11951**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Tule Elk at Pt Reyes. The herd doesn't have adequate food and water in that small area, and over 190 elk died in 2020. This area should not be for the special interest, ranchers. Cattle pollute water, spread e coli, and decimate natural eco systems. It is inhumane to have the Tule Elk confined and starving, please make the decision to remove the fence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Roberta Kessler

**Correspondence ID: 11952**

Nature matters. Humans share this planet & we need to start behaving as such before this planet is barren of nature.

**Correspondence ID: 11953**

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Please REMOVE the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11954**

Please remove the fence.

Thank you,

Dennis Hazen

**Correspondence ID: 11955**

Please let the elk roam free. It's unbelievably cruel to fence them in and cause such beautiful animals to starve to death! Your actions are horrific

**Correspondence ID: 11956**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Hollie Winnard

**Correspondence ID: 11957**

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**Correspondence ID: 11958**

I would every effort to be made to sustain the Tule Elk. I would prefer that the fence be removed so the elk can forage more easily. Additionally, I would like the water sources to maintained at least for a few years until the elk know that they can find other sources of water. I do not want the area to be too expanded to additional tourism. I would like the are to remain as natural as possible Thanks for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11959**

You are supposed to protect the environment and wildlife. Do your job!

**Correspondence ID: 11960**

We need to begin righting a longstanding error in our land management and that is the removal of land from our native fauna in favor of non-native grazing animals that are less effective at sustainably existing on the land and eventually are carted to CAFOs and slaughterhouses. Right now we are subsidizing and inefficient industry that supplies Americans cheap protein that we pay for in taxes and environmental degradation.

Specifically in this case we have an opportunity to prioritize native Tule elk, to return their land to them, let their population flourish and let them manage the grasslands naturally for carbon sequestration and water absorption. When their population is robust we can consider allowing native peoples to sustainably cull for protein. In the meantime humans need to find ways to be more efficient in how we feed ourselves. Starving our native ruminants is neither humane nor smart land management.

**Correspondence ID: 11961**

Please help remove the fence now! The cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11962**

Our once BOUNTIFUL NATION is now nothing but a DEATH TRAP FOR EVERY LIVING THING because OUR HUMAN POLICIES HAVE MURDERED MOTHER NATURE IN ALL HER FORMS. We MUST STOP KILLING EVERYTHING - we MUST SAVE THESE BEAUTIFUL, INNOCENT ELK by REMOVING THE FENCE and ALLOWING THEM A CHANCE to find the FOOD and WATER they MUST HAVE in order to LIVE !!!!!!! LOOK AROUND YOU - EVERYTHING IS DYING - EVERYTHING !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If we want to RESTORE OUR ONCE BOUNTIFUL NATION, WE MUST DO WHAT IS NECESSARY SO THAT ALL FORMS

OF MOTHER NATURE NOT ONLY SURVIVE, BUT THRIVE ONCE AGAIN  
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**Correspondence ID: 11963**

The way this country manages wildlife to cater to grazing interests is despicable,

**Correspondence ID: 11964**

Please, I am urging urging the NPS to remove the fence to allow the Elk to move freely and live prosperously on THEIR RIGHTFUL LAND. THE cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

PLEASE PROTECT THE ELK AND OTHER WILDLIFE ON THIS LAND AND PROVIDE THEIR SAFE HAVEN TO GRAZE AND LIVE.

**Correspondence ID: 11965**

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Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11966**

It's past time to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. What a waste of a beautiful natural area of California.

**Correspondence ID: 11967**

Tule elk should be allowed freedom of range. The current fenced in area is inadequate for the herd.

**Correspondence ID: 11968**

TH NPS allows cattle to graze on public land which degrades the land and water but won't let natural inhabitants, like elk do the same. Raising meat is not sustainable and meat is carcinogenic when cooked. You have your priorities mixed up.. The elk help nature to balance itself.

**Correspondence ID: 11969**

To fence off wildlife and watch them slowly starve is beyond cruel!

Do what's right and treat these majestic animals with humanity and compassion!

**Correspondence ID: 11970**

Remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11971**

The Tule elk are native to this peninsula and I firmly believe they should be allowed to graze and find water without being impeded by an arbitrary and artificial fence.

**Correspondence ID: 11972**

Shame on you

**Correspondence ID: 11973**

This whole issue is disgusting and dispicable. The word RARE should put these elk on a high SAVE LIST! Stop killing innocent animals with INHUMANE practices. If you refuse to be HUMANE you need to stop where you are and get into another like of work. Those one isn't for you. PLEASE MOVE THESE ELK WHERE THEY CAN FINISH OUT THEIR LIVES PEACEFULLY AND WORRY FREE.. THANK YOU.

**Correspondence ID: 11974**

Please remove the fence containing and restricting the movement of the native tule elk. The fence has apparently caused many elk to die of starvation and lack of water and should be removed as soon as possible. It is not right to restrict the elk to an area which cannot sustain them.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 11975**

I eat meat due to having a hard time stopping if i try. But i supplement w substitutes and eat 1 serving a day,

I love all animals, and especially animal diversity. I enjoy the psychology of animals personally as well.

The bible says animals show gods majesty and adorn the earth like jewels. Plastics were a big mistake. We make many and the earth will die because of us, leaving an animal remnant. This earth is theirs.

**Correspondence ID: 11976**

They should be able to roam freely

**Correspondence ID: 11977**

Protect the Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 11978**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

It is the right thing to do

Thank you,

Brian

**Correspondence ID: 11979**

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Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please do all that you can to protect these poor animals -- NOT Big Ag.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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**Correspondence ID: 11980**

For years, elk have been confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore by a 3-mile-long fence. This fence has prevented the elk from access to drinking water and has resulted in the deaths of dozens of them, just this year. Please consider removing this fence.

Sincerely, Scott Tucker

**Correspondence ID: 11981**

I'm contacting you to request that you consider removing the fencing around the Point Reyes National Seashore. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Respectfully yours,

Erika Gesue

**Correspondence ID: 11982**

Please remove the fence to allow the elk to roam free. They are suffering from starvation and death and their population is rapidly declining. If the fence is not removed, their species will become endangered or even extinct.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11983**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11984**

Please, protect native tule elk which are confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore and have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. Please, remove the 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The elk need to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Kind regards,

Maria Petrova



**Correspondence ID: 11985**

I urge the NPS to remove the fence which has caused the death of over 150 elk due to starvation. As you know, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11986**

Please remember that care and support for wildlife are our responsibility . Please remove the fence and let Elk and other animals live safely and respectfully. Our natural resources are also their homes.

**Correspondence ID: 11987**

Please remove the cruel and useless Tule Elk fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. It's time to move beyond this to something more realistic and sustainable.

Amy Burns

**Correspondence ID: 11988**

Remove the fence.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 11989**

Please proceed with the proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

The cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Best regards,

Paul Babbini

**Correspondence ID: 11990**

I am writing to urge the NPS to remove the fence and allow the majestic Tomales Point Elk Herd a chance to survive. This is completely wrong not to remove the fence causing them to die. Give them a chance to live!

**Correspondence ID: 11991**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 11992**

We are NOT more intelligent than nature.

**Correspondence ID: 11993**

Please free the truly elk so that they may survive.

**Correspondence ID: 11994**

Remove the fence, so the elk can graze and don't starve to death. Please do the right thing and help them.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 11995**

PRAYAN END TO ALL ANIMAL ABUSE!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 11996**

My name is Kate. I cannot sit by and hear of the plight of the confined Tule Elk.

So I must speak out on their behalf.

These elk are dying right now due to lack of water and food. They are suffering and starving. Please, please exercise compassion and do the right thing for these majestic creatures. End their confinement. It is within your power to do so now before many more die! This is precious native wildlife that is now wholly dependent on your good sense to help them before it is too late.

**Correspondence ID: 11997**

Please REMOVE the fence and save the elk, not benefit big Ag

**Correspondence ID: 11998**

Please help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 11999**

I'm still struggling to understand why the national park service has chosen ranching over the native environment. No one knows better than your organization that tule elk River almost extinct and now this inhumane treatment is being subjected to them over cattle? Isn't it possible to set an example of positive land-use management, and sharing between nature and

agriculture. Why does the NPS want to set an example of how to do a horrible and inhumane job? Are you asleep?

Please stop the torture of these poor elk and either remove them and placement into another area, or let people feed them and give them water, or get rid of that damn fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12000**

Preserve our wildlife for the sake of humanity and for future generations to be able to see roaming free instead of just a book. It's selfish and ungodly to not value all life.