

Point Reyes National Seashore
Tomales Point Area Plan
Public Scoping
May 2024
Comment Letters 16,001–19,000
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Correspondence ID: 16001

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E. Gazzano

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Get it together down there. Go for a walk. Smell the ocean breezes. Realize what is REALLY valuable in life.

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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Correspondence ID: 16160

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Stop prioritizing the profits of Big AG Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Correspondence ID: 16161

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.

Please let the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 16162

Greetings!

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

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 16163

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Sincerely, ms Nora Coyle

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Please tear down the fence. This is inhuman.

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Sincerely, Ariella Powers

Correspondence ID: 16168

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B - "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fencing and allow elk to roam free in their natural environment.

I'm very glad you've listened to public opinion calling for the removal of elk fencing, as fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas.

The Park Service should never 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."

PLEASE remove the elk fencing in order to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's ecosystems and native wildlife.

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Sincerely, Andrew Woloshko

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Sincerely, Toni Malin-Vale

Correspondence ID: 16171

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Correspondence ID: 16172

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Sincerely, Lynn Wancata

Correspondence ID: 16173

Please remove the fence and let the elk roam free.

Correspondence ID: 16174

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Sincerely, Jesse Sachs

Correspondence ID: 16175

I support Plan B. Take down the Elk Fence.

Correspondence ID: 16176

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.

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

It is inhumane for confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing 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.

Thanks, again

Correspondence ID: 16177

Elk Fence Plan

I have been a resident of West Marin for 30 years. I am against the current Elk Fence Plan. I do not think it is wise to tear down the Elk Fence and let the elk roam. I would like to quote Pt. Reyes resident and lawyer: "Removing the fence and reducing forage available to the cattle would be the death knell for multi-generational dairies in the seashore." " It would be inconsistent with 150 years of history." I think the elk should be removed and taken to the various elk reservations around the country. I think the closest is in Buttonwillow. CA. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely, Mrs. Ana Rodriguez

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Regards, Tom

Correspondence ID: 16180

The elk need to be freed so they can access to water. This lack of access is killing elk. Please do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 16181

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Remove the fence!

Correspondence ID: 16182

Hello, I am submitting this comment to advise that the NPS should prioritize alternative B aka Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area over other management approaches. This approach is much more in line with the point Reyes legislation. Ultimately we need to allow maximum ecosystem and landscape connectivity to help support native species especially as climate change continues to shift temperature precipitation and vegetation practices. Fencing in a herd of ungulates and limiting their access to range into additional habitat diminishing the likelihood of their survival. Native ecosystem relationships including between plants, the landscape and fauna should be encouraged to the maximum extent possible and this is not possible with other proposed options to the same extent. To that extent the use of any and all fences to limit herds to a certain area should be removed to the maximum extent possible. These animals need to be able to roam free. I appreciate the opportunity to comment and the NPS overall work at point Reyes and through the USA. I hope that this agency will make the best decision for the future of this herd by allowing them to roam free and prioritizing preservation of native species and habitat connectivity.

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Sincerely, Miss Hanna Perry

Correspondence ID: 16184

Get rid of fences and stop denying resources to the native inhabitants, the elk and wildlife. The results of enclosing elk is cruel. The word is you have starved and dehydrated your herd to the point they are dying. Let them use the land that is being promoted under the guise of supporting a natural landscape where wildlife can flourish.

It's shameful really.

Please be sincere in preserving nature.

Seems the thing to do is restore the access to resources to the wildlife. Remove the fenced enclosures. So sad to hear about no access to fresh waters.

You know it is bad when you hear a National Park management has directly harmed wildlife health. Terrible news.

You know everyone everywhere is suffering droughts. Have been for a while. You didn't factor something that has been predicted and happening in front of your eyes. Better late than never.

Hope you make decisions to help all wildlife now and thru droughts in the future.

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Sincerely, Koa Kalish

Correspondence ID: 16187

As a concerned citizen, former California resident and hunter, I am asking that the course of action be 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 allow confined, native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park is absolutely 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 aren't a good fit in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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 this and previously mentioned reasons, I am asking the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 16188

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Sincerely, SARAH CARVER

Correspondence ID: 16189

Please protect these animals environment.

All creatures are vital to the sustainability of our planet.

Correspondence ID: 16190

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Correspondence ID: 16191

....I support alternative B,which removes the "Elk Fence".....Protection of the native wildlife and restoration of healthy ecosystems should be the priority at Point Reyes National Seashore.... Remove the fence.....End Cattle operations as soon as possible.

Correspondence ID: 16192

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Sincerely, Aaron Kenna

Correspondence ID: 16194

save the elks!

Correspondence ID: 16195

Please remove the fence that is keeping elk out of Tomales Point. Too many elk have already died. The fence is inhumane as it prevents elk from feeding. This is a national disgrace!!!! Please fix this.

Correspondence ID: 16196

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Correspondence ID: 16197

Free the elk! They are native wildlife and must be given a place to live safely! Free government agencies who are materially influenced by ranchers and farmers to allow private livestock to graze in place of elk. It is immoral and disgusting the government employees are taking bribes! What's wrong with us?

Correspondence ID: 16198

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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: 16199

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.

Correspondence ID: 16200

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Ms. Lori Kensington

Correspondence ID: 16201

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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, Ms. Lori Kensington

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Sincerely, Maria Santibañez

Correspondence ID: 16203

To Whom it may concern,

I endorse plan B. I believe the Elk are an important natural resource and it is the interests of California and all US citizens to continue the steps that been taken to preserve them. I understand that Plan B may hinder local ranchers and I wonder if there is a way to compensate them for such losses.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 16204

First of all, thank you for letting me provide a comment. Please remove the fence and allow the elk to graze. It doesn't make sense for these beautiful animals to starve especially when there is something that would help. Also, they would not do the damage that cattle grazing causes like decimation of the eco system, and waste and contamination of water. I would really like to

read that the fence is gone in the near future. I know the PETA scientists and advocates have been requesting this for a while. Please listen to them and their solid, scientific rationales.

Thanks,

Annie

Correspondence ID: 16205

For Gods sake 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. Humans need to let wildlife alone and quit trying to rearrange Gods work and creations.

Correspondence ID: 16206

Dear NPS staff:

Thank you for receiving and pondering the comments of those of us who love our national parks. You are surely hearing from many folks with the sentiments we are expressing below.

My spouse and I used to spend a great deal of time exploring the wild and conserved lands of California when our children lived there. Point Reyes held a special place in our hearts, though since COVID, we have been unable to revisit this lovely site. We heard that you are considering a removal of the unsightly elk fence at Tomales Point, and have looked at your updated management plan proposal which touches on this issue. It has distressed us for years to see this "wall" in place, more or less to placate nearby private ranches that raise stock. This practice vividly reminds us of the awful trade-offs in north Yellowstone, where despite the science of the situation (no cattle have ever contracted brucellosis from bison), bison continue to be massacred in significant numbers to keep local ranchers happy.

The federal government must buy out these private landowners, and the fence must come down to prevent the inhumane practice of keeping wild elk from nearby water sources and browse. This precious area cannot accommodate small landowners to the detriment of wildlife in a national park that benefits all the rest of us. "Unimpaired:" That is what is required by the NPS mission.

Therefore we would urge you to choose your Alternative B as a future best management practice to better protect the Tule elk... and the Park.

Respectfully,

Linda Andes and Jean-Pierre Georges

Correspondence ID: 16207

As a former park ranger at Point Reyes National Seashore, I strongly urge you to remove the fence at the Tule elk reserve and let the animals roam free. A number of other elk already do roam free and used to pass my residence at D Ranch. NPS should prioritize native animals and their habitat over cattle grazing. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16208

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

Sincerely, Patricia Horvatg

Correspondence ID: 16209

Dear NPS,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern about the current situation regarding the elk population in Point Reyes National Seashore and to urge you to consider the immediate removal of fencing that has been erected in the area.

Point Reyes National Seashore is a place of immense natural beauty and ecological significance. It is home to diverse flora and fauna, including the magnificent Tule elk. I respectfully 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 cruel and unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

I urge you to act in the best interest of the natural environment and the iconic Tule elk by freeing them from the confines of fencing. Let us work together to find a harmonious balance between conservation and the preservation of our natural heritage.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to hearing about positive steps taken to ensure the welfare of the Point Reyes elk and the protection of this unique natural treasure.

Sincerely, CA Sweeney

Correspondence ID: 16210

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Sincerely, Megan Watson

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Sincerely, Bijou Karman

Correspondence ID: 16212

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 stop putting private interests of cattle ranchers above the wildlife in Point Reyes. This place and its natural resources belong to all of us and all of the wild animals that live here. It is no place for commercial enterprise of any kind and if the dairy farms can't live along side the elk and allow them to roam freely, the ranches should go.

Correspondence ID: 16213

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park. I've submitted comments regarding this issue over the past years so you can also revisit those. Jason

Correspondence ID: 16214

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Sincerely, Marisa Erdmann

Correspondence ID: 16215

Thank you for listening. I very much would like the elk to be protected. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn'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 National Park Service should choose 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."

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

Correspondence ID: 16216

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Correspondence ID: 16217

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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.

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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: 16218

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

Sincerely, Brenda Pane

Correspondence ID: 16219

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.

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.

Nancy Scott Cayce

Correspondence ID: 16220

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Thank you.

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Sincerely, Jennifer Salazar

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Sincerely, Karla Ball

Correspondence ID: 16223

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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: 16225

Please allow the elk fence to remain and the farming on Point Reyes to continue.

Correspondence ID: 16226

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Sincerely, christina bohn silva

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Sincerely, Ms Beverly McCauleyp

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Sincerely, Ms. Karen Aiken

Correspondence ID: 16230

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Sincerely, Scott Fleeman

Correspondence ID: 16232

Please remove the fence on the peninsula so the elk can graze and not starve. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16233

Please vote for action B. Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch

It is not acceptable to let a fenced in herd die of thirst and malnutrition.

National Parks should be about protecting wildlife and not cattle ranching.

Herds could be monitored for disease if necessary, but it is unlikely any problem would spread to cattle, The cattle ranching should be phased out anyway as per the original agreements for the Point Reyes area.

Thank-you for reading.

Correspondence ID: 16234

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Sincerely, Ms. Al Hornsby

Correspondence ID: 16235

I strongly support Alternative B. to remove the fences, that are confining the Tule Elk. Further, I hope you will ensure that cattle cannot enter this unfenced wilderness area once the fence is removed. The habitat should also be enhanced/restored once cattle are off the land, and public access/trails, camping and other activities that can be incorporated further into a park wide network.

Hopefully this will lead to management practices that support restoration of coastal prairies & native vegetation, public education and interpretation, all of which will prioritize the threatened wildlife and establish a healthy ecosystem, once cattle have been removed.

Also appropriate would be assessment of climate related impacts on the water resources in the planning area.

Correspondence ID: 16236

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to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Thank you,

Jessica

Correspondence ID: 16237

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

Correspondence ID: 16238

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Sincerely, Barbara Nozzi

Correspondence ID: 16239

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

Sincerely, Mr. Ricardo Gironzi

Correspondence ID: 16240

I appreciate you listening to the massive public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas and wildlife should always be a priority.

I believe the Park Service should choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". I'd like for 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.

Private cattle operations don't belong in Point Reyes, or any national park, and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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 appreciate your time.

Correspondence ID: 16241

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.

However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. Help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Remove the fence. I remind the you that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Correspondence ID: 16242

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park. We need not only to protect the elk but native, biodiverse grasslands and not sacrifice the environmental benefits to be shared by all of us for the sake of some privately held cow herds. That's a terrible trade off. Get with it, please, the parks are not there to promote ranching and the like.

Correspondence ID: 16243

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. Dennis Dougherty

Correspondence ID: 16244

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 entire 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, Michelle Rossini

Correspondence ID: 16245

I strongly support Alternative Plan B - the total removal of the Tule Elk fences. And as a close advisor to the Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin, I would like to share a bit of the perspective on this situation I've learned from them.

The 150-year old ranches the fences purportedly "protect" are not "historic" from the Council's 10,000 year perspective. And the Indigenous Elk should not be kept behind fences to be "managed" and "culled" (i.e., killed) any more than the Council's Ancestors should have been rounded up and confined to the missions, where they were forcefully converted (i.e., "managed") by the priests. (It may also be worth noting it's estimated that as many as about 90% of the people died during this "management" period - not unlike the horrific die-off the elk herd has suffered from climate change-induced drought, and lack of access to water and good forage.)

Fencing is not "thriving" for either people or wild animals. The ranchers received a lot of money for their properties in 1962, and their extended leases were up in 1987. Just like the first colonizers, though, they've been taking advantage of the situation ever since.

It's far past time for both fences and ranches to be gone.

Imagine what the Park could look like if one of its apex species were allowed free range to do its job - aerating the ground, improving the soil, and providing appropriate conditions for native prairie grass to rejuvenate. Then imagine inviting Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin members to participate in welcoming home these relatives by sharing 10,000 years of cultural knowledge and traditional ways with Park visitors.

This is the heritage worth preserving.

Correspondence ID: 16246

Please tear down the fence that blocks the endangered Tule Elk from access to water.

A wilderness area should not have such fences and migratory animals need to be free to seek grazing and water in dry weather.

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area".

I am a conservationist who cares about preserving species richness across America.

Thank you for your time!

Correspondence ID: 16247

Please remove the Tule Elk Fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The National Park Service has collected data and reports that the Tule elk do not have access to enough water or food. They are in distress and many have died as a result.

Cattle do not belong in Point Reyes National Seashore. They are damaging a protected environment. They carry diseases that spread to wildlife. They pollute the land and water in an important wildlife region. The National Park Service should be protecting the wild animals of Point Reyes, not the financial interests of area cattle ranchers.

Correspondence ID: 16248

The National Park Service should choose 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: 16249

I have often hiked at Point Reyes and have enjoyed seeing the wild elk. A National Park should be managed to support the native animals within its boundaries.

Please adopt Alternative B and let the elk roam freely. Private cattle should be grazed on private land not in a National Park.

Thank you for putting natural resources first.

Correspondence ID: 16250

Please, remove of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd!

Correspondence ID: 16251

Please support the elk population.

Correspondence ID: 16252

save all the animals

Correspondence ID: 16253

For the love, please stop letting greedy ranchers dictate what happens on public land. It's your job to preserve these natural areas not destroy them. Think. Please!

Correspondence ID: 16254

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16255

Please let the elk roam and find food. We need to protect their population. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 16256

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 16257

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Correspondence ID: 16258

Hello,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. This is critically important to do!

Thank you

judy tiberi

Butler, PA

Correspondence ID: 16259

Tule Elk are living, breathing creatures that deserve a fair shake in life

Correspondence ID: 16260

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16261

Please leave the elk alone. They have as much right to be here as we do.

Correspondence ID: 16262

Please pass this act.

Correspondence ID: 16263

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Correspondence ID: 16264

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16265

the Tule elk are irreplaceable; please do the right thing and keep cattle ranching permanently away from their space. thank you

Correspondence ID: 16266

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16267

This must stop

Correspondence ID: 16268

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Correspondence ID: 16269

Elk need to freely roam the park and be protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

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Correspondence ID: 16270

Please protect the Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 16271

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Correspondence ID: 16272

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Correspondence ID: 16273

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Thank You!!

Correspondence ID: 16274

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16275

What is wrong with you people? We don't want too support grazing herds that enrich cattlemen. We want to save an enangered species- the TULE ELK. STOP SERVING THE CATTLE RANCHERS!! NO MORE CATTLE GRAZING IN THIS PARK! I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16276

Thanks for protecting our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 16277

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16278

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

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Correspondence ID: 16279

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Correspondence ID: 16280

Save the Elk

Correspondence ID: 16281

i support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

What has been done to these Elk in the park that they have called home is beyond disgusting.

Cows should NOT be allowed to graze on public land and this area needs to have every fence taken down to help the Elk!

Correspondence ID: 16282

We enjoy visiting Point Reyes National Seashore and staying in the area a few times a year. Areas that are used for grazing cattle have lost their natural vegetation and wildlife habitats, in stark comparison to the adjacent cattle-free lands. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and I STRONGLY urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16283

Wildlife is essential for the ecosystem to survive. Please consider: the Point Reyes/Tomales Bay Tule Elk a species brought back from near extinction. It is essential to preserve the vitality of the herds today and not succumb to the profit of a few ranchers - some of whom wouldn't blink an eye if the tule elk joined the ranks of animals now extinct. Know, however, that we the residents of the Bay Area and the many who come to Point Reyes from afar will be duly concerned.

thanks for considering my remarks,

Mya Shone

Correspondence ID: 16284

I would like to see commercial cow grazing at Point Reyes National Seashore cease, and I strongly support removal of the fence that is confining the Tule elk herd.

Correspondence ID: 16285

Please remove the fence!

Correspondence ID: 16286

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16289

Save the Tulle Elk, our leadership is a failure as you have not stepped up to protect these beautiful creatures. You should all be ashamed of the suffering you caused and for your lack of animal protection . The Animals are JUST AS IMPORTANT AS ANY OTHER LIFE. PROTECT THEM.

Correspondence ID: 16290

Ranching interests are not in the best interest of the land or of the people! And everyone is well aware of the detriment cattle and sheep afflict to federal lands. Subsidizing the PRIVATE interest of ranchers is outdated, undemocratic, and embarrassing. Remove the fences and let nature and her subjects reclaim their rightful lands.

Correspondence ID: 16291

Dear Sir/Madam;

I believe private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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: 16292

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Liz Bode

Correspondence ID: 16293

I very much support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. It is ludicrous to believe anything other than absolute, direct, exact, unmistakably clear rules will keep the many human idiots and lunatics from abusing the animals and destroying ecology and natural beauty of the park.

Correspondence ID: 16294

I support the removal of the fence to save hundreds of lives and prevent another extinction of an animal.

Please do the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 16295

The support the proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

Correspondence ID: 16296

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16297

Please protect these beautiful animals. We are stewards of this planet and have an obligation to do what's right for other beings; only then will we truly know peace.

Correspondence ID: 16298

Our failure to protect endangered species is unacceptable. We must protect the environment that sustains these elks. We must do so!

Correspondence ID: 16299

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16300

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Regards,

BIJAN

Correspondence ID: 16301

Please remove the fence!

Correspondence ID: 16302

Elks may not be in our Metro back yards but Americans care!-- way more about these magnificent animals than you may think

Correspondence ID: 16303

The elks needs should be given priority. It's up to ranchers to feed their animals.

Correspondence ID: 16304

Hello NPS,

Thank you for taking the time in reading my input. I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Thank you,

-daniel

Correspondence ID: 16305

This is a long needed decision, elk should not die from thirst and drowning in mud.

Correspondence ID: 16306

Remove the fence. Let the Tule elk roam as they should!

Correspondence ID: 16307

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16308

PLEASE help the TULE ELK! Protect them at all costs!

Correspondence ID: 16309

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the Park.

Correspondence ID: 16310

THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE WILDLIFE AND OCEAN LIFE FROM THESE MURDERING BIG GREEDY CORPORATIONS AND TROPHY HUNTERS AND OTHER DISGUSTING MURDERING MORONS SUCH AS SOCIAL MEDIA BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND MURDERING BIG GREEDY CORPORATIONS AND TROPHY HUNTERS AND OTHER DISGUSTING MURDERING MORONS RESPONSIBLE DESERVE TO BE THROWN SO FAR UNDER A PRISON CELL FOR LIFE NO ANIMALS DESERVE TO BE TREATED LIKE THAT AND ALL ANIMALS DESERVES TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY AND LOVE AND CARED FOR AND FEEL SAFE NOT BRUTALIZED AND TORTURED AND CRUEL AND USUAL PUNISHMENT AND EXPLOITED AND MURDERED FOR PROFIT OR ANY OTHER REASON WHAT A BUNCH OF DISGUSTING AND SICKENING AND HORRIBLE AND BARBARIC AND PATHETIC EXCUSES FOR HUMAN BEINGS AND WHAT A TOTAL DISGRACE YOU'RE ALL DESPICABLE DEGENERATE MORONS

Correspondence ID: 16311

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, Sam Farnworth

Correspondence ID: 16312

Please protect the Elk and their environment. Man is taking over all of our wildlife's protections. Please let them be left alone and their environment.

Thank you,

Cindy

Correspondence ID: 16313

The NPS is not fulfilling their responsibilities of protecting the Tule Elk. A change of leadership and oversight is in need.

Correspondence ID: 16314

All living things deserve respect.

Correspondence ID: 16315

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. Please remove the fence. thank you

Correspondence ID: 16316

Remove the fence! Natural habitat is so much more important than grazing land for cattle.

Correspondence ID: 16317

Please save the Elk!

Correspondence ID: 16318

STOP KILLING OUR ANIMALS. WE NEED THEM.

Correspondence ID: 16319

All wild animals need protecting. no more trophy hunting! there should not be any private land or ranches inside and state or national parks.

Correspondence ID: 16320

Please protect elk and all other wildlife. We need to be good stewards of all animals at all times. Please protect them

Correspondence ID: 16321

Dear Barbara,

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16322

It is cruel to let animals stay penned in rather than their natural habitat and state that will cause them to starve yo death.

There are more umane ways to control populations if need be.

The Elk were hear first and are a beautiful part of our environment

This cruel and heartless method is a blight on your reputation.

Thank you.

Cayla Coleman

Correspondence ID: 16323

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The herd should be free and safe from any danger. Please DO NOT allow any hunting.

Thank you for your consideration

Allen Nadel

Correspondence ID: 16324

I am writing to express my support for Alternative B, which proposes the removal of the fence confining the Tule elk herd. It is crucial to prioritize the preservation of wildlife and their natural habitats. Additionally, I strongly urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing in the area. This will not only benefit the Tule elk herd but also contribute to the overall ecological balance of the region. I believe it is our responsibility to protect and conserve our natural resources for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 16325

i support alternative B to remove the fencing confining the Elk

Correspondence ID: 16326

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16327

The injustice of the innocent & voiceless! All animals deserve to live free from human inflicted suffering!

Correspondence ID: 16328

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

It is time for us to step in and protect these beautiful wild creatures in THEIR environment.

Correspondence ID: 16329

The Elk were in this area before Farmers, they should allow them to return to this area. Cattle should go to the area Elk were.

Correspondence ID: 16330

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Correspondence ID: 16331

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for hearing my opinion on protecting wildlife and removing domesticated herds.

Correspondence ID: 16332

Save the animals from extinction. Save the animals together. Stand together.

Correspondence ID: 16333

Down w/fences!

Correspondence ID: 16334

This surely is a case of cutting off your nose to spite your face. Helping one animal by cutting off food supply to another doesn't really make sense.

Correspondence ID: 16335

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the Park.

Correspondence ID: 16336

Please remove fences in the Tule elk areas. They have suffered enough. Humans need to be mindful & more compassionate toward all wildlife! To deliberately cause dehydration & starvation is beyond cruel!

Correspondence ID: 16337

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16338

TEAR DOWN THIS FENCE!

Correspondence ID: 16339

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Correspondence ID: 16340

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Correspondence ID: 16341

Please take down the fence and protect the elk. That is your job.

Correspondence ID: 16342

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Correspondence ID: 16343

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 16344

It is shameful that you are placing commercial agriculture and grazing rights above the interests of native wildlife. The endangered Tule Elk should be afforded all of the protections entitled them over the interests of ranchers. That this animal barely escaped extinction at the hands of man only to be exposed to threats to its survival in this century due to politics and the economic interests of the ranching industry. It is imperative that the Park Service follow policies that insure the survival of the species as was spelled out in the Endangered Species Act.

Correspondence ID: 16345

Please do all you can to save these magnificent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16346

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16347

I support Alternative B to remove the fencing since Elk are an essential part of the ecosystem. Please do all you can to protect the Tule Elk! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16348

we must save our elk and other species

Correspondence ID: 16349

It is unfair and cruel that these beautiful deer are not allowed to roam free to get food and water. Very sad

Correspondence ID: 16350

Why is the public land that belongs to taxpayers in America being used by private citizens to pad their profits at the expense of wildlife. The land belongs to the elk not some rancher's cows.

Correspondence ID: 16351

It is cruel to not all Tule elk the freedom to roam freely. Get the cattle off of their land,

Correspondence ID: 16352

Please protect the Tule Elk

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16353

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Barbara Wasserman

Correspondence ID: 16354

Please! The elk need their environment preserved!

Correspondence ID: 16355

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The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 16356

I am sick of ranchers rights over wildlife on public lands..as a taxpayer I do not want them to graze livestock on on public land and threaten wildlife..this really makes me very angry.

Correspondence ID: 16357

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16358

remove the fence and allow the tule elk free roaming around the island immediately.

Correspondence ID: 16359

Although I live in poverty I still can feel the pain of a variety of wildlife yet I feel somewhere in the near future all of God's children will feel ecstatic and relieved to witness the aid of all of God's creatures. And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. God helps the poor and the rich and poor help the wildlife . Sincerely, kvj

Correspondence ID: 16360

Please protect the elk.

Correspondence ID: 16361

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park and the elk per the original intentions.

Correspondence ID: 16362

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16363

Support Alternative B!

Remove the elk fencing and stop commercial cow grazing.

Correspondence ID: 16364

Remove the fence that prevents the Tule elk from traveling further in search of food and water.

Correspondence ID: 16365

Please! Do the right thing! Poor animals!

Correspondence ID: 16366

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16367

Please please free the Tule Elk!

Correspondence ID: 16368

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd, and I demand the removal of all commercial cattle grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16369

I support Alternative B to remove the fencing for the
Tule Elk herd. And to restrict the commercial cow grazing.

Correspondence ID: 16370

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The cattle grazing leases were supposed to be finite. The time for putting nature first is now. No animal should be condemned to a human-induced death by starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 16371

I oppose the ranchers who are responsible for the killing of the protected elk. the fences must be removed it is cruel to restrict the tule elk access to water!!!

Correspondence ID: 16372

Leave God's animals alone

Correspondence ID: 16373

Wild animals need a place to live in peace. Please stop prioritizing methane producing cattle and their need to graze higher than the native elk.

Correspondence ID: 16374

Do the right thing. Protect these elk and the land.

Correspondence ID: 16375

Regarding Point Reyes National Seashore, please stop prioritizing commercial interests over nature. Beef is one of the worst things for the planet, using water resources and producing methane, and one of the worst things for human bodies in terms of health. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16376

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to make a plea to your organization to please give the strongest possible protection to the Tule Elk, which is in jeopardy of extinction. They are already endangered and this makes it even more important that they receive the necessary protection to allow them to thrive,

Thank you for your consideration.

Rose L. McCormick

Correspondence ID: 16377

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16378

Protect the elk. Release them from behind the fence so they can get food and water. Elk not cows.

Correspondence ID: 16379

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16380

Please take down the fence. We have seen enough starvation and dying of this native population at the Seashore. The cattle ranchers who were "grandfathered" to the land were never as native as the population of elk that belong there. The damage to the water and soil due to emissions from the cattle ranchers is also horrific. Everything about that beautiful area really has nothing to do with commercial endeavors of a small population of privileged people. National Parks are the domain of the American people - not targeted hand picked people making a living on cheese! The fence is keeping the elk from access to what they deserve - water and plants that they need to sustain themselves. There is no fear of them overpopulating the region...many herds such as the Limantour and Drake herds, stick to their areas...with or without a fence. Please take down the FENCE.

Correspondence ID: 16381

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16382

Please take the darn fences. Please!!

Correspondence ID: 16383

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Correspondence ID: 16384

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16385

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

We are the stewards of the earth for the future.

Thankk you.

Correspondence ID: 16386

I support the removal of the fences for the Tule Elk. This is long overdue.

Additionally, I am totally against any grazing of commercial cows. Please do not allow ranchers to put their cattle here! I am adamantly opposed to that.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 16387

Save them

Correspondence ID: 16388

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16389

Something needs to be done to help this situation

Correspondence ID: 16390

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Do not place the interests of commercial ranching operations over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

Correspondence ID: 16391

The Tule elk were here before us...please remove the fence and allow them to have their needs met to LIVE. Your duty is to protect nature and those whose home it is...please carry out your duty!

Correspondence ID: 16392

I am just back from Abisko Sweden. I have traveled and loved dozens of our National Parks herein the US. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge

the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The degradation of the NP to accommodate the wants of the public is sad and frustrating. I support FAR more open access for the wildlife and FAR less human intervention and access.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16393

WHY ???????

Correspondence ID: 16394

God blessed us to be stewards over animals, mammals do not destroy mistreat this responsibility

Correspondence ID: 16395

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16396

You are protecting dime a dozen cows over wild elk? I thought your first priority was to protect California's wildlife heritage!! Get rid of the cows and give the elks their right to this land. Your actions are outrageous. Are you just shills for the corporations???

Correspondence ID: 16397

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and I urge the removal of all commercial cattle grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16398

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Free the elk!

Correspondence ID: 16399

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16400

To Whom It May Concern,

Please remove the fence at Pt. Reyes National Park that prevents Tule Elk from reaching food and water. Tule elk should be the priority on public lands, not cows. Even though the dairy cows were "grandfathered in", it was assumed that they would eventually be "grandfathered out".

Stock animals do not belong on public lands, no matter what category of public land it is. I have backpacked through Wilderness Areas dodging cow pies from animals that are legally allowed to be there, but really shouldn't be. Public lands are for the American people, not just for ranchers or for any other private business.

Please honor American people by allowing them, me, to enjoy the natural areas as they were intended to be, with wild plants and animals. I don't mind dodging elk poop, but not cow poop.

Thank you.

Val NORDEMAN, Laytonville California

Correspondence ID: 16401

I do not support plan B. Please do not prioritize a livestock ranch over native wildlife. It is already a significant problem where wildlife are displaced for the sake of farming, but wildlife need to be the priority. The proposed updates and killing of elk puts at risk the hard work that was done to preserve the tule elk population. I support plan A to make no changes.

Correspondence ID: 16402

I am in favor of removing the fence that is preventing elk from moving freely where they can access the necessary food and water to survive. Elk are a cherished American species that should be protected by law for conservation purposes. I urge you to consider setting aside commercial interests to do the right thing for our American wildlife and limited, remaining frontier.

Correspondence ID: 16403

Please do your best to make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and please protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 16404

Deer national park service,

Removing the fence in the area under consideration so that The Tule elk can freely roam the park and access the resources they need to protect themselves from dehydration and starvation – is the only reasonable decision that can and should be made in the situation. I am a taxpayer and although I do not live in that area I do visit national parks when I travel. I want to see every effort made with my tax dollars to create and maintain free roaming habitat for any and all wildlife in those areas.

Correspondence ID: 16405

Hello,

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence which confines the Tule elk herd. I am asking for the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

There is a major move away from beef consumption and the newer generations need help in moving towards a more sustainable world of plant based and the natural world returned to the way it works best, sans human interruption.

Thank you for your efforts in this direction.

Correspondence ID: 16406

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16407

PLEASE SAVE THE ELK - ENOUGH!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 16408

Protect Tule elk

Correspondence ID: 16409

Please do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 16410

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16411

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16412

Please rescind your prioritization of commercial cattle over native Tule elk! Indigenous species should not have to compete with invaders for food. National Parks are supposed to be models of this land as nature intended it to be, not as humans have despoiled it.

Correspondence ID: 16413

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. Stop prioritizing ranchers and protect the Elks. They do not belong behind the fence, they should run free in search of food and water.

Correspondence ID: 16414

Please remove the fence and stop the needless death of the Tule Elk. Do not prioritize the commercial ranchers over the wilderness!

Dying of dehydration and starvation is a horrible way to go - please be humane and follow the law, these are federally protected animals!

Correspondence ID: 16415

Caving into ranchers' quest for greed, the tule elk are being marginalized. They were here before cows were, and they want to just live peacefully and naturally. Instead, they are being deprived of their right to exist and to exist well. The NPS MUST care for these already protected animals. Do your job, and do it right!

Correspondence ID: 16416

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Nancy Pointer

Correspondence ID: 16417

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16418

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16419

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. We have been hiking this area for many years & it is so difficult to continue with these Elk suffering.

Correspondence ID: 16420

I would like to state that I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Please consider this

Correspondence ID: 16421

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, Zoë Tollefson

Correspondence ID: 16422

Please let the elk roam freely in the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 16423

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The park is for the native animals as they do not have humans caring for them like cattle. Besides the elk, this illegal fence most likely wrongfully effect other native animals.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16424

Re Calif Tule elk:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16425

Please do all that is needful to protect and sustain the elk population.

Ranchers already get a too-generous deal for grazing national land.

Please do not allow them to interfere with the natural range of elk.

Correspondence ID: 16426

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16427

Please protect California elk. Don't cave in to ranchers.

Correspondence ID: 16428

the elks are an important part of our environment

Correspondence ID: 16429

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16430

Please, take care of nature, they were here before us!!!

Correspondence ID: 16431

To Whom it may concern:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of the commercial cow grazing

from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to this plight of these innocent animals..

For the animals,

Kristy & Jeff Milman

Correspondence ID: 16432

Please stop the insanity. Help the Wildlife !... cows are not the only important species here! Wild mustangs , deer and every other animal is a TOP PRIORITY !

Correspondence ID: 16433

I support Alternative B to remove the fence that confines the Tule elk herd. I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Wendi Swaffield

Correspondence ID: 16434

It is unacceptable that the National Park Service -- which is funded in part by every individual

who pays federal income tax -- is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations over the conservation and protection of public lands and wild, native species. Commercial animal agriculture operations should not be allowed to effectively privatize land by making it inaccessible to native wildlife. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16435

Please protect the Tule elk!

Correspondence ID: 16436

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16437

What you are doing is inhumane and barbaric. I ask you to stop this now and work with animal welfare societies to work out a equitable solution. What you are doing definitely is not.

Correspondence ID: 16438

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16439

These elk are important!

Correspondence ID: 16440

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 16441

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the

hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation created by the National Park Service threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. Profit over conservation in this day and age is reprehensible.

Correspondence ID: 16442

The American people STRONGLY SUPPORT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT -- including HABITAT and MOVEMENT FOR WILDLIFE!!!

Therefore, I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd.

Also, I urge eliminating all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for protecting God's Beautiful Creation -- habitat for Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 16443

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16444

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16445

Protect the elk

Correspondence ID: 16446

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I expect you to support conservation priorities.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16447

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16448

I find it imperative to remove the fencing which confines the Tule elk herd and the removal of all commercial grade cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. How many more elk must die before we honor our duty to them???

Correspondence ID: 16449

All creatures matter to the ecosystem and future generations. Be good stewards of the Earth.

Correspondence ID: 16450

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16451

I believe that the existing fencing should be removed so that the Tule Elk will be able to drink water and eat the grass on the other side of the fence. I think that it is not right that dairies should be allowed on preserves that are set aside to keep the natural setting. The Tule Elk are having such a hard time surviving the way things are set up now. Please remove the fencing. And if the dairies still want to stay, the cows can co-mingle with the Tule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 16452

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, maria Einaudi

Correspondence ID: 16453

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 16454

Hello!

Please finally remove the fence.

Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

thank you.

cathy elizabeth levin

Correspondence ID: 16455

SAVE, PROVIDE, & PROTECT THE ELK & OTHER WILDLIFE!

Correspondence ID: 16456

Save the elk

Correspondence ID: 16457

Wildlife over ranchers on National Wildlife Preserves! It is outraged the elk are fenced off from accessing water and food to subsidize ranchers! DO YOUR JOB AND FOR WHICH MY TAXES ARE INTENDED... TO PROTECT NATIONAL PARKS AND THEIR INHABITANTS!

Correspondence ID: 16458

I SUPPORT HELPING the TULE Elk!

I STONGLY SUPPORT Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16459

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16460

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16461

nowadays everything needs help, everything is poluted, depleted, restricted, comodified and expendable. so why not help the tule elk, they deserve it as much as any species, and certainly more than us humans with our inhumane regard for other species and the world at large. help them.

Correspondence ID: 16462

NPS, it is your responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead you're prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

I can't believe you need told to do your job, but DO YOUR JOB! Stop taking money under the table and do you f'ing job! Stop being so pathetic and fulfilling your duties.

Correspondence ID: 16463

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16464

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16465

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and respectfully request the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 16466

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Haven't we destroyed enough natural land and animals , it is time to reverse course and stop making money and humans the only animals that win!

Correspondence ID: 16467

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

I'm not sure how the government would finds it acceptable to allow the Tule Elk to suffer and perhaps risk extinction. There are enough cows in the world and unfortunately they too are mistreated I realize this is all about money. I hope you truly consider removing the fence.

Sincerely Gwendolyn Torres

Correspondence ID: 16468

Why is the NPS favoring the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions. Allow the elk to live and roam freely.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

This is a betrayal of your mission.

Correspondence ID: 16469

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16470

Please allow the elk to roam free with no fence.

Correspondence ID: 16471

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16472

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. Please remove all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to properly protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16473

Hi,

We are losing the planet's biodiversity and need to do everything to protect wildlife.

Please free the elk! We need to protect Point Reyes for native wildlife. The cows don't belong to Point Reyes.

Our children's future is a critical priority over ranchers' short-thinking.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Christel Markevich

Correspondence ID: 16474

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16475

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Correspondence ID: 16476

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

Sincerely, Ms. Daysha Touchstone

Correspondence ID: 16477

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park..

That will protect these defenseless animals. They were there way before us!

Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 16478

Cattle have survived jointly with wildlife for many years. However, ranchers in all parts of the country have supported their livestock with grain, hay, silage, haylage, you get the point right. If me and other farmers and ranchers can take care of our livestock without interfering and starving wildlife, surely these people can do the same for their animals. Why set these elk up for starvation, dehydration, extinction? Get rid of fencing.

Correspondence ID: 16479

Tule elk are protected by law.

The fence interferes with their free movement and grazing challenges with their survival. Federal land must not be rented to private farm animal industries at the expense of protected wild animals.

Please remove the fence and keep cows off of our public land.

Correspondence ID: 16480

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16481

My family and I support the removal of the fencing that is confining the Tule elk herd from roaming freely to forage for food. It would be shameful to lose animals due to starvation after the success of bringing their numbers back up. I hope that the commercial farming will be removed as well. It is more important to preserve Point Reyes National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 16482

Save tule elk remove the fence and let them free

Correspondence ID: 16483

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16484

Please do not bring those beautiful elk to the brink of extinction. Every animal is a necessary and vital part in order to maintain a balanced ecosystem.

Be kind to them by protecting them. We, as a people, need to protect all of our wildlife. Without wildlife, we would be extinct.

Correspondence ID: 16485

We support “Alternative B” to remove the fence confining the, Tule elk, herd and urge the removal of, all, commercial, cow grazing from “Point Reyes National Seashore” to protect the Park from manure pollution!

Our family is submitting a comment to make certain that the elk can, freely, roam the park and protect them from, future, starvation and dehydration. Our family supports “Alternative B” which is the, proposed, action to, finally, remove the fence! The “NPS” has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected, wild species but is, instead, prioritizing, commercial, animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and, public, lands!

Though the elk are protected by law, the “National Park Service” is prioritizing the interests of, commercial, ranching operations — who lease a portion of this, public, land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence! Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020, alone, during, drought, conditions!

Tule elk are a, native, California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800's. They, now, number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but, their, current, situation threatens their population once again!

Correspondence ID: 16486

We ask that you be a good steward for the Tule elk. They'll have none better. They need you.

It's possible to co-exist and have both rancher and deer win. This can be a win-win situation.

Correspondence ID: 16487

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16488

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16489

Protect our wildlife before it is gone

People depend on your help and nature does too. Thanks for listening.

Dave

Correspondence ID: 16490

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16491

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species, but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. That must stop! Remove fencing on public lands!

Correspondence ID: 16492

IT'S PAST TIME TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT WHEN IT COMES TO THE ENVIRONMENT. THE BEST WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS STOP KILLING AND DESTROYING OUR PLANET AND THE COHABITANTS THAT SHARE IT WITH US. SHOW COMPASSION AND EMPATHY.....IT'S TIME!!!

Correspondence ID: 16493

Point Reyes National Seashore deserves to benefit from the permanent removal of any & all commercial cattle grazing.

The Tule elk herd would radically benefit from being able to return to roaming freely as wild animals .

Thank you for giving this important matter your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 16494

Please help the elk population. Thank you!!!

Correspondence ID: 16495

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16496

no cattle on NPS land

Correspondence ID: 16497

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16498

As a lifelong Californian who has visited Point Reyes over the years, I voice my concern over the non-preferential treatment the Tule elk receive vis-à-vis cattle grazing on national parkland. Tule elk should be treasured, they are endemic in California and deserve to live their lives free from confinement behind fences. To that end, I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16499

Please vote in favor of Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. We should remove all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore. We want to protect this beautiful park and natural wildlife before it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 16500

I support alternative B to remove the fence confining the elk. Let them roam free as they should. And remove commercial cow grazing to protect the park and shore.

Thank you for allowing my comment.

Correspondence ID: 16501

Please allow the Tulle Elk to roam freely so that they may sustain themselves and live.

Correspondence ID: 16502

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Dear Terry,

May I remind this saged body of conservators of the heady responsibility in keeping and supporting the Tule Elk, a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the edges of extinction following a population decline to near-zero during the 1800s. Now, numbering in the hundreds — a laudable conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again, as well as the habitat that supports them.

I reiterate, “Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.” This is negligence and carelessness as well as very poor application of the role of conservation. NPS has a honorable responsibility to conserve and care for and sustain protected wild species, and should not instead be prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests and cronyism over the needs of wildlife and public lands, and their sacred honor.

Correspondence ID: 16503

I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park and support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd.

Correspondence ID: 16504

No comment

Correspondence ID: 16505

Please remove fencing so that elk may thrive as well as the cattle. These majestic creatures deserve the right to live! Although I live a distance from your beautiful area. I would love the opportunity for my children and myself to view these endangered creatures in their own healthy habitats. A thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16506

Tear down the fence now that is killing magnificent Tule Elk!!!

Correspondence ID: 16507

The NOS is prioritizing commercial and agricultural interests over the very survival of the Tule elk population. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Don't bring this precious species to the brink of extinction once again!

Correspondence ID: 16508

This is in regard to the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. The elk are confined to an area that is fenced in which prevents them from being able to roam the park freely to get food and water. Consequently, many of the elk have died from starvation and dehydration. Please remove the fence immediately to stop the deaths of the elk and to stop bowing to the cattle ranchers who use a good portion of the land for cows. The elk are supposed to be protected by the NPS but this doesn't look like protection to me.

Correspondence ID: 16509

Please stop animal cruelty. Animals should be protected by law!

Correspondence ID: 16510

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16511

Please, help the elk.

Correspondence ID: 16512

I have visited Point Reyes and the memory has stayed with me. I always support wildlife welfare over agricultural/commercial grazing from cows, sheep, cattle. Please remove the fencing that prevents the Tule elk from reaching more and better food sources. These native fauna deserve more respect and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 16513

Ptsd or mental health are not cured by killing animals to extinction if you are bloodthirsty seek help being trigger happy 😊 is a mental health problem

Correspondence ID: 16514

Please tear down the fences so the Elk can roam for food and water.

Correspondence ID: 16515

Keep it up!

Correspondence ID: 16516

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16517

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16518

I couldn't bring my family to the area for our annual vacation unless I knew this thing had been resolved.

Correspondence ID: 16519

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16520

Really NPS? Torturing tule elk for the benefit of the cattle industry?

Correspondence ID: 16521

Please make sure these elk can freely roam the park and that they are protected from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 16522

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and furthermore, recommend the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16523

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. Patricia Salazar Luna

Correspondence ID: 16524

Please remove the fence. And make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 16525

I am asking you to prioritize wildlife over cattle, which are not native wildlife

Correspondence ID: 16526

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and sincerely urge the removal of all the commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to add protection to the park.

Thank you for your help and attention to the plight of these majestic, innocent animals.

Sincerely, Belinda Collins

Correspondence ID: 16527

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals. DO IT FOR THE ANIMALS
DO IT FOR KINDNESS!

Correspondence ID: 16528

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Sincerely, Ms. Patricia Salazar Luna

Correspondence ID: 16529

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16530

I ask that you please protect our beautiful Tule Elk. I remember seeing them as a child and it was such a delight to my family to see they were protected.

Please don't allow the ranchers to take over. Please protect them for future generations,

Thank you,

Janet Geren

Correspondence ID: 16531

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16532

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16533

As an environmental scientist I strongly support and urge you to support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd immediately and urge the removal of all commercial, non native cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16534

I support the removal of the fence that is confining the Tule elk herd. I do support Alternative B to remove the fence and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16535

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16536

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16537

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s.

The elk are protected by law, do not prioritize the interests of commercial ranching over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species.

Remove the fence so that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16538

I support Alternative B. Please use Alternative B to remove the Tule Elk fence which has confined the herd. I urge all removal of commercial cows grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16539

All living things deserve to be happy, healthy and free. Protect the elk!

Correspondence ID: 16540

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16541

I support removing the fence confining the Tule elk herd in a small area without sufficient food and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the beautiful park. The Tule elk have suffered so that cattle can use the land to graze. It is an unbalanced ecosystem that favors rancher's interests over survival of Tule elk. They both deserve sufficient area and one should not be selected to live over the other.

Correspondence ID: 16542

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16543

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16544

Dear National Park Service

Please save the Tule Elk. They are magnificent mammals and deserve our protection, not only for the elk, but for ourselves and for future generations to be awed by them.

Please remove the fence, and then feed and water the elk so that their current deterioration does not progress.

We know that our national government respects these animals. We ask that you use the authority of the federal government to preserve these wonderful animals.

Sincerely, Paul Herbst

Correspondence ID: 16545

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16546

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank You!

Correspondence ID: 16547

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16548

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16549

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

This action will allow them to roam freely and not suffer from starvation or dehydration. No animal should have to suffer to support the meat industry. Soon we will have, hopefully, lab grown meat, and the destruction caused by the cattle industry will terminate.

Although I do not live in California, I have closely followed the sad plight of the tule elk. I found it hard to believe that the commercial cattle industry would allow these animals to suffer. What a shame.

Correspondence ID: 16550

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The Tule elk deserve to be there and live without fencing. The cows are not wild and do not belong there.

Please put nature and the land before profit.

Respectfully,

Marina Barry

Correspondence ID: 16551

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park

Correspondence ID: 16552

Dear National Park Service

Please protect these native elk
in California and allow them access
to water and food as they have for
hundreds of years. It is the American
thing to do.

Thank you.

Sincerely

William S. Backa

Correspondence ID: 16553

Keep these elk safe

Correspondence ID: 16554

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals

Correspondence ID: 16555

These majestic creature should have full access to roam in their known territory. As it has done in the past, free of fences put up by man. Open areas are important for the betterment of all in the Eco-system.

Correspondence ID: 16556

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16557

YOUR JOB IS TO PROTECT THE WILDLIFE DO YOU NEED A RE-FRESHER COURSE IN HOW TO DO YOUR JOB???? Stop catering to the livestock, ranchers and who is in who's pocket???

Correspondence ID: 16558

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The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 16559

You must do the right thing here for the elk.

Your attitude has been s as palling.

To lock them up where they have no access to good or water... that's inhumane.

I grew up on a cattle ranch in North Dakota.

My father and grandfather would have been appalled at this.

As am I.

Correspondence ID: 16560

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16561

The elk are suffering and dying in an inequitable manner. The fact that grazing leases end up limiting the natural life of wildlife is terribly wrong and this needs to be corrected. As a taxpayer my comments deserve attention. Wildlife should have their rights protected.

Regards,

Linda

Correspondence ID: 16562

I support Alternative B to 1) remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and 2) the removal of all commercial animal (cow, goat, pig, llama, etc.) grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to 3) protect the parks plants, wildlife, creeks and streams from degradation, pollution and summary execution.

Removal of the fence will also allow the tule elk to roam freely and mate with a wider selection of animals which will genetically strengthen all of the herds.

The true business of the NPS at Point Reyes/Tomales Point National Seashore is to preserve, restore and protect the habitat and wildlife, NOT collecting grazing fees from nearby ranchers.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of this park and these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16563

Forget the cattle

Correspondence ID: 16564

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park

Correspondence ID: 16565

Alternative B is a great plan. I urge you to remove that fence that is confining the Tule Elk ASAP.

I am also in great favor of removing all of the commercial cow grazing. It will do a great job of protecting and preserving Point Reyes National Seashore Park.

Thank you for your generous attention to the plight of these beautiful and innocent Elk. Nature needs our help now, more than ever before.

Respectfully,

Gerald Hallead

Correspondence ID: 16566

Please allow the Tule Elk to have a larger area to search for desperately needed food and water. Right now they are enclosed inside a fence, and 150 or more Tule Elk died in 2020 because they were enclosed behind a fence where they could NOT get out in search of food and water, which they had run out of behind the fence they were in.

Tule Elk are protected. So, why are you being so cruel and inhumane to them, as to allow 150 of them to die in 2020 because they ran out of food and water? How would you feel, as an

individual, if you personally ran out of food and water? You would want someone to help you find it. So, please, remove the fencing that allows a cruel and inhumane death to the Tule Elk, and allow them to roam in a humane way, and allow them to live as the wild animals that they are. Thank you.

Sincerely, Susan Hildreth

Correspondence ID: 16567

The problem with the elk has been going on for a very long time, much too long. The animals are apparently suffering and quick action needs to be taken to help and protect them.

Correspondence ID: 16568

PLEASE SUPPORT Alternative B to remove the fencing confining the Tule Elk! No more commercial cow grazing!

Correspondence ID: 16569

It is not for us humans to determine what species shall continue to survive and which will become extinct. Will we ponder in the future that we made this world less because we did not value all that exists?

Correspondence ID: 16570

Get your heads out of your asses, take off your MAGA hats, and do your jobs.

Correspondence ID: 16571

Dear Anita,

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

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The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

ACT NOW

The NPS is accepting public comments until September 25 on its proposed action to finally remove the fence. Submit a comment today to make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Visit the National Park Service site to submit your comments. You may wish to say something like the sample comment below, but remember, personalized messages are the most effective!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16572

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16573

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16574

We've seen record profits by ranchers all the way up to the corporate grocery stores. Why are we still giving this industry subsidies and special treatment? Please give wild Elk the full area they deserve instead of spending our tax revenue on an industry that's already taking advantage of the American people. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 16575

Save them

God Bless Elk

Correspondence ID: 16576

Please remove the fence and let the elk survive. No animal should be left to die of dehydration and starvation under any circumstances, especially when there is something that can be done about it. Please remove the fence and help the poor elk.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16577

Wild life should be protected in their natural environment. Their well-being should not be jeopardized for the interests of private interests

Correspondence ID: 16578

Please help

Correspondence ID: 16579

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Elk should not be confined. They are wild animals and need freedom of movement to live their lives as they see fit given climate change unpredictability (e.g. drought).

Correspondence ID: 16580

STOP! DO NOT KILL THE TULE ELK IN PT REYES OR ANYWHERE IN CA!!!!

Correspondence ID: 16581

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elke herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16582

Please Allow more land for the Elk, remove the fencing that prevents Elk from more land and water.

The Elk will be on the endangered list if they die from lack of food and water.

Correspondence ID: 16583

I DO HOPE MR. QUINTERO IS WISE ENOUGH TO REMOVE THE FENCE THAT IS BLOCKING FULL ACCESS FOR THE TULE ELK. I UNDERSTAND A PORTION OF LAND ON TOMALES POINT WAS LEASED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH CATTLE. TULE ELK ARE FOUND ONLY IM CALIFORNIA, AND THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH ROOM AVAILABLE. THEY MUST BE PROTECTED!

Correspondence ID: 16584

The Tule are a very important and threatened species and it is necessary to have a sustainable population in order to have a well functioning ecosystem. Please protect them!!

Correspondence ID: 16585

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

PROTECT the Tule elk NOW!! This is THEIR land! Keep for pofit ranchers and their cows and sheep off my tax paid for public lands!

Correspondence ID: 16586

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these majestic animals.

Correspondence ID: 16587

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16588

Please show compassion to the Tule Elk. They deserve to live in freedom like all our wildlife!

For this reason, I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd.

I also urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Marie Macaspac

Correspondence ID: 16589

Please continue to protect, provide and take care of these precious elks. They were created by God and given to us to enjoy and not abuse them! Thank you, Cindy from Rhode Island 9/19/23

Correspondence ID: 16590

Please provide sanctuary for all animals in the area

Correspondence ID: 16591

Please Help the Tule Elk and other wildlife no matter what project you're looking at. It's our wildlife and their future I'm most concerned with.

Correspondence ID: 16592

TAKE DOWN THE FENCE!

Correspondence ID: 16593

It is to my knowledge that this is a park that belongs to the citizens of the United States. IF so WE SHOULD be protecting the total park for our citizens to enjoy the wildlife that is present. the park service should control the whole park. Any Grazing contracts should not be renewed. at the expense of the park animals,

Correspondence ID: 16594

Elk should be free to graze in our National Parks. They should not die of thirst or starvation. The cattleman would NOT want to die like that!

Correspondence ID: 16595

Elk need to be protected.

Correspondence ID: 16596

Please allow that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 16597

I am writing because I am concerned about 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.

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 definitely 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. This is inhumane to say the least.

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

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

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 your consideration in this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 16598

Leave the elk alone

Correspondence ID: 16599

Please help toll elk and others in national parks

Correspondence ID: 16600

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 16601

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16602

We must save the rule elk!

Correspondence ID: 16603

Please help elk

Correspondence ID: 16604

Remove the fence and let the Elk run free. How is it right to cause these poor animals to starve and/or die due to dehydration because of your actions? You need to remember these animals are losing their freedom which is a natural part of their life. These animals must remain protected and with that fence you are closing the door on their pain and suffering. Put away your greed and do the right thing for these Elk and for their future.

I trust you will do the right thing. Let common sense prevail.

Paula Herzog

Correspondence ID: 16605

Stop

Correspondence ID: 16606

Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative B that removes the fence barrier confining the precious Tule Elk herd.

In addition, I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The Tule Elk should have priority over domestic cattle.

Sincerely, Barbara Conwell

Correspondence ID: 16607

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16608

The fence needs to come down. Elk and other animals need to be able to get to food and water.

Correspondence ID: 16609

I DEMAND ALL ANIMALS LIVE SAFE AND FREE FROM HUMAN INTERFERENCE AND SELFISHNESS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITATS! I DEMAND ALL LAWS PROTECT ALL ANIMALS LIVES AUTOMATICALLY WITHOUT THE NEED FOR A PETITION! I DEMAND SWIFT AND SEVERE AND IMMEDIATE PUNISHMENT FOR ANY DESPICABLE DISGUSTING GREEDY SELFISH SUB HUMAN PIECES OF SHIT WHO HURTS MAMES ABUSES EXPLOITS OR KILLS ANY ANIMALS!

Correspondence ID: 16610

Fences for animals don't make good neighbors. They will never be able to move away.

Please prevent this from happening.

Thank you

Robin Morgan

Correspondence ID: 16611

I hope you will remove the fence confining Tule elk at Reyes National Park and discontinue prioritizing commercial cow grazing over conserving the elk herd. The elk belong on park land, not the cows. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 16612

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 16613

Please remove the fence to protect the Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 16614

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16615

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Tule elk have been dying from both hunger and thirst all due to various morons' idea of containment and control in order to maintain their fantasy ideals of padding their "black hole" pockets and loving their profits. This has resulted in the murders of animals who have been long-time residents on their chosen lands, possess an innate drive to protect their lives, their families, and their natural habitats. Yet, it appears it has been an impossible feat for any current dominant "leaders" to come up with an intelligent and logical plan for natural guardianship of these animals, who have lived longer on these lands than the greedy, idiotic, destructive and so-called "intelligent" species. .

I hope your intelligence provides you with an iota of consideration for the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16616

enough is enough let the cattle roam on their own property. Stop taking over the land that is for ELK, MOOSE DEER, AND EVEN BEAR. STAY ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY...STOP TAKING OVER LAND THAT IS FOR AMERICA WILDLIFE AND NOT CATTLE.

Correspondence ID: 16617

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16618

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Take down the fence let the elk roam free

Correspondence ID: 16619

Animals are GODS creations and therefore, we need to protect them from evil humans and govt. agencies that want to kill all wildlife including bears, deer, cougars, wild horses, feral pigs, wild donkeys, foxes, coyotes, wolves, etc. These agencies are using our tax money to kill all of the animals that roam our great country! They should be going after the real evil which are poachers, trophy hunters and evil humans that abuse, torture and kill animals inhumanely for any reason! Stop killing the animals and protect them at all and any costs PERIOD! Animals deserve to live free and free from harm!!

Correspondence ID: 16620

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16621

Ditch the cows; tend to the elk. As a former resident of Inverness, and having traveled the world, I have to say that the PR elk preserve is my favorite place on the planet. COWS YOU CAN GET ANYWHERE.

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 16622

Please take down the fence that prevents the Tule elk from accessing enough food to survive.

Correspondence ID: 16623

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The purpose of protected wild areas is to also preserve the natural fauna and flora of the area. Domestic livestock do not belong in these areas.

Correspondence ID: 16624

We need to do more to save the Tule Elk---we are killing our world and everything in it.

Correspondence ID: 16625

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Take down the fence ... let the elk roam free!

Correspondence ID: 16626

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16627

we must protect our wild species and biodiversity EVERYWHERE. this should not be a political battle with ranchers and big AG.

If we destroy nature, we destroy ourselves. FULL STOP.

Correspondence ID: 16628

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 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. Teresa Lawson

Correspondence ID: 16629

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.

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, Ayeen Telopa

Correspondence ID: 16630

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 16631

Let's save wildlife before everything is gone

Correspondence ID: 16632

please take care of all animals they need us, and we need them. they dont deserve for us to ever not be there for them. these precious creatures need us so much

Correspondence ID: 16633

Take down the ridiculous fences, quit confining and let these WILD elk live their lives in their wide open habitat!!

Correspondence ID: 16634

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16635

This is just wrong!

Correspondence ID: 16636

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PROTECT THESE RARE, AMAZING TULE ELK & LET THEM ROAM AS THEY NEED TO FOR THEIR SURVIVAL!! Thank you!!

Correspondence ID: 16637

Please protect the Tule Elk - not just the farmers. Figure out how we can all get what we need. At this point the Elk have suffered more than us.

Correspondence ID: 16638

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Tule elk have suffered unnecessary losses because of the fence and the commercial grazing, and face once again the threat of extinction. Please allow them to move freely so they can have access to resources necessary for their survival.

Correspondence ID: 16639

No Comment

Correspondence ID: 16640

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16641

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16642

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16643

N/A

Correspondence ID: 16644

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service is obviously prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions. If there had been no fence the elk could have ventured out farther to find food instead of being confined to, and starving in, a barren, drought-ridden area. The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. Elk should not be confined behind a fence, especially since that means limited food sources for them.

Correspondence ID: 16645

Protect these elk

Correspondence ID: 16646

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16647

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16648

stop the torture!

Correspondence ID: 16649

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16650

Please take down the fencing & allow the Tule to graze & get water as they need to do to survive. Domestic animals are killed, used by people & repopulated over & over.

Give the wild animals the land they deserve to live out their natural lives & repopulate to save their species

Sincerely, Susan Kay Brownlowe

Correspondence ID: 16651

Please free the Tule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 16652

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16653

This Is Public Land And Is Intended For The Protection Of Wildlife.

It Is NOT Private Land For Private Use At A Discount By Ranchers.

The Wildlife Must Be Released So They Can Live As Wildlife And

Be Free To Find Food & Water As Needed . It Is Obvious That Those

Who Have Confined Them Have NOT Provided for Them So Release

Is Mandatory & Those Who Confined Them Must Be Made To Pay

For Their Negligence Resulting In Loss Of Members Of A Protected

Species . Get This Done NOW ,Please ! Thank You .

Correspondence ID: 16654

As a former resident of California for 30 years, I have been very concerned about what is happening to the Tulle Elk in Tomales Point.

Putting profit over their lives is unacceptable. We don't need more cattle! The Elk, on the other hand are a native species in the area.

Take down the fences so they don't starve.

Thank you,

Lori Koon

Correspondence ID: 16655

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16656

Leave the elk alone!!

Correspondence ID: 16657

Please choose alternative B. Get rid of the fence. Protect wildlife, not the interests of commercial animal agriculture (which, as we all know, has myriad detrimental consequences for the planet).

Protect the elk. Let them roam freely. Get rid of the cattle.

Correspondence ID: 16658

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. It is unacceptable the elk have been cut off from water sources needed for their survival during these times of persistent drought.

Correspondence ID: 16659

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16660

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, Rose De danann

Correspondence ID: 16661

I urge you to consider removing the fence confining the elk herd. The herd is harmed by having it there and they are suffering serious physical effects by not being able to roam freely. I also urge you to remove cow grazing on the property, which is having harmful effects. I appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 16662

I support removing fences to allow wild elk to roam throughout the park to secure food and water

Correspondence ID: 16663

Let the elk roam enough to have enough land to graze and water. No animals should die due to man made restrictions!

Correspondence ID: 16664

Please remove the fence. Help the starving Elk.

Correspondence ID: 16665

Hello there,

Regarding the elk, it's not natural for any wild animal to be confined from free roaming so as to feed themselves, preventing them from using their instincts to survive is inhumane. Human kind can't keep interfering in the natural environment, we should be more balanced in how we live on this planet.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16666

Remove the cows and start protecting the Tule Elk which is the mandate of the NPS. Might be worthwhile to follow the money to see why this has been going on in the first place.

Correspondence ID: 16667

I appreciate the quality products that the family farms provide.

I am hoping that their rights will also be taken into consideration.

Having safe organic food benefits many far beyond Marin County.

I also enjoy visiting the parks in the area.

Correspondence ID: 16668

I agree that the fence should be removed. The NPS should not be in the business of selling land to be developed, I thought that that was their purpose

Correspondence ID: 16669

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16670

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Summer Kozisek

Correspondence ID: 16671

Please let the tule elk roam. We don't need to eat meat. We don't need to eat dairy. We need to respect mother Earth, and let wild animals live. Take down the fences.

Correspondence ID: 16672

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Elizabeth Sipos

Correspondence ID: 16673

Dear Wildlife Service,

I'm writing to you about elk. The Tule elk need your help!

Sincerely, Sofia

Correspondence ID: 16674

Do the humane thing and free the elk.

Correspondence ID: 16675

these are all God's creatures.

Correspondence ID: 16676

Save the elk

Correspondence ID: 16677

Please remove the fencing that's currently confining the Tule elk herd; and please prohibit cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore Park. This will protect the park itself and also give Tule elk access to the resources they need to survive. Cattle ranchers can purchase food for their cows; but Tule elk rely on the park's resources. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 16678

Pls stop letting these animals die a horrible death

Correspondence ID: 16679

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16680

Protect our most vulnerable places and the wildlife therein.

Correspondence ID: 16681

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16682

I agree.

Correspondence ID: 16683

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16684

It is long past time for you to protect the tule elk! It is disgraceful that you have still not taken any action to protect these beautiful animals!

Correspondence ID: 16685

please open fence so that they can roam and survive.

Correspondence ID: 16686

Start protecting wildlife not ranchers profits

Correspondence ID: 16687

I support your proposed actions to remove the fencing on public lands in order for elk to travel unimpeded as the search for food/water. While, the needs of ranchers for grazing is important, surely solutions can be found that will allow the ranchers to engage in their trade while protecting other animals to live off the land as well. I believe that the meaning of public land is that it is a refuge of sorts for all wild animals and thus as holders of this public land it is your agency that must oversee that the land is truly a refuge and is not dominated by one faction.

Correspondence ID: 16688

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please remove the fence that confines the Tule Elk so that they can freely roam the park in search of food and water. Too many elk, 150+, died from starvation and dehydration last year. The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wildlife species but is instead prioritizing "Big Ag" interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kindly,

Celeste Orwat

Correspondence ID: 16689

I am outraged that the National Parks Service (NPS), whose job it is to protect wildlife, is planning on confining the Tule Elk in a fenced in area while giving priority to commercial ranching operations. The Tule Elk were almost extinct. The current situation threatens their population once again.

These animals are protected by law by the NPS but the NPS are prioritizing the interest of the commercial ranchers and putting the Tule Elk behind a fence which will restrict their ability to search for food and water. More than 150 Tule Elk died in 2020 during drought conditions. If they are very restricted they will even have less access for the ability to obtain food and water.

This is unacceptable. Our tax money is going to pay the NPS to protect wildlife not the interest of commercial ranchers. I urge you to reconsider and allow the Tule Elk to roam free. It is a priority to protect these majestic animals.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16690

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16691

Please remember that your responsibility is to save the wildlife. Not to contribute to commercial enterprises, which could be taken care of other means. Please let these beautiful creatures roam free so that they don't become extinct and we don't have to go through this fighting again. They were here first not the cattle respect their heritage.

Sincerely, Hollyhoting member of the national parks foundation and an active donor to NPS.

Correspondence ID: 16692

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16693

Please help save the elk by limiting grazing cattle in their pastures. We have lost so many natural animals, please take care of them.

Correspondence ID: 16694

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. This park needs to remain focused on the wildlife and not prohibit the animals from being wild.

Thank you

Brian

Correspondence ID: 16695

As past President of the PSPCA, Animal Advisory Committee for the City of Philadelphia, and VP of ACCT, Philadelphia, I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk Herd, I also suggest the removal of commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for considering my suggestions for these incredible animals.

Sincerely, Valerie Ogden

Correspondence ID: 16696

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

These poor innocent animals have no choice when it comes to humans and their selfish desires. These animals and any other wild animal have the right to live in their environment without harm. The parks belong to everyone not just the ranchers. They have enough land without using OUR parks. They have no right to use our land for the cattle. Please take down the fences and let the elk live on our land.

Correspondence ID: 16697

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. Gina Cipriano

Correspondence ID: 16698

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Cecile Lemay

Correspondence ID: 16699

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16700

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The Tule

elk are the native specie and they should not be limited to their natural habitat. Stop forcing them into their deaths due to starvation!!

Correspondence ID: 16701

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 16702

Please protect the Tule Elk - not just the farmers. Figure out how we can all get what we need. At this point the Elk have suffered more than us.

Correction - I meant to say ranchers.

Also, I visited and hiked this area about 15 years ago. There were issues with how trails and access was

handles. When mentioning this to locals they all had problems with how these park rangers were managing things. Please be sure that you are dealing with accurate information from the rangers, ranchers, agricultural reps and residents.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16703

I very strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16704

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. judy mackowski

Correspondence ID: 16705

Please support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing and other farming activities from Point Reyes National

Seashore. Also, please take action to prevent further environmental damage to our national seashore.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of the Tule Elk, other wildlife and their habitats at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 16706

Please let elk freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 16707

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Sincerely, Karmen Heaslip

Correspondence ID: 16708

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16709

Amazing

I am absolutely dumbfounded but not surprised that if course the solution to any issue is " Kill The Animals" cause they're a nuisance, trouble, too much money to help, not to mention a menace per the cattle industry.

The elk were there first & should always be. They have managed to cull their own numbers. They don't over graze their lands.

By the way, these are public lands. I have say so over my lands.

Leave the elk be. Let the ranchers use the lands they own for their products. Cattle are invasive species bringing disease to native wildlife & destroying native plants.

What will you want next? You want to resettle native peoples from their lands so you can use it for cattle? Or maybe for fossil fuels to pollute & poison waters, food?

Save the elk. They don't need fucking humans to murder them for What? Money? Profits?

Save the elk. Don't murder these beautiful beneficial beings.

Save the elk.

Screw the ranchers, hard!!!!

Correspondence ID: 16710

Please save the Elks.

Correspondence ID: 16711

Dear NPS:

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. This is totally wrong!

Please allow the elk to freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration. This is your job!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd! And I urge you to remove of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Sincerely, Joan Lewis

Correspondence ID: 16712

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16713

Animals are God's creations and they should live the free life like he intended. Please let these animals roam freely.

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 16714

In august of 2021 hundreds of volunteers hiked several miles carrying water for the elk who were dying from lack of water, and food, due to drought conditions. It should be noted if the elk were not fenced in they would be free to migrate where food and fresh water could be found. The fence forbids this natural survival behavior. This story was covered in the news finally bringing attention to the dire situation. The NPS had no comment citing litigation as their reason for staying silent. Shame on the NPS. It's time to remove the fence AND non native cows grazing on public land for pennies on the dollar while causing millions in damaged land and polluted water.

Correspondence ID: 16715

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thanks

Correspondence ID: 16716

Please protect the elks we all need to protect the wonderful earth and all those we share it with. The human animal should not misuse the power to torture murder and steal from the rest. Thank you for your time

Correspondence ID: 16717

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

No wild animals should be confined by fences on public lands. Take down the fence and let the elk move around in a natural environment. No elk should be deprived of adequate food and water.

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, Ms. Maryanna Moskal

Correspondence ID: 16718

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16719

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16720

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. FINALLY A PLAN THAT MAKES SENSE AFTER ALL TAXPAYERS SUPPORT THE NPS FOR CONSERVATION NOT BENDING TO RANCHERS.

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.

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: 16721

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. Removing the fence would allow the elk to access better grazing grounds at a time when their survival is increasingly threatened by climate change. I also urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16722

Dear National Park services:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

D. Beattie

Correspondence ID: 16723

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tulle Elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial Cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16724

The land that the rule

Elk are on should be protected for their use not the ranchers. The ranchers CHOSE to live there the Elk did not it is THEIR land not the ranchers and the Elk are part of our heritage

Correspondence ID: 16725

Do not undo what has been done for the good of the environment, do no harm.

Correspondence ID: 16726

I strongly urge you to please remove the fence that now corrals these beautiful elk into smaller areas when in truth they need to be free to roam freely in order to get the food that they need.

Correspondence ID: 16727

Help

Correspondence ID: 16728

Tule elk, as with other grazing creatures, require large areas to travel, graze, and raise their

families. Fencing the Tule elk herd in with unnatural barriers such as fencing is abnormal to the inherent behavior of this species.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Please take action and allow these majestic creatures the freedom to roam they deserve.

Correspondence ID: 16729

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species. Commercial animal agriculture interests must not be prioritized over the needs of wildlife and public lands. The elk must be able to freely roam the park to protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16730

Those elk belong to the entire country... They need to be left alone, they belong where they are.....its their world too.

Correspondence ID: 16731

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16732

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Correspondence ID: 16735

Please remove the fence so elks can roam free.

Correspondence ID: 16736

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Correspondence ID: 16737

Take the fence down

The elk need more room

Correspondence ID: 16738

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Correspondence ID: 16739

please protect these precious animals. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16740

Please, allow the elk to roam freely in search of food.

Correspondence ID: 16741

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, Cliff Smith

Correspondence ID: 16742

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16743

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16744

Please make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 16745

Remove the fencing so the Elks can have a more normal life. Wildlife should be priority over commercial interests, particularly when commercial interests interfere with the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 16746

Let the elk freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 16747

Tule elk need the freedom to roam the entire park. The elk should not be driven to extinction, a possibility as humans continue to mushroom and seek that which has historically belonged to

wildlife. Humans are the problem and need to use and understand birth control, not the elk or other animals.

Am I “way out” there on this issue? Yes I am. The human population has become earth's aggressive cancer, imperiling so much other life above the fleas, flies and earwigs.

Give the elk what they need and take away from ranchers if that's what is needed. We do not need beef.

Correspondence ID: 16748

My recommendation for the Tomales Point Area Plan is that the National Park Service choose Alternative B, “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which removes the fence and allows the elk to roam free.

Endemic to California, tule elk are glorious, majestic animals that embody the spirit of our great state. Nearly hunted to extinction, tule elk are proof of California's commitment to protecting wildlife and the environment. About 600 tule elk roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live.

Cattle shouldn't be prioritized over native wildlife in a national park, especially wildlife that has come so close to extinction. Private cattle operations are inappropriate in Point Reyes and do not reflect its charter: 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.”

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. And wildlife isn't wild—isn't thriving—if living behind a fence. It's inhumane to confine our magnificent native elk and let them die of thirst and malnutrition—and beyond unacceptable that this is happening in a national park. It should go without saying that once the fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

I understand the plan is in response to overwhelming feedback from the public for removing the elk fence—and I thank you for listening and for developing a plan that addresses our concerns. I urge you to approve Alternative B, which removes the elk fence and makes other changes that significantly improve the national park.

Correspondence ID: 16749

I am a animal lover and do not like to know that animals are suffering and dying. I believe the Tele Elk are being stop from living the life they deserve. No animal should be denied food or water. This is happening because of the fence that has been installed to keep the elks bottled up in a small portion of there grazing area. The elk were there first and need all this land to able live and grow there species. We do not to lose the beautiful animals to extinction. Domestic animals or crops should not be before these precious souls. It is federal land is there home and they should be protected by our government. Private leases of federal lands should not put our nation wildlife in jeopardy. They should be put first not last. Please remove the fence before more elk suffer and die. God gave us the animals to take care not destroy. 67

Correspondence ID: 16750

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I used to support the Parks until this which happened years ago. I felt then, as I do now, this was the wrong way to protect the Tule Elk. I am sure there park rangers had much dollar support sent their way. The fence went up, the elk almost died of thirst. Volunteers brought water be buckets but the rangers denied them giving the water to the elk. For. me that was the last straw. I stopped supporting the parks and lost the respect I had for those rangers whose salaries we pay for the upkeep and supervision of parks. Something is wrong as the Tule elk have survived by a miracle and certainly not by any interest or compassion by the rangers. I honestly feel the rangers presently serving need to be replaced with those who care for the animals in their parks.

Now there seems to be a cull of Bison in Yellowstone. There are always wolves being shot by trophy hunters. I may be wrong but it wouldn't surprise me if the rangers are in on these horrific maneuvers as well. Wolves are not the cattle rancher's friend as they are Stewarts of the eco system of the land. Wolves do eat cattle, deer, and other animals which is how they are successful in keeping the soil on the land and not washing down stream due to no soil or grass to hold the top soil in place.

I do hope the Tule Elk will be freed and returned back to the land they know. Yet there will always be spiteful people and those , like corporations, want profit at all costs. They are short sighted. The cattle ranchers need to get out of State and National Parks. The parks need to be a place of safety, serenity, and seclusion for park animals and wildlife.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Correspondence ID: 16751

remove the cows protect the elk

Correspondence ID: 16752

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16753

What prevents you from letting these animals live?! This treatment of them is sick and twisted. We know why and who's responsible.

Correspondence ID: 16754

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16755

I do not support the fence keep the Tule Elk both in and out. Wild animals deserve their freedom, or they become involved in inbreeding, which is unhealthy for their survival.

Correspondence ID: 16756

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park!

Correspondence ID: 16757

The fence needs to be removed so the elk may search for food and water. The number of elk may decline once again if their essential needs are not met.

Correspondence ID: 16758

Please take down the fence. The wildlife has total priority over commercial livestock. The park is explicitly there for nature, not for exploitation, What has happened there is shameful, and it is high time to return the park to its purpose.

Sincerely, Dr, George Weissmann

Correspondence ID: 16759

The Tule elk are what makes Marin County special! Please please please protect them I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you for being on the side of nature and our precious earth!

Sincerely,,

Dawn Sylvester

Correspondence ID: 16760

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park INSTEAD OF GRANTING RANCHERS FREE REIGN OVER THE TULE ELK HOME YOU SHOULD BE PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCE GIFT OF WILDLIFE - AS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY!

Correspondence ID: 16761

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16762

I urge you to implement Alternative B. Tule Elk belong in Point Reyes National Seashore. Cattle absolutely do not belong on our public lands so ranchers can profit. These lands should be used to protect wildlife. These lands belong to us, not the ranchers.

Thank you for reading my comment.

Correspondence ID: 16763

Please protect and support the Tule Elk

Correspondence ID: 16764

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

Sincerely, Mary Whitmire

Correspondence ID: 16765

It's difficult to understand how the simple act of opening a fence to allow these elk to move along and survive is an actual debate, it's also difficult to understand why this is taking so long... tick tock, tick tock.

Correspondence ID: 16766

TAKE DOWN THAT DEADLY FENCE NOW!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 16767

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Sincerely, Mr. David Milner

Correspondence ID: 16768

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Correspondence ID: 16769

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16770

None

Correspondence ID: 16771

Please let the elk roam freely so that their basic survival needs are met.

Correspondence ID: 16772

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Correspondence ID: 16773

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Correspondence ID: 16774

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Sincerely, Alison Arntz

Correspondence ID: 16776

Save the Elk!

Correspondence ID: 16777

Help them

Correspondence ID: 16778

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Sincerely, Jill Marcus

Correspondence ID: 16779

Protect the elk

Correspondence ID: 16780

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

Sincerely, Mrs Julie Muirhead

Correspondence ID: 16781

I cannot imagine allowing this beautiful species to disappear.

Correspondence ID: 16782

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. These beautiful and threatened creatures deserve the space to roam and thrive, not hindered by fencing.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16783

I remember when the elk were re-introduced to Point Reyes. Stop starving them and cutting them off from water-shameful. Take down the fences.

Correspondence ID: 16784

You should be supporting the Tule Elk and not letting them Starve

Correspondence ID: 16785

Why do humans insist on having so many cows? For meat and dairy? I've never eaten meat in my 51 years, therefore it isn't necessary and neither is dairy. Everyone should know this by now. Rights for all animals.

Correspondence ID: 16786

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16787

Please let the elk roam free they deserve that.

Correspondence ID: 16788

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16789

Elk should have priority in

Remaining in their natural environment o, versus cattle to be sold for porifit.

Correspondence ID: 16790

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Correspondence ID: 16791

stop killing of all animals for what purpose

Correspondence ID: 16792

Please protect Tule elk

Correspondence ID: 16793

These protect these beautiful creatures, thanks

Correspondence ID: 16794

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the tule elk herd. Set them free!

Correspondence ID: 16795

They deserve to b free & safe & happy & healthy!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 16796

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16797

I have had the pleasure of visiting many of our national parks, and in doing so have had the good fortune to view much wildlife. I believe the National Park Service (NPS) should focus its efforts on the preservation and care of these native animals and their habitats. I do not think there is any instance in which the NPS should put the commercial interests of individual farmers and agricultural corporations before the needs of our wildlife.

Please remove the fence so that the tule elk can freely roam in search of needed food and water. It is shameful that elk are dying of starvation and dehydration on national park grounds.

I also ask that you remove all commercial cattle grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore so these commercial interests never again conflict with the preservation of our wildlife and their habitat.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16798

Please protect the Tule Elk and all wildlife and let them roam freely

Correspondence ID: 16799

Please protect these beautiful gems!

Correspondence ID: 16800

NA

Correspondence ID: 16801

Please save the elk!

Correspondence ID: 16802

I genuinely want to Protect Wild and Domestic animals from abusive actions from Humans!

Correspondence ID: 16803

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16804

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16805

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to urge the National Parks Service to do the right thing for the land it's meant to protect, and choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove a fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

These elk are native to this land, and domesticated cattle are not. It is hard to believe that cattle farming would be considered appropriate in Point Reyes and I believe it should be ended, in order to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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 best way to achieve these objectives is to restore the ability of native inhabitants like the Tule Elk to move freely, not be fenced in to starve to death, and free from harassment or culling for any reason. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition because of the ongoing droughts, especially in a national park. Surely you can see this?

These are unique, lovely creatures who deserve to live, and the Parks Service can do the right thing so that they can. Thank you and your colleagues 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 — because surely

cattle ranches don't "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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 it's already mandated this land be given "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."

Thank you again for reading. Please be well, and help save the Tule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 16806

To whom it may concern,

Please take down the fence so that no more of these animals will die of starvation or dehydration.

David Mowry

Correspondence ID: 16807

This is another example of the BLM overlooking the welfare of other animals to cater for ranchers when it is a well known fact that cattle destroy the land and are one of the causes of Greenhouse gas.

Why is this branch of the Government allowed to cater for non paying ranchers at the detriment of the more deserving animals.

This land belongs to the American people should they not have a say especially when it appears that they are selective in their decision making for ranchers.

Correspondence ID: 16808

I am pleased that the National Park Service is considering ending its prioritization of commercial interests over wildlife in the Point Reyes National Seashore. I wish to register my support for Alternative B that would remove the fence that has limited the Tule elk herd's ability to forage. Commercial grazing on this National Seashore must be stopped so as to remove any incentives to bring back the fencing that has created so much hardship for the Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 16809

The Tule Elk were already broughtback from near ezxtinction once before! Why is this continuing to happen to our wildlife?!? I think one reason are the various lobbyists who work for the ranching operations. The Tule Elk are supposedly protected and needs to still be protected.

Correspondence ID: 16810

Please help in doing everything you can to stop tourists and others from entering parks and treating it like they're on a field trip at 6 Flags Great Adventure. More and more animals are being encroached upon and even though the warnings are out there it does not stop these people from harassing these faultless animals. More needs to be done in way of penalties. Bar these people from entering parks with elk, bears, antelope, deer, moose, wolves and a whole plethora of other wild creatures.

Correspondence ID: 16811

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16812

Please save these beautiful creatures, they deserve this earth more than humans.

Correspondence ID: 16813

I support Alternative B to remove the fencing confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from

Point Reyes National Seashore, to protect the elk and the Park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these magnificent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16814

Please save the Tule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 16815

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: 16816

Save the Tule Elk!

Correspondence ID: 16817

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these important animals.

Correspondence ID: 16818

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Correspondence ID: 16819

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I love this park. Please help it return to what it once was!

Correspondence ID: 16820

In my opinion, all living things deserve our respect, care and to be allowed to flourish.

Correspondence ID: 16821

Protect the elk.

Correspondence ID: 16822

Hello,

It seems to me that in 2023 we can do MUCH better for animals and that would include Tule elk. Its beyond sickening to see something as stupid as a fence cause them to die. We need to stop getting in the way of the migration and take the fence down!

Please consider doing the right thing and take the fence down.

Sincerely, Christine

Correspondence ID: 16823

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 O

Correspondence ID: 16824

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16825

Please allow the elk to freely migrate for food and water

Correspondence ID: 16826

Its time to remove the fence so the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration!! IT'S TIME!

Its time to do the right thing.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16827

Please remove the fence and let the Elk roam freely. They deserve to have their land back, the cows need to be moved elsewhere. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16828

Hello,

My wife and I hiked the pierce point trail yesterday. It was awe inspiring to be so close to the elk, particularly during bugling season. However I can't help but worry that there are so many of them confined to so small an area. Please remove the fence and allow the elk to roam.

Correspondence ID: 16829

I personally believe The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence. I know that I am one of many who support removal of the fence, since she limits the grounds in the National Park that the elk will us.

Remember:

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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: 16830

I ADAMANTLY support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. This fence should never have been allowed! It was purely to satisfy the cattle farmers who should NOT have rights over wildlife to use our national parks.

Correspondence ID: 16831

Tule Elk need our help

Correspondence ID: 16832

Please remove the fence and allow Tule Elk to move freely in their former range.

Correspondence ID: 16833

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16834

Cattle belong on farms & ranches. Elk belong in national parks. This absolutely doesn't make any sense. The fact they were brought back from near extinction in the 1800's was a miracle. Are we going to throw that away? I don't understand the reasoning of the NPS. Their job is dealing with parks not farms & ranches. WAKE UP NPS!

Correspondence ID: 16835

No more fences

Correspondence ID: 16836

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16837

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Correspondence ID: 16838

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Correspondence ID: 16839

The National Park Service should choose 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: 16840

Denying water via a fence to these Elk is NOT OK!

Do the right thing and protect and care for these Elk as you care for yourself!

Anything less is NOT OK nor acceptable.

thanks for doing what is right!

Tara

Correspondence ID: 16841

Those are beautiful animals. Please protect them

Correspondence ID: 16842

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

We need to make certain the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16843

Please protect the elk as you would other animals. For them to die of dehydration and starvation because a fence is ridiculous. Please do what is right!

Correspondence ID: 16844

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 16845

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16846

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Correspondence ID: 16847

Dear National Park Service Leadership -

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16848

every animal has their rightful place on our planet and should be treated with dignity and respect. When we coexist, the world can become a better — and safer — place.

Animals have no voice.

They can't ask for help.

They can't ask for freedom.

They can't ask for protection.

Humanity must be their voice.

Correspondence ID: 16849

Allow these elk to live. Make provisions to feed these elk in the winter.

Correspondence ID: 16850

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Sincerely, Andreas Dudda

Correspondence ID: 16851

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The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

We citizens are appalled that a government agency is acting like a “flunky” for private business interests and even willing to cause the death of innocent animals in the process.

Correspondence ID: 16852

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.

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, Ani Dixon

Correspondence ID: 16853

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 16854

I love elk

Correspondence ID: 16855

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16856

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Currently Tule elk are prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water which are needed for survival especially during droughts. The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16857

Free the elk at Point Reyes. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16858

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. I do not support private rancher interests over the protection of public property and California wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 16859

Please save the Elk !

Correspondence ID: 16860

Take the fence down!

Elk are native.

Cows are not.

Elk have an important part of costal grassland prairie and will browse plants that cows won't.

This land and the plants are here for elk.

Let them roam and migrate.

Correspondence ID: 16861

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, Mr. chris barnes

Correspondence ID: 16862

Save the animals.

Correspondence ID: 16863

My heart hopes SO much that the right thing is done so that ALL living can live their life 🙏🙏

Correspondence ID: 16864

Hello- I continue to read about the Tule Elk situation. What's the problem? Just take down the fences and allow---yes allow the elk to roam around. Don't give in to a few cow folks who think there -live stock- is more important.

Correspondence ID: 16865

I am writing in support of Alternative B to remove the elk fence at PRNS and apply new management to contain all cattle operations away from the elk and other wildlife. Commercial ranching is destroying our seashore. This is an excellent first step in a new direction that benefits all.

Correspondence ID: 16866

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you. Rob Nash

Correspondence ID: 16867

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16868

We agree with this:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16869

To do otherwise is cruel and sadistic.

Correspondence ID: 16870

Please be humane and allow these wild animals to thrive—anything less diminishes our humanity.

Correspondence ID: 16871

Dear sirs and madams

It feels more right than ever now, to stand up for nature, the natural world. To set things right in anyway we as humans can.

There is only good that will come of this, you have that power.

I believe that you will side with freedom and life.

Thank you in advance.

Ashley

Correspondence ID: 16872

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The elk should not be fenced in and kept without an opportunity to get to food and water simply because ranchers want to make money on BEEF.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16873

The Ca elk is a native Species that was brought back from the brink if extinction. NOW they are dying again because of the creation a fence to protect big business that does not need protection. There are many more ways to 'protect' huge and small ranchers and farmers from this threat that does not really exist and allow the elk to roam and feed themselves.Perhaps a bit more work, creativity and expense, but, hey, this is America, Right? Lets not always sacrifice out natural resources to the almighty dollar.

Correspondence ID: 16874

Please do everything you can to protect tule elk and other vulnerable wild species. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 16875

Please protect and care for all wildlife!!!

Correspondence ID: 16876

I support Alternative B to remove fence confing the Tule Elk, and remove commercial cow grazing in Point Reyes, and protect the park.

Do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 16877

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. I understand the park leases the land to make money, but the point of the NPS is to maintain and protect the wilderness of this country which includes its native species like the Tule elk. Please remember who you are designed to protect and fight for; future generations of Americans should be able to witness the beauty of the native Tule elk. Please remove the fence, stop the commercial cow grazing of Point Reyes, and do the right thing for the elk, the ecosystem, and America based on conscience not cash. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16878

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16879

For the health and safety of the Tule elk,I strongly support Alternative B.

Correspondence ID: 16880

Keep the Tomales Point region wild. No cattle; only native species and wildlife, including the Tule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 16881

Save the elks

Correspondence ID: 16882

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Correspondence ID: 16883

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Correspondence ID: 16884

I support alternative B to remove the fence!

Correspondence ID: 16885

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

Sincerely, Mr. Angel Moreno

Correspondence ID: 16886

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Correspondence ID: 16887

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Correspondence ID: 16888

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Correspondence ID: 16889

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Sincerely, Mrs. Barbara ACHEY

Correspondence ID: 16890

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Correspondence ID: 16891

We must save wild life

Correspondence ID: 16892

Public land belongs to the public, not to special interest people who want to use it for profit. As such the public has spoken. They, I included, want the Tule Elk on the Tomales Pt. National Park Service, and not the private owner's cattle. To me the Tule Elk are a special, unique part of our wildlife and of our country that needs to be preserved for my children and my children's children. They need to be preserved to use as a part of their connection to our eternal, ongoing mother Earth. They feed our soul. They are needed in this country at a time when so much is based on things and on \$\$\$\$. The Tule Elk need access to water and forage to survive in genetically healthy numbers so the fences should come down. As a Californian and as a citizen of the United States I would hope my government would listen to all its citizens.

Correspondence ID: 16893

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Correspondence ID: 16894

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Please allow the Elk to roam freely in the park. Our parks are public spaces and not to be used for personal gain by giving cattle priority.

Correspondence ID: 16895

Take the fence down so the elk can get enough forage to survive.

Correspondence ID: 16896

I urge you to adopt Alternative B, to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd, and I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 16897

Please remove the fence so elks can walk around and find some food to survive. It's so cruel, sad and inhumane to let these precious animals suffer and starve to death.

Correspondence ID: 16898

Do not hurt the elk!

Correspondence ID: 16899

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, Cortney Burns

Correspondence ID: 16900

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

Sincerely, Miss Amy Dalporto

Correspondence ID: 16901

As a California license, the veterinarian, I am mortified at the cruelty in this situation. Please do the obvious right thing and get rid of the fence.

These elk deserve protection and respect. Do not give into the greed and corruption of the beef industry, and please use logic. This is all unnecessary and unacceptable.

Correspondence ID: 16902

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16903

Please pull down the fence and don't let these beautiful animals suffer. They need to have access to the water

Correspondence ID: 16904

I don't have money to give thanks to the economy but the elk are revered in our area. The tourists come to see them and they are a glorious example of life in the Redwoods. Several months back, an unfortunate elk was hit on the 101 and their outcry could be heard all over the county. Loads of people stopped reverently appreciating the loss that occurred. It happened on the 101 and the corner of the street I live on. These animals are the mascot of the north and need places where they can be safely observed and appreciated. The local casino gave them space but tourists get too close and chase them off. I wish I could upload the herds walking up the Smith River in my back yard!

Correspondence ID: 16905

Protect the elk

Correspondence ID: 16906

Elks were here the white man and they deserve to be free

Correspondence ID: 16907

Please implement Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. Please remove all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 16908

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16909

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16910

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The Tule elk are greatly suffering under their current circumstances. They are native wildlife that should be protected over grazing interests.

Correspondence ID: 16911

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. We have brought the beautiful creature back from near extinction, and we need to do our part to help it thrive once again. The fence prevents them from reaching the water that they need to survive.

Correspondence ID: 16912

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16913

To whom it may concern:

I am a previous resident of Miranda, California and the topic of the deaths of the Tule Elk was a constant topic of concern even though we were far North of the situation. People in Wisconsin are even aware of this horrible mismanagement of Federal land and the deaths of the stranded Elk. Your credibility is shot if you don't immediately undo the fencing out of the beautiful animals that are deprived of water and pasture because of agricultural greed.

Straighten up and do the right thing, people are watching across the nation.

Sincerely, Angela Laughingheart, School Director

Y.M.A.A. Tai Chi Ch'uan of Wisconsin

414-350-5248

www.ymaawisconsin.com

Correspondence ID: 16914

Please protect these elk, and let them have the land. The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 16915

Tule Elk were brought back from extinction. Please don't let Tule Elk be at risk of extinction again. More than 150 have died just to support commercial ranching. This is unconscionable. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

The favor of your reply is requested.

For the animals,

Denise Anzelmo

Correspondence ID: 16916

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Our national parks were founded to provide our citizens the experience to explore our natural world not to subsidize businesses. It is imperative that we maintain this mission for current and future generations.

Correspondence ID: 16917

It's time to get cattle off the land and take down the fence so the Tule elk can be free to roam their territory. Cattle do not belong on that land.

Correspondence ID: 16918

The National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16919

Please remove the fences restricting tule elk in California. Endangered species should have at least as much government protection as commercial interests which threaten their existence.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 16920

elk

Correspondence ID: 16921

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16922

Leave nature and animals alone, humans suck!!!

Correspondence ID: 16923

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Correspondence ID: 16924

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Correspondence ID: 16925

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park and permit these gentle animals to travel further in search of food and water as more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions. Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 16926

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species, not commercial animal agriculture interests.

Elk have died because of the fence. Please remove it ASAP!

-Cliff

Correspondence ID: 16927

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The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park!

Thank you!

Robert Nowak

Correspondence ID: 16928

The National Park Service MUST protect the Tule Elk from Corporate Greed and Exploitation! Do it NOW!

Correspondence ID: 16929

Tule Elk aren magnificent creatures; much more than Cows. I have a problem with ranchers getting preferential treatment and taking over Our National Park land. Please rethink your priorities and responsibilities. Thank You

Correspondence ID: 16930

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16931

You are supposed to protect the elk

Correspondence ID: 16932

NA

Correspondence ID: 16933

Protect the elk.

Correspondence ID: 16934

The elk should be prioritized at our National parks. Do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 16935

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Correspondence ID: 16936

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I'm writing to 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, Paola Sackett

Correspondence ID: 16937

Please remove the fence!!!

Correspondence ID: 16938

I am writing in support of Alternative B in order to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd.

I request the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore .

Correspondence ID: 16939

I deeply support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16940

Dear Sir/Madam,

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions. This is outrageous!

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals

Correspondence ID: 16941

Save the Tule elk

Correspondence ID: 16942

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16943

Protecting wildlife is essential for the world's ecosystems.

Correspondence ID: 16944

While people have to make a living, it would be nice if it wasn't at the expense of these Tule elk. Who was there first? Who has limited habitat?

Correspondence ID: 16945

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The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

ACT NOW

The NPS is accepting public comments until September 25 on its proposed action to finally remove the fence. Submit a comment today to make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Visit the National Park Service site to submit your comments. You may wish to say something like the sample comment below, but remember, personalized messages are the most effective!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16946

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Correspondence ID: 16947

To Whom It May Concern:

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Joanne Husar

Correspondence ID: 16948

Please be more sensitive to our wildlife. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16949

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Correspondence ID: 16950

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Correspondence ID: 16951

Protect the elk

Correspondence ID: 16952

Please support the preservation of the Tule Elk. Reducing and eliminating animal agriculture is what is best for the animals and us. Killing the elk and the cows is unethical. Allow the elk to go where they need to go and stop eating cows and cows milk. It's unethical to do this. Ty

Correspondence ID: 16953

Save the Tule Elk now! The elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public

land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

Correspondence ID: 16954

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16955

Dear national park service,

I visited point Reyes national seashore TODAY, September 19,

and saw for myself the conditions in which the tule elk are confined. I urge you to remove the fencing that is confining them and let them roam in the park as they did in the past. I also urge you to end leasing the land to commercial cow grazing.

Please do the right thing! I live in Colorado and am visiting the national seashore for four days.

Ann Tagawa

Correspondence ID: 16956

Please protect the elks. Some are dying. Please save the wildlife there.

Correspondence ID: 16957

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

Sincerely, Mrs Ruta Soltanpour

Correspondence ID: 16958

Please free the elk to roam the entire Point Reyes area and absolutely no culling. Why would anyone consider such an option. A "for-profit" cattle operation does not belong there fouling the water. It is shameful that so many magnificent elk have died at the hands of the National park Service. I can't imagine who is making these terrible decisions.

Please immediately remove the fences.

respectfully,

Cecilie Platte

Correspondence ID: 16959

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Sincerely, William Roberts

Correspondence ID: 16960

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16961

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Sincerely, Mrs. Ruta Soltanpour

Correspondence ID: 16962

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Correspondence ID: 16963

Finally remove the fence. Make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration. Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

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The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. To make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16964

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16965

TAKE DOWN THE FENCE!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16966

Stop hurting these animals & their homes

Correspondence ID: 16967

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Sincerely, Robert Fingerman

Correspondence ID: 16968

The Tule elk should not be confined in such an unnatural way.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 16969

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16970

Save these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16971

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16972

I believe Alternative B should be implemented, removing the fence confining the Tule elk herd. I also believe all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore should be prohibited from the park to protect it.

Correspondence ID: 16973

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you for listening.

Correspondence ID: 16974

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I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Sheryll Punneo

Correspondence ID: 16975

Leave the elk to run free as nature meant them to be.

Correspondence ID: 16976

Please support Alternative B. To remove the fence that is now confining the Tule Elk. Please urge the removal of the commercial cow grazing. This in turn will protect the park. It's as simple as that.

Correspondence ID: 16977

I fully support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I've hiked there to Tomales Point several times and always enjoyed viewing the Tule Elk.

Please help these innocent animals!

Correspondence ID: 16978

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, Linda Klann

Correspondence ID: 16979

I strongly support and I strongly urge you to support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd.

Additionally, I would also recommend the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16980

I know that you can just say that I don't live there and so don't understand, but why are you siding with the minority here, more people use the park and enjoy the elk then there are ranchers. As long as we allow a few people to bully everyone else, we are going to continue to destroy our country and ourselves

Correspondence ID: 16981

The Elk should be supported in any manner that is necessary to care for their well-being and preservation as "protected wildlife."

Correspondence ID: 16982

These beautiful and majestic animals must be protected. Too many have died needlessly already. DO NOT prioritize the interests of agricultural farming interests over these elk.

Correspondence ID: 16983

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, Jaime Turgeon

Correspondence ID: 16984

It is mind blowing to think that you keep wild elk behind a fence and keeping them away from food and water...in support of an invasive species...cattle. Two hundred of these elk died in 2020, why did you not at the very least give them a water hole. The fence needs to be removed, hiway crossings need to be installed and the persecution of wildlife needs to stop.

Correspondence ID: 16985

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16986

Please do not confine/fence off the Tule Elk--it is opening them up to slow death and a terrible thing for the species. We need to get our priorities in place!!!!

Correspondence ID: 16987

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

This is ESSENTIAL. We amidst a climate emergency, and we need to do everything within our power to support the Tule Elk in this time.

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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, Liana Zafran

Correspondence ID: 16988

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, Isabel Arntz

Correspondence ID: 16989

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16990

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 16991

Organic agriculture is an important part of Marin County. Please don't destroy it!

Correspondence ID: 16992

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 16993

Please remove the fence to allow Tule Elk to find food and water. Commercial agriculture should not be prioritized over Tule Elk. NPS has a duty to protect the elk. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 16994

Dear Sir/Madam:

I'm writing in support of the National Park Service adopting Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," in the agency's management of California's Point Reyes National Seashore/Tomales Point.

I'm an Oakland resident and a professor of medical anthropology at San Francisco State University. I have lived in the Bay Area for fifteen years and I am a regular visitor to Point Reyes—an area of spectacular and unrivaled natural beauty.

One of the most iconic and remarkable features of this area is the wildlife. With appreciation for the agency's attentiveness to this issue, *I respectfully urge the National Park Service to remove the fence that has confined tule elk in this area.* The well-being of native wildlife in this area is paramount and must be protected.

Upon the removal of the elk fence, free-roaming elk should not be jeopardized by culls or harassment.

I would further urge the National Park Service to consider phasing out cattle operations in Point Reyes. Cattle are in conflict with the Enabling Legislation of Point Reyes, which mandates that 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." The spirit of this important legislation should be upheld.

Again, thank you for your attention to this request to remove the elk fence at Point Reyes National Seashore and promote the health and welfare of our beautiful California native species. I look forward to knowing the disposition of this issue.

Sincerely, Martha Lincoln, Ph.D.

Correspondence ID: 16995

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 16996

Hello,

It is critical that all of our natural resources and wildlife receive all the support they need in order to survive. There is no going back once things and creatures are gone. This is of the greatest importance.

Correspondence ID: 16997

The Tule Elk are a national treasure and a sworn responsibility of the NPS to protect them. It is a travesty for the NPS to give commercial ranchers priority over the free-ranging Elk. I question what the officials of the NPS are gaining from this unsavory arrangement. This system needs a thorough and unbiased investigation on behalf of the tax-paying public.

Free the Tule Elk to roam on the public lands as they should and kick out the commercial ranchers.

Correspondence ID: 16998

PROTECT the TULE ELK NOW & FOREVER.....CEASE AND DESIST putting RANCHERS OVER OUR WILD LIFE.....YOU work FOR the AMERICAN PEOPLE....NOT the SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS!!!!

THE DAYS of CHANGE are HERE and WE who LOVE OUR WILDLIFE ARE NOT GOING AWAY....WE ARE in this TO WIN IT PROTECT the TULE ELK NOW...NOW...NOW!

Correspondence ID: 16999

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17000

WE MUST PROTECT THE tULE ELK FROM ANY KIND OF HARM !!!

Correspondence ID: 17001

Hi, I support Alternative B to take down any fencing keeping the Tule elk herd confined and blocked off from natural food to graze & water. It is cruel & inhumane to keep this fence up and I also ask to please remove all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. I hope you do what is right to help protect the crucial future of the Tule elk herd. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 17002

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Please protect the Tule Elk and all wildlife Take the fences down

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals. Please protect the Tule Elk and all wildlife

Correspondence ID: 17003

Please help these animals to live their best lives free and unharrassed. It is important to take care of the animals we have in a humane way. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17004

Please support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. It is wrong to starve wildlife to death.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Lisa Alis

Correspondence ID: 17005

We need to stop catering to the people who raise cattle for food. Protect the wildlife.

People do not need cattle. We need wildlife and biodiversity for a healthy planet.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 17006

Stop torturing these beautiful animals!!!!

Correspondence ID: 17007

Please prioritize the elk over the commercial interests. The elk were there first and the ranchers need to accept that and allow them to cross onto PUBLIC LANDS!

Meat eating is helping to destroy the planet, the ranchers are part of the problem and leasing PUBLIC LAND to them is contributing to this horrible Climate Crisis!

Correspondence ID: 17008

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, Barbara Park

Correspondence ID: 17009

The National Park Service should choose 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 immediately remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 17010

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17011

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17012

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the indigenous Tule elk herd at Point Reyes National Seashore. I also support removing all domestic cattle grazing in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Domestic cattle are not indigenous to the Point Reyes environment. They are destroying the indigenous plant and animal biome of the Park, just so ranchers can profit at the expense of the native plant and wildlife species, and the people who love the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 17013

Remove the fence so the elk can graze.

Correspondence ID: 17014

My husband & I strongly support Alternative B to finally remove the fence that is confining the Tule elk. We believe this it is important that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them

from future starvation and dehydration. We care about our country's wildlife and would appreciate your support.

Correspondence ID: 17015

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17016

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Correspondence ID: 17017

be kind to our precious environment

Correspondence ID: 17018

It's bad enough that the cattle industry tortures the domestic animals it exploits for money, and that the methane produced by cattle is 28 times as potent in atmospheric warming as carbon dioxide, without the National Park Service prioritizing that industry's profits over the preservation of wildlife on land that belongs to the American people -- all the people, not just the people exploiting public land for private profit. As you know, your job description obliges you to protect the wildlife on that land, so I respectfully ask you to remedy the lethal harm being done to vulnerable tule elk by the fencing that prevents their accessing food and water. Please do the right thing and remove that fencing so the remaining elk at least have a chance of survival in increasingly oppressive climatic conditions. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17019

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17020

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17021

I cannot believe that we are still arguing while the NPS lets Tule Elk die in order to service the cattle industry.

Isn't the NPS supposed to be supporting nature? Didn't we go to great effort and expense to bring Tule Elk back from the brink of extinction?

Then WHAT is the NPS doing purposely fencing off water supplies so commercial cattle can drink but not the animals that are supposed to be on Point Reyes National Seashore?

I know I do not have the power, but I certainly hope there is a rescue organization strong enough to file a lawsuit against these choices the NPS is making, instead of following their clear responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species.

Remove the fence.

Remove the grazing cattle.

Make both permanent.

Thank you, Dr Kathie Kingett

Correspondence ID: 17022

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17023

Please protect the Elk, They are part of our American History and belong to the National parks and wild areas and deserve to roam freely.

Thanks for reading my comment-Sara A Elkins,Northampton,MA.

Correspondence ID: 17024

I support removal of the fencing as proposed in the Tomales Point Area Plan.

Correspondence ID: 17025

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, Daniela Myers

Correspondence ID: 17026

National Parks are meant to be used as one of the last places where nature can exist to the greatest extent possible without human interference. To use them for commercial interests goes against what Americans have consistently stated they wish. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elks. Commercial cow grazing in the Point Reyes National Seashore Park should cease immediately.

Correspondence ID: 17027

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Please support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, and 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, ANNE MAVROMATIS

Correspondence ID: 17028

When I heard about the magnificent Tule Elk dying from lack of water and malnutrition during California's many drought years, I could not believe this was allowed to happen. This is a crime against nature and is terribly cruel. California National Parks is better than this!! Give these fantastic animals a chance to survive humanely by removing the fence that confines them to the misery and death they have endured for years. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 17029

Do your job and put the interests of the Elk over that of commercial cattle grazing.

Correspondence ID: 17030

The wellbeing of animal and plant life should be the highest priority for all environmentalists.

Correspondence ID: 17031

Please vote for Attachmen B and remove the fence preventing the Tule Elk from searching for food and water.

Correspondence ID: 17032

In these times we cannot afford any longer to delay what is truly right for this planet and for all creatures. We all suffer in the end. Bless the elk and keep them well and safe.

Correspondence ID: 17033

Please remove the fence

Correspondence ID: 17034

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17035

The death of more than 100 Tule Elk indicates that they need a wider range than they are currently allowed. Please put the needs of the indigenous wildlife ahead of the cattle.

Correspondence ID: 17036

Please make sure the tule elk have proper access to food and water. Allowing them to starve to death is a cruel and senseless death, especially when it can be avoided.

Correspondence ID: 17037

We have to protect all our species, they all play a part in our eco system

Correspondence ID: 17038

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17039

I support Alternative B - please remove the fencing so that Tulle elk herd can graze freely and stop starving to death ; also remove it so they can find water. And please stop /remove and relocate / all commercial cows from Point Reyes National Seashore park area.

Thank you for protecting these innocent animals .

Sincerely, Lina Downes

Correspondence ID: 17040

Because we care!

Correspondence ID: 17041

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Please protect the lives of this magnificent....innocentanimals . Thank you.....Chris Doyle

Correspondence ID: 17042

California is supposed to be the example of Dem regulations. Yet the state still has fracking, still has animals being abused. This is supposed to be a NPS - why are wildlife being killed on protected land. How is this state any different from Idaho? Do the right thing, what you claim to be. Save the animals, save the habitat. Or be known to all you are false.

-Chickasaw Tribe

Correspondence ID: 17043

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining Tule Elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I would like to see all wildlife reach their natural habitat.

Livestock is not wildlife. Less Californians are eating red meat, but our wildlife, water, and habitat is being sacrificed for agricultural business. I and my tax dollars do not support this.

Correspondence ID: 17044

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Please protect the lives of this magnificent....innocentanimals . Thank you,

Sincerely, Chris Doyle

Correspondence ID: 17045

Preserve them!!! Help them!! Let them live!!! STOP BEING SELFISH!

Correspondence ID: 17046

To whom it may concern,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Sincerely, Brett Nelson

Correspondence ID: 17047

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, Claudia Cervantes

Correspondence ID: 17048

these elk have the right to roam and the fact that in 2020 150 dies of starvation and dehydration because of a fence that doesnt belong on public land preventing them from roaming for food and water needs to come down and there is a drought then these cattle need to be moved off of public land and moved to the ranchers property. and stop letting rancher graze their cattle on public land

signed

tammy jo brand bullock

Correspondence ID: 17049

Stop killing the elk. Take down this stupid fence. Quit appeasing a bunch of sick ranchers who want to kill their cattle and the elk for money. The American Public is tired of our support going towards cruelty, profits for those killing our wildlife and destroying the lands. Enough is enough. Thank you for choosing the wise path forward. God Bless.

Correspondence ID: 17050

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Madison Spears

Correspondence ID: 17051

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

NPS BRING DOWN THAT FENCE !

Correspondence ID: 17052

Protect National Parks

Correspondence ID: 17053

Please protect our endangered wildlife, including the Tule Elk!

Correspondence ID: 17054

Dear NPS -

Please select Plan B! Remove the elk fence and allow native tule elk access to water and forage in Point Reyes National Seashore. Protecting wildlife should be the priority for our local national park, not cattle ranching.

Correspondence ID: 17055

I am writing once again to express my support for Alternative B. Let's protect the endangered Tule Elk herd of Point Reyes from human activity, especially agricultural grazing. As an endangered species, the elk deserve to be able to enjoy their natural grazing territory free of interruption. Thank you.

This message was sent as part of a public wildlife conservation campaign by Animal Legal Defense Fund. I am not affiliated or employed with this organization, simply participating as an individual advocate.

Correspondence ID: 17056

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 17057

Please support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17058

Please let parks be parks--not grazing areas for commercial stock.

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17059

Dear madam, dear sir,

Let these animals free to move around the country.

Thanks

Kind regards

Correspondence ID: 17060

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17061

HELP ANIMALS , PLEASE.

Correspondence ID: 17062

I urge the NPS to prioritize wildlife over commercial agricultural interests and remove the fence so that Tule elk can roam free in the Park.

Correspondence ID: 17063

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17064

I believe the fence must be removed so the elk can survive and keep the animal ecology in sync. Please do the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 17065

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17066

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. We have already seen approximately 150 unnecessary Tule elk deaths. Please allow these beautiful animals to roam free in their native land. Visitors come to these parks to enjoy nature and wildlife. Thank you for caring.

Correspondence ID: 17067

Please do not sacrifice the Tule Elks for commercial cow grazing. I urge you to enact Alternative B to remove the fence that confines the Tule elk herd so that the herd can roam freely in search of food and water during difficult seasonal periods. Please remove all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you much for your consideration and respect of this fragile wildlife. Best regards.

Correspondence ID: 17068

I support alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent and majestic animals.

Karen H

Correspondence ID: 17069

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, Jenae McDonald

Correspondence ID: 17070

Dear NPS - Please select Plan B! Remove the elk fence and allow native tule elk access to water and forage in Point Reyes National Seashore. Protecting wildlife should be the priority for our local national park, not cattle ranching.

Correspondence ID: 17071

We support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Hence, it is long overdue to step up and protect the Tule elk herd like you are supposed to!!!

Correspondence ID: 17072

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17073

To Whom It Concerns:

Cows should not be grazing in a National Park!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17074

If we do not start honouring the right to life - and a good life - of all creatures, and not only of humans, then we will reap the horrible rewards of our inhumanity at some time soon.

Correspondence ID: 17075

Please value the life & beauty of the tulle elk. Their suffering should not be a choice made by humans.,

Giving this public land to cattle is not helping our climate or the land health.

Cows raised solely for human profits are not in the interests of discerning people.

We are all concerned about the greed & international harm being done to the elk who deserve to share public land.

Please consider the will of the people.

Thank you , Anne

Correspondence ID: 17076

These elk need unrestricted access to these Parks.

Correspondence ID: 17077

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17078

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 Messina

Correspondence ID: 17079

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17080

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17081

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species, please don't prioritize commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17082

Thank you for your service. I would like to request that we take down these fences and allow them to roam freely and naturally for their own well-being.

Correspondence ID: 17083

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Correspondence ID: 17084

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17085

Remove the fencing trapping the elk!!! Urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Help these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17086

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17087

Tule elk are a precious and rare species, just back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s, and we should celebrate this conservation success !

But the current situation threatens their population once again.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you

Dr. Elisabeth Bechmann

Correspondence ID: 17088

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals,

Kathy Sugarman

Correspondence ID: 17089

Remove the fences. The Tule elk deserve to roam and graze on public land. The elk are a protected species. Stop the cows and cattle from grazing there.

Correspondence ID: 17090

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17091

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Cows and the beef industry should not take priority over wild species. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to stand up for wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 17092

messages are the most effective!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17093

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 17094

The purposes of the system are (1) to track progress and milestones of park projects, including the legal compliance process outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act; (2) to allow park staff to collaborate with team members on a project, post plans and related documents for public review; (3) to provide public comment opportunity; and (4) to provide the NPS with a tool for comment analysis and response, which includes demographic information to better make informed decisions and serve the public.

Correspondence ID: 17095

Please remove the fence that limits where wild tule elk can wander to find food and water. Their survival is threatened by the current system that gives priority to cattle ranching (which should be secondary or even non-existent) in the Park, which should prioritize wildlife and providing wild Nature experiences to the public!

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 17096

hello, just wanted to send a quick note in hopes that the fence could be removed to allow access for the many Elk and herd to get water and feed more easily and to prevent any unnecessary deaths. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17097

To fence in and contain animals who are naturally free roaming is evil !! These innocents were on the land before humans invaded and destroyed it (and any living creature deemed to be in their way) and that birth rate must be returned to them. Take down the fencing !!

Correspondence ID: 17098

I support Alternative B. Please remove the fence confining the elk herd and also remove all commercial cow grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore to better protect the park. It's vitally important that the elk can wander freely to seek out food and water, especially during times when such sustenance is in short supply. Tule elk are magnificent animals and their small numbers speak to the importance of protecting them, and giving them priority, over the commercial grazing interests of cattle operations which have plentiful feeding space outside National park boundaries.

Correspondence ID: 17099

Please do the job you are supposed to do and stop acting in the interest of the commercial ranchers. This is not welfare property for already rich welfare ranchers this is public land. Protect the Tule Elk they have been brought back from the brink of extinction. Remove the fence and protect wild life not domestic animals for ranchers to profit. Extinct is forever

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17100

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I do not support the NPS for the following reason:

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions. This is unacceptable!!!!!!

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. NPS--carry out your responsibility to prioritize and protect our wild species--remove the fence!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 17101

Please select Plan B. Remove the elk fence and allow tule elk access to water and forage in Point Reyes National Seashore. Protecting wildlife should be the priority for national parks, not cattle ranching.

Correspondence ID: 17102

Save our wildlife before they are gone!! Then we will be gone next!

Correspondence ID: 17103

Please take any and all relevant steps to help provide for the safety of the Tule Elk. Protecting this subspecies is paramount unless we want to create an even longer list of animals that we are directly undeniably responsible for their extinction.

Correspondence ID: 17104

In am writing from France : PLEASE, let the elk freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration!

Correspondence ID: 17105

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park!

Correspondence ID: 17106

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17107

The NPS has the responsibility to conserve and care for protected wildlife species. Take down the fence

and let the ELK HERD free roam , not many os them left. and remove the commercial cow grazing which don't belong in POINT REYES national seashore

thank you

Correspondence ID: 17108

We need to do what we can to save the wildlife of the world.

Correspondence ID: 17109

I support Alternative B to remove the fence cofining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17110

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17111

Protect these fellow animals who are disadvantaged by the metastasizing encroachment of our human species. Please!!!

Compassion is crucial.

Correspondence ID: 17112

- 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: 17113

Tule elk have been under increasing pressure for decades. It is way past time to protect local wildlife instead of allowing pressure from ranchers to drive policy. Before more wildlife becomes endangered, please take action that fosters the well being of people and wildlife. You have the authority to make Tomales Point welcoming to tourists, bolstering the local economy. This can and should be done in a cooperative way with local landowners.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Ranchers can thrive without destroying habitat.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17114

I am a graduate student of Environmental Policy and did a Climate Vulnerability Analysis on Point Reyes National Seashore & I support Alternative B. The damage the cattle grazing has done and continues to do to PRNS is clear and I hope NPS will support the wildlife and remove the fence confining the herd & other wildlife. I also support removing all commercial cow grazing and dairy farms with cruel veal crates from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17115

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17116

Yes!

Correspondence ID: 17117

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17118

These animals must be saved.

Correspondence ID: 17119

Please remove the fence so that the poor, suffering Tule Elk may have access to food and water! They are STARVING! Please remove the fence for them!

Correspondence ID: 17120

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17121

I am writing to express my support for Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17122

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 Sreiber

Correspondence ID: 17123

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. Kelly Allen

Correspondence ID: 17124

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.

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

Sincerely, Kaila Fearey

Correspondence ID: 17125

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17126

I support the Alternative B to remove the fence which is confining the Tule elk herd and I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17127

I encourage the removal of fencing affecting the movement of Tule elk. These fences are basically isolating these animals from necessary life-sustaining nourishment. It is appalling that our government would do such blatant cruelty.

Correspondence ID: 17128

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park. I am alarmed and dismayed at the damage the presence of the cows at PRNS are having on the ecosystems there. Degrading the land such that native flora and fauna do not thrive and, instead, the landscape is populated by invasive species due to harmful agricultural practices, including spraying slurries of cow waste on the terrain, and grossly contaminating seeps, creeks and estuaries with harmful pathogens that imperil our marine mammals and other species. This has to end. There is so much acreage in Marin and Sonoma counties that can accommodate dairy cattle, and that does not encroach upon our fragile and rare ecosystems at PRNS. It's 2023. There can be no excuse, given all we know about catastrophic climate change and its deleterious impacts on species, to continue such indefensible and harmful ranching practices at a national seashore 😞. Thank you for taking decisive action to remove the lethal elk containment fence, end ranching at PRNS, and restore our native flora and fauna.

Sincerely, Moira Sullivan,

State of CA scientist

Correspondence ID: 17129

Save elks

Correspondence ID: 17130

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Yours, Wendy

Correspondence ID: 17131

Please give these animals some protection.

Correspondence ID: 17132

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

So I would like to ask for you making certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Kind regards,

Jeanette Leinweber

Correspondence ID: 17133

I support Alternative B.

Please remove the fence so that the Tule Elk can roam freely. And please do away with the cow grazing.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely, Eugene M.

Correspondence ID: 17134

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 Scheinman

Correspondence ID: 17135

The elk should have priority over ranched cattle. The elk are the native species and should be protected as such.

Correspondence ID: 17136

Get rid of all cattle

Plan B to tear down the cage.

Correspondence ID: 17137

stop à la cruauté

Correspondence ID: 17138

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17139

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Tule elk are more important than commercial cows.

Thank you

Eric Voorhies

Correspondence ID: 17140

I totally support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17141

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17142

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you, Lucia Bucklin

Correspondence ID: 17143

The National Park Service should choose 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: 17144

I support Alternative B

Correspondence ID: 17145

Give Tule Elk priority over ranching. Don't fence them in preventing the elk from finding food and water.

Correspondence ID: 17146

Remove the fence for the Elk

Correspondence ID: 17147

It is incumbent on the National Park Service to select Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". The support and maintenance of native environment and species is of primary importance to the NPS per the Organic Act. Native Elk must take priority over commercial cattle. Preservation of Wilderness areas is the duty of the NPS, not feeding commercial cattle. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 17148

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your consideration -

Correspondence ID: 17149

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, 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.

Antonella Nielsen

Correspondence ID: 17150

remove the fence and share all or part of the grazing land between the elk and cattle,

Correspondence ID: 17151

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore. I support Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" because I support wildlife. Native elk need access to food, water and habitat. I don't support cattle grazing because cattle grazing worsens climate change and biodiversity loss. Thank you for reading my comment. Have a great day.

Correspondence ID: 17152

please allow the Elk to roam free without restriction for their wellbeing.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17153

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your compassion for our precious creatures!

Correspondence ID: 17154

you shouldn't be protecting ranchers you should be protecting wildlife - that's your job. Remove the fences and protect the Tule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 17155

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17156

Hello ,

I support the removal of the fence confining the Tule Elk herd. This is obviously cutting their chances of finding food and water. I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park and the wildlife within it.

Thank you, Mary Santana

Correspondence ID: 17157

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk herd and the removal of all commercial cattle grazing at Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17158

No fence

Correspondence ID: 17159

I'm writing in response to what I've heard that elk are being confined behind a fence in order to allow cows to graze the property where elk are protected. This is so unfair to these wild animals and should not be happening. Please correct this injustice now. Thanks so much, Pat

Correspondence ID: 17160

No fences.

Correspondence ID: 17161

Let animals live

Correspondence ID: 17162

STOP!

Correspondence ID: 17163

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. They are beautiful animals and deserve to roam free.

Correspondence ID: 17164

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

150 died in 2020, you need to act now and remove that fence, we should be moving toward reducing our consumption of Beef anyway as the large swaths of land needed to raise cattle for consumption is unsustainable.

Correspondence ID: 17165

Stop this horror!

Correspondence ID: 17166

Insure survival of the tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 17167

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park

Correspondence ID: 17168

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. This has been going on for it too long unnecessarily, please remove the fence.

Correspondence ID: 17169

Commercial agriculture is destroying our natural resources. Please protect the Tule elk because we cannot afford to lose another of our majestic species, further tipping the balance of our ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 17170

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17171

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Ashley Lawrence

Correspondence ID: 17172

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Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn'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: 17173

I remember visiting Point Reyes and being awestruck at the natural beauty. It is sad to think that commercial interests should be allowed to destroy that habitat. The security of our ecosystem should be prioritized over the convenience and profit of private interests.

I believe the elk herd will not survive if they continue to be separated by fences. Therefore, I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17174

Dear Sir or Madam,

I support alternative B to remove the fence confing the Tule Elk and urge the removal of all the commercial cow grazing from point Reyes National seashore to protect the park and prevent their starvation and dehydration.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17175

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, leticia henriquez

Correspondence ID: 17176

Please do not fence in the tule elk. Expand their area. Livestock should not have more rights than the rule elk.

Correspondence ID: 17177

All animals need to be saved

Correspondence ID: 17178

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

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Correspondence ID: 17182

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The cow grazing destroys this land which is designed for the specific wildlife of the area. This land should be only for the residing wildlife, opening this to the Elk saves our ecosystem and allows the animals to thrive in this natural habitat. Please do the right thing for the Elk and our ecosystem before it is ruined and too late.

Correspondence ID: 17183

Please remove the fence so that the Tule Elk can roam freely and not be confined to an area where they cannot survive. It is imperative to save these wonderful creatures and allow them to nourish and protect themselves. THANK YOU!

Correspondence ID: 17184

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17185

Rule Elk in California need space to roam and graze, find food and simply be free; they are a protected species.

However, many elk died in 2020. The agricultural landowners have put up fencing for their own purposes rather than

Helping the Tule Elk. As a result, this protected species is 'locked in' and unable to roam and graze, run free and

Find food.

Please demand that private agriculture enterprises remove their fencing which is inhibiting these Elk and is responsible for

There 2020 high death rates.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely, Janice Mackanic

Correspondence ID: 17186

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Correspondence ID: 17187

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17188

Take down the fences and give the Tule Elk a chance to survive. Please do your job.

Correspondence ID: 17189

Leave well enough alone please.

Correspondence ID: 17190

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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. Robert Nowak

Correspondence ID: 17191

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17192

Thule Elk have been brought back from the brink of extinction. They must be allowed to move freely in search of food and water.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17193

Plainly and simply, dismantle the deadly fence and free the elk of the Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes. These elk have a right to be free and not encumbered any longer, please let them be free.

Correspondence ID: 17194

Please protect our national assets- our majestic wild animals that bring us joy. Please support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Let the wild animals free National parks should ONLY be for this use- not for cow grazing! Thank you

Correspondence ID: 17195

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17196

the removal of fence is necessary for the elk for their survival

Correspondence ID: 17197

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Correspondence ID: 17198

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Correspondence ID: 17199

NPS DUMB ASS ASSHOLES. LEAVE THE TULE ELK ALONE, YOU STUPID JACKASSES. AS LONG AS PEOPLE SUCH AS MYSELF ENJOY THERE SIGHTS AND MAKE YOU RUCKING PAYDAY'S HAPPEN LEAVE THEM BE, YOU DUMB ASSES. THEY HURT NO ONE, EXCEPT THE STUPID FUCKA NPS. GET IT JACKASSES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 17200

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17201



Correspondence ID: 17202

Good morning, I am writing to strongly urge you to protect the Tule elk! These animals deserve to be able to roam freely, so that they can flourish. They have already been close to extinction once, and I do not want to see that happen again. I request that you choose Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and remove all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17203

Allow these wild creatures to live the way nature intended. That does not mean fencing them in if the park area is large enough to ensure their safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17204

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

We ALL have a responsibility to work together in order to Protect and SAVE our Wilderness, Waterways and Environment from senseless Destruction and Poisoning in the name of Ignorance and Greed.

We have to SAVE our Wildlife, including The Tule Elk!

We have to STOP the senseless killing of our Wildlife out of Ignorance and Greed!!!

Correspondence ID: 17205

Please save the majestic tule elk

Correspondence ID: 17206

Leave the Elks alone. They have been there for many many years! Stop the cruelty.

Correspondence ID: 17207

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Correspondence ID: 17208

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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. The park must not rely on a 43-year-old management plan for Tomales Point but must instead immediately update their plan and release the elk.

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 critical issue.

Sincerely, Sam Daily

Correspondence ID: 17209

This is uncalled for. How long before all are gone? Then what? Humans. There will none left for the future generations and thus will be another devastation for the earth. This is heartbreaking

Correspondence ID: 17210

Please will you remove the fence that was erected that confines elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. As a result of the fence, many elk have dies of apparent starvation

and lack of water. Please do not allow this to continue. These animals need to be able to move to where they can find food and water.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 17211

The National Park Service should choose 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: 17212

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 17213

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17214

Protect the elk population.

Please reevaluate.

Correspondence ID: 17215

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17216

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again. The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species

Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17217

I support and strongly urge the NPS to adopt Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Cattle and other ranch animals are the invasive species. The NPS must stop their misguided pandering to the special interests of the cattle industry.

Correspondence ID: 17218

Hello - I am writing to express how passionate I am about supporting Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Please make the right and humane decision to support Alternative B.

Thank you, Kelly

Correspondence ID: 17219

It's now unknown or new the damage caused to Tule elk by the fence. Don't let further harm to occur.

We know where the pressure for the fence came from. Grazing lands is a private issue to be solved by private business in their own lands. Public lands are for wildlife.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17220

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Correspondence ID: 17221

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The cows have destroyed the streams and polluted the land and spread e-coli onto the beach and into the ocean!

Correspondence ID: 17222

Thank you for helping

Correspondence ID: 17223

Please work diligently to prioritize the wellbeing and habitat of and for the elk above all

Correspondence ID: 17224

GOD MADE THEM TOO !!!!

Correspondence ID: 17225

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk Herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 17226

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17227

DO THE RIGHT THING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This land belongs to our Country and is leased to ranchers. They should make every accommodation to ensure the health and well-being of the Elk.

Ranchers have too much say as to what they will do...not only in this situation. 'We the People' should say what happens

Correspondence ID: 17228

I support the Animal Legal Defense Fund position on the Tule elk in California. Please support their habitat and allow them to thrive. I was raised in California and I have enjoyed seeing them in nature there.

Correspondence ID: 17229

The Tule elk are an important part of our national parks. They deserve protection!

Correspondence ID: 17230

The fence needs to be removed so the elk can find food. Too many are dying behind that fence.

Correspondence ID: 17231

These are beautiful, majestic animals who are dying if starvation and thirst once again because of human greed.

This is animal cruelty. Tear down the fence so these animals can live.

Correspondence ID: 17232

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Correspondence ID: 17234

please do the right thing and remove the fence so that the elk can travel unimpeded.

Correspondence ID: 17235

It is important to preserve our environment and all creatures in it.

Correspondence ID: 17236

We need to stop the useless waste and indifference occurring daily and worldwide in our environment. Elk are a national treasure and need to be valued as such, as are all our other animals, plants and natural wonders. Please step up and stop our country's ecological devastation.

Correspondence ID: 17237

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17238

Wildlife management shouldn't always be about removing/killing the animals but better control over keeping the ecosystem balanced.

Correspondence ID: 17239

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Correspondence ID: 17243

Elk are a beautiful part of American wildlife. With all of the resources available in modern times, surely a balance can be achieved between wild and farming animals.

Correspondence ID: 17244

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17245

To Our National Park Service:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I believe the National Park Service has the responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species, instead of prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Lydian Green

Correspondence ID: 17246

They are dying because you allowed a fence to be put up? Have you no sympathy towards these Tule Elk?

They need to eat too, not just the farmers cattle. There is enough land for this.

What is this world coming to or should say government. They take away protections from animals, rounding up horses for meat in Mexico. Its our government doing this. I am so ashamed

Correspondence ID: 17247

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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."

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

Correspondence ID: 17248

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Correspondence ID: 17251

TULE ELK NEED PROTECTING IN CALIF AS THEY ARE NATIVE TO AREA NOT HARMING ANY THING IF HUNTERS OR FARMERS THEY CAN EASILY GO SOMEWHERE ELSE

Correspondence ID: 17252

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17253

Please protect the Elk!!! There is NO reason to get rid of them!!!

We MUST PROTECT THEM.

Correspondence ID: 17254

JUST REMOVE THE FENCE SO THAT THE ELK CAN ROAM FREELY AS THEY SHOULD AS THE PEOPLE WHO COFVET THE LAND ARE WRONG

Correspondence ID: 17255

Protect the tule elk. Let them roam around freely.thanks

Correspondence ID: 17256

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.The Tule Elk ought to be able to roam the park without having to worry about fencing. These animals ought to have priority over commercial farming interests.

Correspondence ID: 17257

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17258

The welfare of the tule elk should be prioritized over the wants of ranchers. The former belong, the latter are destructive squatters.

Correspondence ID: 17259

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. I also urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17260

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Please remove the fence that is confining the Tule elk.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17261

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17262

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Laurie Denis

Salem, MA

Correspondence ID: 17263

Stop threatening these majestic creatures!

Correspondence ID: 17264

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17265

I totally and completely support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and strongly urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you for your attention to do what is right for these innocent and beautiful animals. It is everyone's responsibility to protect all wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 17266

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17267

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Correspondence ID: 17268

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Correspondence ID: 17269

The fence must be removed to allow the Elk to roam freely. There should not be cow grazing in this area at all! Why is this being done?

Correspondence ID: 17270

please stop this non sense

Correspondence ID: 17271

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17272

While I love the tule elk, I am against the elk fence. I beg you to keep the status quo.

I am a food writer who covers the superb products from Point Reyes dairy farmers. These are some of the most acclaimed foods in their categories.

The accolades give not only employment and other financial benefits to the area, but also give consumers organic products that are of importance to more and more Americans each year.

These creameries also give national prestige to your area.

But more importantly, it would be criminal to effect the demise of organic farming in your community, and all it brings to Marin County, the region, and nationwide.

The elk and the dairy farmers can continue to co-exist without the removal of the elk fence.

Sincerely, Karen Hochman

Correspondence ID: 17273

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17274

When will this disgraceful cruelty end? Take down the barriers and let these elk live in THEIR environment. This makes me sick, and I will not visit another national park or donate another dime to the parks until this travesty is over for good. End this cruelty NOW!!!

Correspondence ID: 17275

I am writing to express my strong support for Alternative B, which calls for the removal of the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urges the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that this alternative offers the most comprehensive and environmentally responsible approach to protect the park's natural resources and promote the health of the Tule elk population.

Point Reyes National Seashore is a cherished and ecologically significant area that deserves our utmost care and attention. It is home to diverse ecosystems, including Tule elk, which are a critical component of the park's biodiversity. These majestic creatures have roamed this land for centuries, and their well-being is essential to maintaining the ecological balance of the region.

Alternative B aligns with the core principles of conservation, sustainability, and the preservation of natural habitats. By removing the fence that confines the Tule elk herd, we can enable these animals to roam freely, follow their natural migratory patterns, and access crucial resources without unnecessary constraints. This will not only benefit the elk but also contribute to the overall health and resilience of the park's ecosystems.

Additionally, the removal of commercial cow grazing is a pivotal step toward mitigating environmental impacts and ensuring the long-term health of Point Reyes National Seashore. While ranching has historical significance in the area, it is essential to strike a balance between cultural heritage and the preservation of our natural heritage. Alternative B recognizes the importance of managing these lands in a way that prioritizes conservation and the protection of fragile ecosystems.

I urge you to consider the long-term ecological benefits of Alternative B and its potential to protect the park's unique biodiversity and natural beauty. By supporting this alternative, we can ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy the wonders of Point Reyes National Seashore while also preserving its ecological integrity.

Thank you for your dedication to the well-being of this cherished national treasure. I hope that you will prioritize the protection of the Tule elk and the removal of commercial cow grazing by endorsing Alternative B.

Also, this message was written with ChatGPT3.5, because even it knows that Alternative B is the best route.

Correspondence ID: 17276

NATIVE ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN DECIMATED OVER THE YEARS NEED PROTECTION
!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 17277

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17278

Whatever you do, stop torturing these elk! Give them the space they need and deserve to survive & thrive. Ranchers should NEVER be given priority over native wildlife!

Respectfully submitted,

M. Bahleda

Correspondence ID: 17279

Your Responsibility is for the Elk, NOT the ranchers. Public Lands are for Wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 17280

Remove the fence!! Let the elk roam free and eat!!!!

Correspondence ID: 17281

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17282

There is no reason that the Elk and the agricultural interests of ranching can't co-exist.

All it takes is honest discussion and compromise. The ELK need to be protected. Losing them would be a national disgrace and a blemish on the NPS reputation.

I encourage all interested parties to compromise for the good of all.

Thank you

Patricia Kingsley

Correspondence ID: 17283

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17284

I support alternative b please allow the elk to resume their prior activities before your involvement. Please take down the fences.

Correspondence ID: 17285

Save these animals they are very beautiful!!!!Also save the deer they are beautiful also!!!

Correspondence ID: 17286

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Correspondence ID: 17287

Please save the elk.

Correspondence ID: 17288

The National Parks are for both the native wildlife and people to enjoy. They are one of the few places where

native wildlife should be protected as they have very limited space within the boundaries of the national parks already compared to when they were able to totally run FREE.

Correspondence ID: 17289

Agricultural interests do not trump your responsibilities to these magnificent and defenseless creatures.

Correspondence ID: 17290

What is the purpose of destroying every beautiful, innocent thing of our planet? Oh wait, now I remember; GREED. You are part of the end of this planet. I hope when you die, and you will, it will have been worth it.

Correspondence ID: 17291

I am giving my comment in regards to the fence that is keeping the Tule Elk from roaming free to graze and to drink so they don't starve or die from dehydration. This park should be for the free roaming animals and not for the ranchers livestock that they should have on their own land and not on park land. After finally getting their numbers up from be extinct I think you would have more regard for these animals after they came back becoming extinct. Please be fair and give these wonderful animals a chance to live free without interruption from humans.

Correspondence ID: 17292

The National Park Service (NPS) is supposed to protect America's living and nonliving public resources, not prioritize the interests of commercial ranching operations over the well-being of the Tule elk.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17293

These creatures deserve to live they're life free ...not fenced in...show some compassion....

Correspondence ID: 17294

The interest of large, commercial farms need to be replaced with those of wildlife, small, family owned farms. This leads to a healthier balance for wildlife, people and the land. Corporate interest seek only profit only. They do not care about people, animals or the land.

Correspondence ID: 17295

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial and private cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to

protect the park. The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife, especially when native elk die of thirst and malnutrition when confined.

Correspondence ID: 17296

Do not allow the elk to suffer. They have as much of a right to exist as cattle, or any other animal.

Take the fence down and please leave the elk alone.

Correspondence ID: 17297

THE PARK ARE A PLACE WERE YOU CAN GO AND IT NICE TO SEE.

Correspondence ID: 17298

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.

Alternative B known as "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" should be chosen which will remove the fatal fence and allow the elk to roam naturally and 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.

Correspondence ID: 17299

We need to stop destroying and harming our world, before it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 17300

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17301

To whom it may concern,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Signed,

Daniel Aquino

Correspondence ID: 17302

HOW DID CATTLE RANCHERS RECEIVE SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OVER THE TULE ELK IN OUR PARKS??

PUTTING UP FENCES IN OUR PARKS.....FENCES THAT THREATEN THE WELL BEING OF CALIF'S

TULE ELK?

JUST SEEING THIS IN WRITING SEEMS WRONG!!!

THE RANCHERS NEED TO FIND THEIR OWN LAND FOR THEIR CATTLE THIS "INDUSTRY" HAS BEEN GIVEN THIS PRIVILEGE ALL OVER PUBLIC LANDS IT NEEDS TO BE REVISITED AND CHANGED

RE THE TULE ELK.....REMOVE THE CATTLE TAKE DOWN THE FENCE

CARA O'NEILL

Correspondence ID: 17303

Dear NPS - Please select Plan B! Remove the elk fence and allow native tule elk access to water and forage in Point Reyes National Seashore. Protecting wildlife should be the priority for our local national park, not cattle ranching.

Correspondence ID: 17304

Elks need to be protected. They were on earth before the parks got started. They are God's creatures. He put everyone, every animal

and the birds here for a reason and a purpose.

Correspondence ID: 17305

Strengthen conservation laws and efforts. Don't look for ways to breach those laws and exploit the diversity of species and habitats for human use. Hands off. The time is crucial to protect wildlife without contouring that protection for self indulgence. It is not a choice but rather an utmost critical duty to maintain and build on the remarkable efforts made to bring these Elk back, and to continue a strict, and unwavering conservation effort for all wild flora and fauna on Earth. Laws shall hold dearly onto this philosophy as it is so precious and necessary for all of life to flourish again.

Stop threatening the survival of these rare Elk. Get the cattle off of the real estate set forth for conservation, and back off. Manage wild life and lands without selfish human intentions, but with true honor and integrity. That honor and integrity is called Conservation and it is forever.

Correspondence ID: 17306

It is outrageous that the park service will let an endangered species die for domestic cows and farm subsidies. As a tax payer I want to see these elks protected. They belong to all of us.

Correspondence ID: 17307

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. Kimberly Kozakiewicz

Correspondence ID: 17308

Save them!!

Correspondence ID: 17309

We need to preserve habitat for these precious endangered elk. It's not just about ranchers!

Correspondence ID: 17310

Leave the elk alone. It's their world too.

Correspondence ID: 17311

This should be a NO BRAINER....what was you hired to do ? Protect the Wild life right?

Ranchers knew Wildlife was there when they built their Ranch...

Sorry, but it's there problem..

A shame so many elk died and it shouldn't happen again

Please do the right thing

Thanks for your time

Correspondence ID: 17312

Please save these wonderful creatures .

Correspondence ID: 17313

Please permit elk to freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Sincerely, Leilah Yanez

Correspondence ID: 17314

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17315

Save the tile elk! No animal should be deprived of water or food!

Correspondence ID: 17316

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17317

I support the removal of the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. I don't want to see any more Elk have to starve and die from hunger and dehydration.

Sincerely, Kiera Sullivan

Correspondence ID: 17318

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17319

I urge you to take the fence down so the Tule elk can roam freely throughout the park and get sufficient food and water. Please do not put commercial interests over the protection of a protected species. Commercial cow grazing should not be allowed in Pt Reyes National Seashore if it endangers the natural habitat of the animals that live there. Please take the fence down. The cows should be relocated to a different grazing area not in a National park entity. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Mrs Sharon Ford

Correspondence ID: 17320

These elk are magnificent and we should do everything possible to protect them.

Correspondence ID: 17321

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17322

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 17323

I am writing you today to urge you to remove
the fence restricting the tule elk from accessing
the food and water they need to survive just to
appease private land owners and their livestock.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17324

Please don't remove the fence so the wildlife can stay protected and not be hunted.

Correspondence ID: 17325

Please prioritize the wellbeing of our endangered native species, the Tule Elk, and remove the fence to allow free grazing and roaming. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17326

There is no reason the Elk and cattle can't co-exist. What right to the cattlemen deserve more land and kick off the other animals, like the Elk, Mustangs, Bears, and wolves. It's time to stand up and put an end to the cattlemen not managing their grazing land better.

Correspondence ID: 17327

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17328

Leave the elk alone!

Correspondence ID: 17329

I support alternative B to remove the fence confining tule elk herd. I also urge the removal of commercial cattle grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17330

I support the removal of the fencing containing the elk. They should not be locked up in a so-called prison and should be allowed to roam around freely. I ask that you make a humane decision in protecting the elk herd.

Thank you

Amy Cyr

Correspondence ID: 17331

Please remove the fence and allow these animals to make their best efforts to survive. There is no one taking care of them and sacrificing them so ranchers can make money just isn't the right thing to do.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17332

Please do all you can to ensure every animal is allowed to live in its natural habitat without interference from humans.

Correspondence ID: 17333

As your constituent, I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17334

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction

after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 17335

It is time to remove the fences and allow the elk access to their lands so that they do not starve. Also it is time to stop the access of commercial cattle in the Point Reyes area.

Correspondence ID: 17336

Please remove the fence so that the Tule elk will not die of starvation or dehydration.

The fact that about 400 elk died during the last two droughts, that occurred in that area, over the last decade is shameful that solutions were not made sooner to prevent further deaths.

Some of the elk could have been relocated to preserves that had more acreage. Los Banos Reservoir area has a one million acres.

Tule elk almost went extinct. There use to be a half a million in California. DNA evidence indicates they might have gotten down to one mating pair. Now their numbers are around 5,700. The world needs to realize we need to reverse the loss of nature. We need to help this species have a comeback.

I know in my home town, I use to see pheasants, jack rabbits, garter snakes. I don't see any of these wildlife creatures anymore. I use to have frogs/toads on my property but they are all gone. Loss of habitat to humans has harmed nature and its creatures.

The Living Planet Index (LPI) tracks populations of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians.

They recently put out a report in 2022 analyzing that an average of 69% of monitored wildlife populations have been lost since 1970. A million plant and animal species are threatened with extinction. The human race must help to reverse this horrible trend. We need to increase wildlife habitat so that most species will make a comeback. Human population needs to decline in order to save most of our wildlife and their habitats.

The cattle population is 1.5 billion in our world. Which species needs more saving?

Also, I would prefer relocating herds rather than shooting elk.

Shooting Tule elk is not the answer.

One last comment, It saddens me deeply that Grizzly bears went extinct in California. We need to try and save as many species as possible. Our world is a better place with these species existing.

Please make the right choice that aligns with your core mission statement which is to protect natural resources and wildlife for the future and current generations.

Correspondence ID: 17337

Please remove the fences at Point Reyes National Seashore and allow the Tule Elk to roam free.

Elk belong on our public lands: cattle and other agricultural animals who belong to private citizens belong on private land. The Elk should be able to graze and access water as they are wild animals, not domestic cattle

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 17338

I support alternative B. Elk deserve to be freed from starvation and dehydration. Commercial cow grazing should be removed from the park.

Correspondence ID: 17339

Thanks for any consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17340

Please remove the fence so that elk can roam freely and assure that they do not starve or dehydrate themselves to death.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17341

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.

However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. The NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of 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.

Correspondence ID: 17342

Do it now!

Correspondence ID: 17343

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The practice of cows grazing on public land should be ended entirely. It harms wildlife, destroys wild lands, and encourages the sense of entitlement promulgated by right wing scum like Ammon Bundy who steal from the American people for their own enrichment.

Correspondence ID: 17344

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17345

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17346

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17347

Remove the fence and protect the elk. This is a national park area; wildlife comes first. We shouldn't even be grazing livestock here. ALTERNATIVE B.

Correspondence ID: 17348

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all

commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17349

Please do not compromise the free-range opportunity of free-range Tule Elk. in the Tomales Point Area Plan. The permitted commercial interests should be subservient to the interest of maintaining a sustainable and viable elk population.

Correspondence ID: 17350

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17351

Animals have suffered enough at the hands of selfish, uncaring humans....ENOUGH!

Correspondence ID: 17352

No fences

Correspondence ID: 17353

Please consider removing the fence that prevents your elk population from roaming the full breadth of their territory and, subsequently, allows them to starve or die of dehydration. This is an egregious wrong, especially when you take into consideration that the elk are a native subspecies. The animals you are choosing to prioritize, cattle, are not. It is your responsibility to protect the land and protect our relationship with those that inhabit it. Do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 17354

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park, and I hope you will too.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals, and a humane future for all living beings.

Correspondence ID: 17355

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17356

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17357

Please let them thrive! :(

Correspondence ID: 17358

PLEASE TAKE DOWN THE FENCES AND ALLOW THE TULE ELK TO ROAM FREELY IN THEIR HABITAT.

THE CATTLE RANCHERS ARE CAUSING THIS AND THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS PUTTING THEIR CATTLE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND PREVENTING THE TULE ELK FROM BEING ON THE LAND THEY WERE PROTECTED TO INHABIT. THE PARK SERVICE SHOULD NOT BE BULLIED FORM THE COMMERCIAL RANCHERS AND THIS NEEDS TO STOP. THE LEASING OF PUBLIC LAND NEEDS TO STOP. THE PEOPLE DONT WANT THIS AND THE TAXPAYERS SHOULD HAVE A SAY IN HOW THIS LAND IS USED.

Correspondence ID: 17359

Hello,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thanks in advance,

Heather Vasquez

Correspondence ID: 17360

Please remove the fence of your Park and let the Tule elk herd roam freely. Prevent them from starving and dehydrating.

Correspondence ID: 17361

Elk should run free! No fences!

Correspondence ID: 17362

I STRONGLY support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial rancher cattle grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals and our precious environment.

Correspondence ID: 17363

Please put our wildlife above the greedy ranchers... the elk deserve better.

Correspondence ID: 17364

Dear Park Service,

As I'm not American, I'm in such an incredible awe of the nature in California especially out by Point Reyes Station & the ocean. It's such a unique fauna, vista & land. I'm so proud to live in this area.

Whenever I go up to Point Reyes & Tomales Bay I'm always struck by how incredibly disgusting the air is. It's really sad to go to one of the few parks available to have to smell cow dung throughout my visit.

Rivers & lakes of cow's pee & poo.

I bring my Swedish family & friends to Point Reyes. We love hiking down to the lighthouse. You guys are just so knowledgeable & bright.

I would love it if you can take better care of the our unique but endangered Tule Elk deer. We need to do more to protect them.

When I went up to Point Reyes a few years ago during the drought, I observed deer skulls all over the deer's enclosure. They hadn't even had access to fresh water. The area where they can graze & search for water is incredibly tiny. However, the cow manufacturers get access to nearly the entire peninsula.

I heard later than one of the organization had tried to bring them water but were blocked by the Park Service. Is this a concerted effort by you to 'cull' the Tule Elk numbers? If it – its' working. I wasn't aware that you had instituted the killing of elk as a policy. I sure hope not.

Supposedly the entire water shed is polluted with all of the cow shit. Shouldn't the cow manufacturers have to clean this up? The bacterial rates were off the charts high. That's not good for anyone who lives up there – the native Indians, the deers, the visitors as well as the cow manufacturers.

I would love it if you can take better care of the Point Reyes Park. Instead of giving it away to the manufacturers, how about if regular people like I could visit a larger swath of the park – without the stench.

Please, take care of the Tule Elk Deer!

Thank you, Kris.

Correspondence ID: 17365

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17366

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, Amber Haseltine

Correspondence ID: 17367

I for one and sick unto death of the Parks running at the beck and call of the cattle ranchers. And using my tax dollars to deal out death to wildlife.

Regarding the Pierce Ranch Core 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.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 17368

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17369

Please do what you can to help keep these animals safe. Wildlife is to be respected and not be made extinct. Why can't governments and lawmakers do something to help this ? It's not that hard.

Correspondence ID: 17370

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17371

Please prioritize protecting Tule Elk over commercial Agriculture interests. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17372

The National Park Service should choose 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 unconscionable to let the confined native elk perish 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.” Allowing cattle grazing while confining native animal populations blatantly violates the enabling legislation.

Correspondence ID: 17373

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 17374

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park

Correspondence ID: 17375

I'm writing to urge the Park Service to choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” and tear down the 8-foot-high fence at Tomales Point at California's Point Reyes National Seashore. This fence was put in place to prevent elk from roaming and browsing on grass that livestock owners want for their cattle. Unfortunately, this fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years by cutting those animals off from adequate food and water sources.

Considering the intention of the National Seashore system, I don't believe private cattle operations are appropriate at Point Reyes. 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.”

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the native ecosystem. Once this fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 17376

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species, like the CA subspecies, Tule Elk. From near-extinction in the 1800s, they number in the hundreds— a conservation success. But

during the 2020b drought, more than 150 elk died behind a fence preventing them from finding sufficient food and water. Why? So cattle could be grazed on public land,

Despite being protected by law, grazing rights and the literal fences they produce, impede the continued success of the elk. While I'm sure the commercial animal agriculture lease money is useful those leases should NEVER cost the lives of native wildlife, especially at-risk species like the Tule Elk.

Follow your mandate: STOP prioritizing commercial interests over the needs of wildlife and the public lands your service was created to protect.

Correspondence ID: 17377

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk herd, and I urge that the commercial cow grazing be removed from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect t the park.

Correspondence ID: 17378

Dear All,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I want to make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 17379

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17380

Please prioritize the habitat and future existence of this magnificent animal! The ranchers can go anywhere else in the country if they choose to raise cattle but fencing in a species that could die from hunger for their sakes is not fair, humane, or even intelligent. Please get your priorities correct! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17381

The National Park Service should choose 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: 17382

Please remove the fence and let them roam free in search of food and water. We almost lost these elk long ago - we can't lose them now!

Correspondence ID: 17383

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Cattle do not belong in a national park - elk do.

Correspondence ID: 17384

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence, so that the Tule Elk can get the food and water they need to survive. The Tule Elk are a valuable part of the land and a big draw for visitors. Please do the right thing and remove the fence. I also urge the removal of all commercial grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 17385

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17386

save them

Correspondence ID: 17387

need to roam free

Correspondence ID: 17388

It our responsibility to maintain balance in our environment. We must stop killing and wiping out our wildlife

Correspondence ID: 17389

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows —

over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

It is a priority to do the right thing and protect the wilderness specially when you have the authority to do it, remove the horrible fence to let the elks roam freely the park, it is their home. We must not interfere in the wilderness we are intruders on this Planet and it is a shame to kill by starvation and dehydration the wild animals.

Correspondence ID: 17390

<https://tinyurl.com/elksneedyourhelp>

Correspondence ID: 17391

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17392

Animals have suffered enough at the hands of uncaring, selfish humans!

Correspondence ID: 17393

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17394

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17395

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, Natalie Tyrrell

Correspondence ID: 17396

Save the Tule Elk!!

Correspondence ID: 17397

I believe that the Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area", that the fence is removed to enable the Elk to roam free. These native elk are dying of thirst and malnutrition which is not right.

I am pleased that the National Park Service have listened to the public and are willing to take the fence away.

By removing the fence the National Seashore can begin to recover the ecosystem to what it should be and will be a place of enjoyment for people and for the native wildlife to roam in a safe environment with no culling or any other obstruction.

As this is a National Park I do not understand why cattle livestock owners were ever allowed on this land, and I think it is time that is changed.

Thank you for letting me give my reasons for the removal of this fence.

Correspondence ID: 17398

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park

Correspondence ID: 17399

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17400

Please do the right thing and protect nature and the wildlife that depend on it rather than the cruel practice of siding with ranchers. Letting these animals starve a slow, inhumane death is unacceptable.

Correspondence ID: 17401

Hello,

Please remove the fence confining the Tule Elk herd and stop all commercial grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your consideration on behalf of these animals.

Sincerely, Vicki Jenkins

Correspondence ID: 17402

I support taking down the fence so that the elk do not have to be restricted to only a portion of the land.

Correspondence ID: 17403

It is OUTRAGEOUS that the Tule Elk are being prohibited from the public lands where they belong in order to please ranchers who DO NOT BELONG on those lands considering the damage their animals do and the pittance they pay for that privilege.

Correspondence ID: 17404

I support plan B. The Tule elk should be able to graze on public lands, not cows.

Correspondence ID: 17405

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 17406

Dear NPS - Please select Plan B! Remove the elk fence and allow native tule elk access to water and forage in Point Reyes National Seashore. Protecting wildlife should be the priority for our local national park, not cattle ranching.

Correspondence ID: 17407

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, Laurel Robinson

Correspondence ID: 17408

Alternative B is the clear choice. Protecting wildlife should be the priority for any national park. One wonders why cattle ranching, which is ecologically devastating as well as cruel, has been supported by NPS within a national park for so long. May that harmful abuse of the land and of our fellow beings end, soon, within the national parks.

It is time for re-wilding!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17409

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17410

While I eat beef, I know that too much is not good for my health and raising cattle is bad for the environment. Elk are part of the natural environment and for that reason deserve special treatment--in this case, letting them search for food that is now kept from them so ranch owners can feed their cattle. The times they are a-changing--we need to prioritize the health of our natural environment even if it negatively affects private ranchers.

Correspondence ID: 17411

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17412

PLEASE remove the fence around Tomales Point, in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Causing the death of majestic elk by starvation is a cruel disgrace, not a boon to the local ecology.

Correspondence ID: 17413

This nonsense has been going on too long. Respect the opinion of the public and remove the fence.

Correspondence ID: 17414

I agree with the points raised below and urge you to do the right thing to protect these 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 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.

I believe that 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.

The current practice of allowing private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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 urgently urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 17415

Tule Elk have lived here for far longer than we. Please be respectful.

Correspondence ID: 17416

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by how its animals are treated. - Gandhi

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. David Lauderman

Correspondence ID: 17417

Save the elk! Open free range.

Correspondence ID: 17418

Please protect the elk from commercial farming.

Correspondence ID: 17419

Please stop causing unnecessary risk for our elk to get to their water and food sources. This just shows another of many reasons animal agriculture causes more bad than good and is not needed for any human diet. Let's focus on the diet of our planet's animals as a whole. Stop pushing the native creatures to extinction

Correspondence ID: 17420

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Correspondence ID: 17421

Good morning, it's cruel to prevent the elk from accessing their food. They are starving to death. Please take the fences down. How would you like it if someone was forcing you to starve to death? The Golden rule applies to other species, not just other humans. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17422

It is way past time for human beings to wake up to the fragility of all living creatures with which we share this planet. We have far too long acted as if we are the superior species and run roughshod over much of this fragile earth decimating other species with no sense of their value. We are NOT the superior species. We are simply the most voracious, greedy and prolific animal who gobbles up whatever is in our way.

I implore you who have any control over what happens to these magnificent animals to think twice, to put the fragility of this planet and those who lives here before human greed, aggression and dominance. Elk are only one of a myriad of species who are being seriously threatened by us. If we do not wake up to the global destruction we are inflicting, all life will eventually disappear.

Stop this madness.

Correspondence ID: 17423

Dear Decision Makers,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Please do not prioritize the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

Your agency had a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species instead of prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17424

Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Joseph Collins

Queens, NY

Correspondence ID: 17425

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17426

Dear Sir or Madam:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17427

I urge you to support, as do I, Alternative B. It's very important to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and I strongly urge the removal of all commercial cattle grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore. This will protect both wildlife, nature, and the park itself. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17428

Let the elk run free! Remove the fence.

Correspondence ID: 17429

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park!

Correspondence ID: 17430

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17431

Save the elks

Correspondence ID: 17432

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17433

Please do the r

Correspondence ID: 17434

You should remove the fence that is preventing the Tomales Point elk herd from accessing the feeding grounds they need to survive. That so many have perished due to starvation is shameful. The entire world is facing a biodiversity crisis which ultimately impacts humans in many ways. We must learn to live alongside other species not destroy them to make way more human activity. Humans have no future without the diverse species we share this planet with.

Correspondence ID: 17435

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17436

thank you

Correspondence ID: 17437

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17438

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17439

Protect the Tule elk- it is imperative to their survival. The park service must not cave to the demands of local agriculture. Your job it to protect the native species.

Correspondence ID: 17440

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. Thank you for doing what you can to provide food and water for the tule elk herd so they don't continue to die from thirst and malnutrition. 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: 17441

Please remove the fencing and allow these elk the freedom to roam as they were meant to. I am not sure why the fence was erected in the first place but these animals deserve the freedom to roam and have full access to water supplies. 152 Elk died in 2020 from reports I heard, due to this lack of water resource. Please do what the NPS should do, protect the wildlife, don't harm them by confining.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeffrey Thullen

Correspondence ID: 17442

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17443

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Correspondence ID: 17444

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Correspondence ID: 17445

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, Hailey Burnett

Correspondence ID: 17446

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Stop catering to ranchers special interests and protect this federally protected species.

Correspondence ID: 17447

Remove the fence stopping the Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 17448

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17449

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Joan Gallagher

Correspondence ID: 17450

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, Cori Geller

Correspondence ID: 17451

Save elk now

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17452

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17453

Public land is not to be exploited for commercial use protect wild life and wild life reserves also known as public parks or national Parks we have an obligation to future generations to leave a better planet for all living things

Correspondence ID: 17454

you do a great job, with what congress gives to you. But they have to step up. and increases your budget.

Correspondence ID: 17455

Hello,

the tule elk are in extreme danger of being injured if they get stuck in that horrible fence, but many of them also starve or die from dehydration because they don't find enough food and water anymore on the one side of the fence, and the rest of their original habitat can't be reached anymore. Please tear down that fence. Elks and native people lived in harmony for centuries, then greedy white Americans came and claimed more and more grounds. This is wrong. Please act before the tule elk who are special elk go to extinct.

Correspondence ID: 17456

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17457

Please save the Tule Elk. Give them the land and environment they need and deserve so they can thrive, particularly in these challenging times with drought and climate change impacting their habitat. My young sons were mesmerized when they saw the majestic animals on a family trip and future generations deserve to be able to see them as well. There is no shortage of available beef, so the needs of these animals should be prioritized over commercial ranching operations. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17458

Good morning,

I 100% support the Alternative B plan in the Point Reyes National Seashore to remove the fence to make certain that the elk can FREELY ROAM the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration! It is the NPS duty to protect our wildlife INSTEAD of supporting the the cattle ranchers just so they can meet the demand for dead meat and support the fast food industry.

By law, the NPS is supposed to be PROTECTED! I read that 150 elk died in 2020! These are beautiful creatures who need to have access to food water and shelter, (protection).

What do you think John Muir would think seeing all these cattle ranchers encroaching on God's creation?

Please, REMOVE the fence so the elk can survive!

Sincerely, Mrs. Sunnie Keech

Correspondence ID: 17459

Re the Tomales Point Area Plan, I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17460

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17461

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17462

Protect these elk!

Correspondence ID: 17463

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. We need to preserve wild places for the native flora and fauna with whom we share this planet for future generations, your grand-children and mine

Correspondence ID: 17464

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17465

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Debra DeFurio

Correspondence ID: 17466

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. Sabine Scheps

Correspondence ID: 17467

Please keep the fence so cows only graze on one side and elk be able to graze on the other side freely. We need wildlife to keep the ecological system in balance. Please keep the fence!!!

Thanks

Jiya

Correspondence ID: 17468

Please help preserve the Elk

Correspondence ID: 17469

Don't let them become endangered again. What is wrong with you people? They should be taken care of. Are you guys getting some money on the side? I'm just wondering!

Correspondence ID: 17470

Save the Tule Elk. We have too many species that are disappearing, due to man and fires.

Correspondence ID: 17471

This conversation reminds me of an old country classic movie called "The Big Country" where ranchers square off over access to water on the Big Muddy. The more powerful group keeps another rancher's cows from getting water and some of the herd dies. That's basically what's happening here at Tomales Point except the elk can't fight back.

What concerns me is that the land shared by the ranchers and the Tules Elk is as I understand it inside a national park. It is unconscionable to me that the elk do not have as much a right to the water as the ranchers do. The fence should be removed.

Correspondence ID: 17472

I support Alternative B to remove all fencing which contain

Tule Elk. Removing this fencing can help ensure that the Elk can reach adequate water and food. I also support removing all grazing cattle.

Correspondence ID: 17473

Please prioritize the health and wellbeing of the Tule Elk. Human intervention has and continues to jeopardize their survival. More Tule elk, fewer cows.

I support Alternative B, to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17474

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17475

Gentlemen -

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. It would be a shame to destroy the success of saving the Tule Elk from extinction by the addition of grazing cows in their protected areas.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Ruth Toporoff

Correspondence ID: 17476

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17477

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17478

Let the elk roam, get rid of the cows. Have you seen the veal crates? It was disgusting to visit Pt Reyes and to see this on federal property! And I pay taxes to support this? Bad enough it exists anywhere, but federally approved and supported at the expense of the native elk that are supposed to be protected?

I hope there is also support from Native tribes to save those beautiful and majestic elk. I took a picture of one with a massive rack, a proud, great leader and protector of his herd ! It is my screen saver picture!

Compensate the dairy, cattle owners. Let their leases expire. Return operating of park to tribes who are doing a wonderful job of restoring the natural balance of the land. After all, they have been doing it for 13 thousands years.

Greater tourist dollars will more than pay for the transition and reduce tax payer burden.

This fight has been ongoing and the situation for the elk will only get worse with climate change. Give them a chance! Do something!!

Correspondence ID: 17479

I sincerely, and strenuously, support the Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. It is critical to their health and well being. I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the ecosystem of the park.

Correspondence ID: 17480

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17481

Hello:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of ALL commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Please allow the Tule elk to freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration!

Correspondence ID: 17482

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Please protect Tule Elk.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17483

These animals have a right to graze off public lands.

Correspondence ID: 17484

Please let the elk herd go!

Correspondence ID: 17485

Save the wildlife!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17486

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Correspondence ID: 17487

Choose conservation over greed and compassion over cruelty.

Correspondence ID: 17488

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

COME ON - YOU NEED TO PROTECT THESE INNOCENT ANIMALS!!! Do the job you get paid for to do.

Correspondence ID: 17489

Save the elk - let them roam free!

Correspondence ID: 17490

You need to change your design and protect these elk. The plan to isolate and starve them to death is unacceptable and a breach of your responsibilities. Absolutely unacceptable. Immediately allow these animals access to a normal corridor and allow them to live. It is your job to do now

Correspondence ID: 17491

protect them

Correspondence ID: 17492

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17493

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, Elliott Bliss

Correspondence ID: 17494

I have been an animal advocate for decades and I'm writing in support of the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Instead of protecting the native tule elk within California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the National Park Service (NPS) has confined members of the herd in order to appease livestock owners, depriving the elk of water, food, and free range movement.

It has come to my attention that, due to public outcry, the NPS is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs, cutting these animals off from food and water.

I am urging you to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. To this end, I ask that the NPS choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence, allowing elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the NPS shouldn'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, once the fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate on national land and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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'm urging the NPS to remove the fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 17495

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals

Correspondence ID: 17496

save them.

Correspondence ID: 17497

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

"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

Correspondence ID: 17498

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

Sincerely, Ms. Suzanne Hall

Correspondence ID: 17499

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The park belongs to the elk and other wildlife that lives there. They were there before the cattle.

Correspondence ID: 17500

NPS must do the right thing and take down any fence that might be preventing the native Tule Elk from getting the water they need to survive. You don't need to add to the growing list of animals going extinct all because of a fence! As a taxpayer I want NPS to do the right thing and help these elk survive.

Correspondence ID: 17501

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park

Correspondence ID: 17502

Please protect the wildlife species!

Correspondence ID: 17503

I believe strongly that wild animals should be supported in their natural habitat. Please adopt Alternative B - which will remove the fencing that unnaturally confine the Tule elk herd - and disallow commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to support the Tule elk herd and protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17504

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: 17505

Those Elk's survival is worth a lot more than *ANY benefit, that is achieved by causing them to go extinct- on an individual & species*, to all Living Earth & All Living Beings- even those trying to get at those *ANY benefits*.

Correspondence ID: 17506

Dear NPS - We would like you to select Plan B! Remove the elk fence and allow native tule elk access to water and forage in Point Reyes National Seashore. Protecting wildlife should be the priority for our local national park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17507

We need National Parks that are free of hunting and hate. We need our trees to survive!

Correspondence ID: 17508

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, Caroline Sévilla

Correspondence ID: 17509

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17510

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. I request this fence be removed to allow wildlife to roam freely.

Correspondence ID: 17511

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17512

Please protect the native Tule Elk by allowing them to roam freely. Please give them priority over money making ranchers who are exploiting the public land that we all own. The native elk should be our concern not filling the pockets of dairy farmers who are essentially stealing our resources. I speak as a descendant of such farmers.

Correspondence ID: 17513

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17514

I love to see the Tule Elk at Pt. Reyes. I love hiking out to Tomales Point and spotting them in the valleys. They belong in Pt. Reyes and give those of us who hike there a true feeling of nature and wilderness. Please free them -- the Tule Elk belong in Pt. Reyes. The cattle do not. I look at the richness of the land where the Tule Elk thrive and compare that to the barren and desecrated land where smelly herds of cattle live. The harm to the land is obvious. That the Tule Elk are culled, malnourished, and thirsty because of the cows is completely wrong and flies in the face of the beauty and health of the National Seashore.

Please protect the native wildlife of Pt. Reyes, including the majestic Tule Elk. It is essential that the Seashore habitat be restored. Remove the fence and let the Elk roam free. Thank you for this opportunity to share my comments and for hearing how much we the public love wildlife and not cattle.

Correspondence ID: 17515

Will your people please stop destroying the wildlife most of us love animals and your total disregard for them is horrible. They deserve to live the same as you.

Correspondence ID: 17516

The Elk should be protected & the agency responsible for doing so isn't.

Correspondence ID: 17517

Save the tule elk! These animals are rare and require habitat.

Correspondence ID: 17518

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17519

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17520

Please do all you can to protect and support the Tule elk and other wildlife in the Tomales Point area.

Thanks! :^)

Correspondence ID: 17521

These cow herds are causing a great deal of damage to the park. The Tule elk are dying of thirst as fencing for the cow enclosure blocks the elk's access to the river when water levels are low. The cow herds are also polluting the river with animal waste causing algae blooms etc. The ranchers are being allowed to damage these vital ecosystems possibly destroying them so future generations will never see the park as it is now--it will only have a dead river with no tule elk, birds, fish.

Correspondence ID: 17522

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 17523

Please continue to support natural wildlife such as the Tule elk herd by allowing uninhibited movement. Use of the land as a profit center for activities such as conversion to a cow pasture with associated fencing deprives the use to the indigenous species. A national park should be reflective of the beauty of nature.

Thank you for considering this.

Correspondence ID: 17524

Please remove the fence so the elk are able to roam freely.

Correspondence ID: 17525

we support removal of cow grazing from point reyes national seashore and support removal of fencing that confines the tule elk. thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17526

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals

Correspondence ID: 17527

The concept of the common good and wildlife management synergistically intersect when it comes to preserving endangered species like the Tule Elk in California. Managing the Elk responsibly reflects the collective interests and well-being of society and emphasizes the importance of shared resources and environmental sustainability. Wildlife management bears a solemn obligation to ensure the common good as it oversees responsible stewardship of natural habitats and species to ensure their survival. In the case of the Tule Elk, which once faced near-extinction due to overhunting and habitat loss, the pursuit of the common good aligns with protecting and conserving these creatures.

Efforts to manage and protect the Tule Elk behind a fence that limits the elk's range in favor of protecting grazing areas that favor of privately owned cattle obviously violate management practices that are directed to protecting the common good. While conservation initiatives, habitat

restoration, and regulations to curtail hunting have been put in place to safeguard the species, these actions are undermined by fencing the animals and damaging recovery efforts of the Tule Elk. These practices also damage the broader ecosystem's biodiversity in favor of heavy use of public land for grazing cattle. In this circumstance, compromised wildlife management practices fail to promote the common good. The common good should be a prime directive to conserve the natural world and manage wildlife in order to preserve the precarious balance between human activities and the needs of endangered species. Responsible protection of the Tule Elk would set a powerful example of how wildlife management can be sanctioned without sacrificing the common good to the narrow interests of the region's cattlemen.

I urge the National Park Service to take down that fence!

Correspondence ID: 17528

Dear National Park Service,

Please prioritize the welfare of a protected species like the Tule elk over the interests of commercial ranching operations.

Sincerely, Dr. Paul Maltby

Correspondence ID: 17529

Please do the right thing & remove the 3 mile long fence which imprisons the tule elk & confines them to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. These magnificent creatures deserve the right to eat, drink & roam freely on their native land. As members of the National Park Service, I know that you have honor in your hearts & will defend the right to a healthy & peaceful life for the animals that dwell on this land.

Thank you, Laura H. Kopfstein

Correspondence ID: 17530

I strongly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the beautiful park. Please do all you can to protect this natural balance.

Correspondence ID: 17531

It has been a Living Nightmare to have Millions of Americans Observe the Intentional and Systematic Loss of Life Suffered by the Rare and Threatened Thule Elk of Point Reyes, Ca, who were Forcibly Deprived of Water

and left to die slowly and painfully of drought while the World looked on powerless to stop the atrocity.

Why did something so deplorable take place on the very Land Set Aside for them, as similarly seen with the American Mustang? Why was this allowed to happen on the very Land set up to Protect and Safeguard them? while cattle and sheep were brought in to not only graze the lands, but pollute the Natural Ecosystem and its waters, as Documented? This Atrocity was Committed Because of Cattle Interests, and a Natural Consequence the Avarice and Greed of Big Money!!!

This is a Shameful Reality, and not Reflective of a Society with a Conscience or a Moral Value System that

Recognizes Right from Wrong! These are the Actions of those in Power who Care for Nothing but themselves and their own False Worship of the Almighty Dollar! We should All Be Ashamed! Disgusted! and Forever Unforgiven for letting this Happen!!!

Correspondence ID: 17532

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 Lenya Gonzalez

Correspondence ID: 17533

SAVE THE ELK!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 17534

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17535

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, Stacy Lippincott

Correspondence ID: 17536

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.

DO RIGHT by the Tule elk.

Sincerely, Ms. Maria Farina

Correspondence ID: 17537

The National Park Service should choose 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 do the right thing! It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Thank you!!

Correspondence ID: 17538

REMOVE THE FENCE! Please let the elk roam freely as they have done for hundreds of years. Don't fence them in but protect them and let them be what they were meant to be. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17539

Protect OUR wildlife and not for profit livestock owners.

Correspondence ID: 17540

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17541

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. I believe that public lands should be open, and agree with the conclusions of the Unlawful Inclosures Act.

Correspondence ID: 17542

Indigenous species are more important than already rich people making an extra buck. Protect the Ule Elk and conserve the species.

Correspondence ID: 17543

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. Dennis Kreiner

Correspondence ID: 17544

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17545

I have a special love for elk. This love goes deep into my soul. Please do all you can to protect them.

Correspondence ID: 17546

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17547

Please prioritize our wildlife, including the Tule Elk, over the commercial ranching business. It is not right that wildlife suffer for our convenience. Please remove the fencing that is killing elk- I support Alternative B.

Correspondence ID: 17548

There should be a way of balancing commercial interests with safeguarding and protecting wildlife such as Tule Elk, especially as that species almost went extinct. I understand that many elk died in 2020 due to a fence. There seems like there should be some way to protect private commercial interests while also allowing these special animals to live and migrate. The current administration keeps touting its environmental goals but part of that should be safeguarding

wildlife and being a good steward of nature and I sincerely hope that is considered here. Please protect the Tule Elk. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17549

most effective!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. I also believe it necessary to remove commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore. t

Correspondence ID: 17550

The National Park Service should choose 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: 17551

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd.

All commercial cow grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore should be stopped immediately to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17552

Let's protect what wildlife is left around us. They were here first.

Correspondence ID: 17553

I grew up camping at National Parks, National Forests, National Monuments, and National Wildlife Refuges as well at State Parks and Recreation Areas like POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE. As an adult, I have taken my husband & children to these incomparable places. These public lands are the crown jewels of our beautiful, enchanting, and priceless country. Please protect public lands for our children, grandchildren, and descendants to enjoy as we have!

National Parks, Forests, Cultural Monuments, and other public lands were set aside for the nation, all of us, not to be exploited for commercial gain or for LIVESTOCK OWNERS. Please save these pristine areas for future generations! This is irreplaceable habitat.

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, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that. Please protect these majestic animals for our children, grandchildren, and descendants to observe and enjoy!!!

Correspondence ID: 17554

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, Jennice Dobroszczyk

Correspondence ID: 17555

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17556

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17557

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of

all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The park belongs to all citizens.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17558

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

FENCES KILL!!!

Correspondence ID: 17559

Hello,

Tule elk are protected by law. These animals should not have to die, because a fence is in the way for them to get food and water. Please care enough and remove the fence.

Thank you for reading and your compassionate decision.

Correspondence ID: 17560

Not just tule elk, but all wildlife need access to their feeding and breeding areas. This fence is a disaster to wildlife!!

Correspondence ID: 17561

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 17562

Please remove the fence for the elk to find food.

This is their land and life too. Have a heart dammit

Correspondence ID: 17563

Dear National Park Service

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments re. this critical discussion. For context, I am a BIA documented, lineal descendant of the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples.

Tule Elk were honored and respected by indigenous peoples. They were thought of as a great gift from the Creator. With the arrival on the Colonizers, the Tule Elk were almost driven to extinction. One can only imagine the sadness that indigenous peoples felt watching the destruction of their beloved Tule Elk herds.

That same sadness is still being felt by us as the NPS struggles to find a solution to managing the Tule Elk. None of the options presented by the NPS are perfect, however Option C very importantly focuses on culling vis-a-vis a defined carrying capacity. Reliance on natural die-offs as a culling technique is a brutal and cynical approach.

Option C also would keep the Tule Elk fence in place. Removing the fence would allow the Tule Elk to freely roam in the pastoral zone. To date, I have not seen a cogent strategy that addresses this and the impact to ranching families. Therefore, keeping the Tule Elk fence in place is an important strategic component.

Option C would also “Remove non-historic supplementary water systems but enhance the availability of naturally occurring water at the springs and seeps.” Assuming “natural occurring water” would be available during periods of drought, this makes sense. However, Option C should be amended to include a provision for “supplementary water systems” if local water sources fail.

In conclusion, Option C is the most practical approach as it will manage the Tule Elk population relative the of the carrying capacity of the land. It will make the culling of the herd more humane and continues the practice of protecting and preserving cultural resources.

Stephen Sciallo

Correspondence ID: 17564

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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 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.

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Sincerely, Mrs. Ursula Pelka

Correspondence ID: 17565

All animals that r in parks need to b protected at all costs. they need to b able to have food and not get dehydrated and starve. they need to have ample food and water to survive. people need to protect all animals and not hurt them.

Correspondence ID: 17566

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Sincerely, Mrs. Maryann Staron

Correspondence ID: 17567

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Sincerely, Mr. Stan Staron

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Sincerely, Mrs Jill Kaptur

Correspondence ID: 17569

Please do the right thing save these elk, stop this atrocious attack on nature and the environment, it's already extremely out of balance.

Correspondence ID: 17570

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

This fence should never have been built. Private grazing in a public park is improper.

Correspondence ID: 17571

I STRONGLY support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and URG the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you!!

Correspondence ID: 17572

The elk should be allowed to roam freely to access food & water.

Correspondence ID: 17573

Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. The fence has confined the native elk for over 45 years, resulting in hundreds of deaths from starvation in recent years. After efforts to protect these elk, it seems counter intuitive to promote activities that might once again threaten extinction of a native species.

I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing allotments from Point Reyes to protect the park. Commercial ranching operations harm wildlife by consuming scarce resources and are incompatible with the conservation mission of our national parks.

In addition to removing the fence, I urge safeguarding the elk from exposure to diseases transmitted by the ranching operations. Ranchers should be monitored and held accountable for any harassment or harm to wildlife in the park. Protecting native elk and other species should be the top priority.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 17574

Do what is right by protecting our wildlife by removing fences. This earth is all of us.

Thank you for your time.

Joseph

Correspondence ID: 17575

Hello,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

regards

Correspondence ID: 17576

Please continue to preserve and protect this Elk species from again facing extinction. Just the fact that they almost became extinct in the 1800s and are now numbering in the hundreds is no reason to allow ranchers to have the ability to kill or harm them. It's another instance of allowing humans, yet again, to stamp their damaging imprint on this sacred earth and cause more damage to our ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 17577

Please remove the fencing and free the Tule Elk

Correspondence ID: 17578

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Correspondence ID: 17579

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Protection of Tule elk should be prioritized over commercial interests and cattle.

Correspondence ID: 17580

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Sincerely, christiane HENKER

Correspondence ID: 17581

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Sincerely, Kathleen Brown

Correspondence ID: 17582

PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE AT ALL COSTS PLEASE!!!

Correspondence ID: 17583

I am supporting the removal of the fence that confines the Tule elk herd from their ability and freedom to roam without interference.

I am also asking that all commercial cow grazing should be removed from the Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I am hoping that help these animals and others as all beings have the right to thrive in their own habitats without us destroying it all.

Thank you for your time

Correspondence ID: 17584

PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE AT ALL COSTS PLEASE!!!

Correspondence ID: 17585

Dear Sir/Madam,

please consider ethics above greed and ignorance in the XXI century, towards SENTIENT animals.

Thanks,

Cristina E. Zois, Greek Ambassador's wife

Correspondence ID: 17586

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you.

Janet Duran

Correspondence ID: 17587

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17588

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Letting wildlife die while just sitting there watching is disgusting. Why on Earth are cows grazing on "protected" park land? This is appalling.

Correspondence ID: 17589

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Please don't let the Tule elk starve to death!

Correspondence ID: 17590

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Correspondence ID: 17591

Please free the Tule Elk and preserve Point Reyes for native wildlife, not cattle interests. This land was never intended for cattle ranching. The Elk deserve to be free, not held in captivity.

Correspondence ID: 17592

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Sincerely, Kate Baumgartner

Correspondence ID: 17593

Take down the fence. Enough of the water deprivation and starving of the elk. It is a national park and should be treated as one promoting the safety of wildlife as a priority over ranching and the horrific way they have treated the environment within the park. Shame on the politicians for not making them accountable. The elk were introduced back in that area and the park needs to be responsible for taking care of them.

Correspondence ID: 17594

Please remove the fence and let the Elk roam!

Correspondence ID: 17595

Please remove the fence so that the elk can graze and don't starve. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17596

Cows don't get priority on public lands over wildlife!!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17597

I really hate the way animals are treated and exploited.

Correspondence ID: 17598

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Sincerely, Ms. Anne Kilgore

Correspondence ID: 17599

Protect the tule elk. Prioritize the tule elk

Correspondence ID: 17600

My name is Rebecca Burkhalter and I live in zip code 80903. I have an environmental degree and I have been working with wild canids in Texas and Colorado for 5 years now. I care about this issue for two reasons. One, wolves and our ecosystems need elk. Two, because I respect the American ideal that public lands and wildlife belong to us all, NOT just to livestock owners.

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area."
Remove the fence and allow elk to naturally disperse.

Thank you for heeding the cries of the public to remove the fence. Fences do not belong in wild places. The agency should protect wild lands and wild life, not cater to small groups who have wealth and political power like livestock owners. When the public sees the agencies prioritize small, wealthy groups, the corruption becomes obvious.

Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It is immoral and unacceptable to let native wildlife die of thirst and malnutrition in an American National park to satisfy livestock owners.

When the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be culled, hazed, or harrassed. Ever.

Private cattle operations don't belong in Point Reyes. Those operations should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The legislation says "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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 ecosystem!

Rebecca Burkhalter

Correspondence ID: 17601

Remove the fence!

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17602

I believe that the proposed alternative is a step in the right direction. I know that cattle grazing has been a historic use but I am not up-to-date on the current grazing situation.

Cattle and sheep grazing are incredibly destructive to ecosystems and a financial burden to the American taxpayer. I would like to see grazing included in analysis if it is currently allowed, or an option in the future.

thank you for the opportunity to comment

Correspondence ID: 17603

Dear National Park Service:

I used to live in the San Francisco area and often visited the Point Reyes area and was always stunned by its beauty and the diversity of wildlife the area supported. At a time when biodiversity is under threat and species and entire genus are under threat, I urge you to pass Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

It is a crime against nature to sacrifice wild animals for the sake of a commercial, environmentally devastating means of food production.

I look forward to returning to the area and being welcomed by no fences and an abundance of roaming free Tule Elk.

Thank you for considering my input.

Stan Kent

Correspondence ID: 17604

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public land

Sherri Hodges

Correspondence ID: 17605

To consider that the NPS is using taxpayer money to erect fencing to eradicate wildlife is abhorrent and unacceptable. And the purpose is to allow cattle grazing is disgusting. Rancher, Cattlemen and livestock owners are abusing the Taxpayers so they can get the use of land never intended for livestock at low cost and causing environment damage for their profits. Let them purchase their own feed and leave the natural occupants (Thule elk) their natural unhindered use of the land.

Correspondence ID: 17606

Thank you for addressing this.

Correspondence ID: 17607

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Sincerely, Ms. Debra Atlas

Correspondence ID: 17608

Free the elk, tear down the fence and protect the wildlife of Point Reyes!

Correspondence ID: 17609

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Sincerely, Nancy Pearlman

Correspondence ID: 17610

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Terry Sarandrea

Correspondence ID: 17611

Hi. I keep hearing that if we continue to neglect the reality of ecology and sustainability of the land, ALL of us will ultimately suffer, not just those in Marin county. I believe in sustainable farming operations as well as organic farming. Rather than fight, maybe we can prayerfully come up with a way where both parties can benefit. Ask yourselves: in ten or twenty years, what will these decisions look like? How will it affect our families we leave behind? Please make choices that will bless them later, rather than forcing them to continue a fight we may have refused to solve wisely. Praying for you. :-)

Correspondence ID: 17612

I strongly urge you to remove the elk fence. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," for the following reasons:

1. It's inhumane and unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.
2. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.
3. 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

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

Please, please, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 17613

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Sincerely, Ms. Rebecca Ann Radcliffe

Correspondence ID: 17614

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Correspondence ID: 17615

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Sincerely, Mrs. Peggy Greenwood

Correspondence ID: 17617

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Sincerely, Mrs. Chungsze Chan

Correspondence ID: 17618

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Sincerely, Miss Nancy Porcino

Correspondence ID: 17619

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Sincerely, Mr. Daniel OBrien

Correspondence ID: 17620

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Sincerely, Ms Tami McCready

Correspondence ID: 17621

Please restore the Tule elk's habitat

Correspondence ID: 17622

Please give the Tule Elk the freedom to graze and find water for their survival. I do NOT want our federal government to harm wild animals.

Correspondence ID: 17623

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Ms Brenda Buzzell

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Sincerely, Ms Marie Dior

Correspondence ID: 17630

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands

Correspondence ID: 17631

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Sincerely, Alexis Mullins

Correspondence ID: 17632

I support Alternative B, which removes fencing that confines the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the Park. Please protect wildlife and put public interest above that of private industry. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17633

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Hasn't enough of this country's natural resources and beauty been destroyed by human selfishness and greed? Show mercy at least once in awhile!

Correspondence ID: 17634

I support Alternative B. PLEASE remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

It's our job to protect these animals. I'm hoping you will do just that. Thanks and may God Bless.

Maria Sabia

Correspondence ID: 17635

Our wildlife must be protected, including the tule elk: Not persecuted for private profit of ranchers.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17636

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

PLEASE TAKE DOWN THE FENCE TO SAVE OUR ELKS!

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Sincerely, Ms. Jennifer Rosater

Correspondence ID: 17654

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

The elk were reintroduced, now take care (nurture, water, etc) of them.

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Sincerely, Marcia Greer

Correspondence ID: 17655

Be on the right side of History and God.

Correspondence ID: 17656

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Please place the needs of these animals above all else.

Thank you.

Geoff Simmons

Correspondence ID: 17657

set the Tule elk free

Correspondence ID: 17658

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Sincerely, Ms. Jill Alibrandi

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Sincerely, Victoria Perman

Correspondence ID: 17660

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. You need to do better to protect wildlife before it is too late, and we have no more wild areas nor the wild animals living in them. Please step up. Can you imagine a world where all we have is cement and commercial farming? That's the most depressing and scary thought. Please do more and be better. Our world needs it.

Correspondence ID: 17661

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, Helen Nesterenko

Correspondence ID: 17662

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

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Sincerely, Jack Brown

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Sincerely, Sarah Dalton

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue. PLEASE PLEASE LET THIS SPECIES LIVE IN PEACE!!! LET THEM ROAM AND BE HAPPY!!! There is NO good reason for cattle and the dairy industry to be on ANY National Lands! National Lands is for the people and wildlife to enjoy!!! I live in MA and this truly upsets me. I have been following this for years. There has been WAY TOO MANY horrendous things happening to our wildlife and National Lands. PLEASE TAKE DOWN THE FENCE!!!!!! THANK YOU, VERY concerned citizen!!! Denise Gustafson

Sincerely, Mrs Denise Gustafson

Correspondence ID: 17666

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Sincerely, Mrs. Alma Castro

Correspondence ID: 17667

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Sincerely, Mrs Denise Gustafson

Correspondence ID: 17668

Protecting the Tule deer is crucial to their survival. Please build safe travel bridges for these deer and other animals. The BLM had CAUSED the death of countless animals. IT would be so great if you have comassion which that agency lacks.

Correspondence ID: 17669

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

J Barnaby

Correspondence ID: 17670

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: 17671

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Correspondence ID: 17672

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd.

All commercial cow grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore should be stopped immediately to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17673

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Sincerely, Mrs. Christine Kelly

Correspondence ID: 17674

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Sincerely, Ms. Shaheda Vahed

Correspondence ID: 17675

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

Sincerely, Mrs Siglinda Scarpa

Correspondence ID: 17676

To Whom it May Concern,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

It's past time for more conservation, respect of other species, and honoring ecological balance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17677

Let the Thule Elk run free!

Correspondence ID: 17678

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Sincerely, Mrs. Johanna Pizzo

Correspondence ID: 17681

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Sincerely, Miss Ali DiRenzo

Correspondence ID: 17682

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Sincerely, Marcy Colley

Correspondence ID: 17683

Please preserve the TULE ELK!

Correspondence ID: 17684

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE use Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk herd in Tomales Point. I have been hiking Point Reyes, including Tomales Point, for 30 years; I have walked through the herd of Tule Elk happily grazing there, and marveled at their extraordinary beauty and grandness. They are a wild treasure, on public land, and do not deserve to be confined within a fence, where they continue to die of starvation and dehydration, for the sake of grazing livestock.

The National Park Service has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species. I urge them to stop all commercial cow grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore, so the Tule Elk can once again roam freely.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent and important matter.

Correspondence ID: 17685

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Sincerely, Mrs Soraya Weatherby

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Sincerely, Mrs. Valerie Whitty-Mullin

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Sincerely, Mrs. Rosa Garcia

Correspondence ID: 17688

Please remove the fencing that is preventing the Tule Elk from reaching food and water. This is the Elk's natural habitat and range. We are taking so much land from our wildlife to graze cattle and there has to be limits! We can't just continue to drive other species to extinction for our own selfish needs. I do not support grazing cattle on public lands where wildlife is so adversely impacted. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17689

Please support the removal of all fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Regards ,

Linda Campbell

Correspondence ID: 17690

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

Sincerely, Mrs Joyce Coogan

Correspondence ID: 17691

I have been to this region many times. There is plenty of room for the greedy ranchers, who own most of the land up there NOW, don't give them public lands to destroy habitats and kill the tule elks just so they can get money. Can humans just stop already with the damn greed?

Correspondence ID: 17692

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Sincerely, Mr. John Jesus

Correspondence ID: 17693

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Sincerely, Ms. Carolyn Matini

Correspondence ID: 17694

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17695

Take this annoying and frustrating fence down and help these poor animals who have no where else to go!!! Help don't harm!

Correspondence ID: 17696

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Sincerely, Ms. Kim Ballard

Correspondence ID: 17697

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Sincerely, Mr. John Jesus

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Sincerely, Nan Brunskill

Correspondence ID: 17699

Please Free Point Reyes Tule Elk!

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.

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, I've learned that 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.

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.

Yours,

Michelle Casey

Correspondence ID: 17700

National Parks are near and dear to my heart, and my family and I cannot bear the thought of wild, native animals being held captive, by the National Park Service no less, and being left to die of starvation.

We appreciate that you are listening to the public's immense support for removing the elk fence within California's Point Reyes National Seashore at Tomales Point. Not only are fences inappropriate in wilderness areas, but the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It is completely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and hunger, especially in a National Park!

We also want to make it clear that the free-roaming elk should not be subject to culling, hazing or any kind of harassment, after the elk fence is removed. In fact, private cattle operations are wholly 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."

With these points in mind, 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. We urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. My family and I, as well as thousands of other families across the country, want to enjoy seeing healthy, happy animals with our National Parks, which should be places that protect our wildlife populations.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely, Stephanie Kershek

Correspondence ID: 17701

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17702

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. Heidi Davis

Correspondence ID: 17703

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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 and I'm counting on you to do the right thing.

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. Karen White

Correspondence ID: 17704

The elk deserve to live there without fences & need access to water. This is public land not private ranches property. We need to get this done ASAP as it has been going on way too long!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you, Lisa L. Lewis,

Correspondence ID: 17705

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Sincerely, Roddy Lucas

Correspondence ID: 17706

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

After 12 years of living in the Bay Area and grieving this tragedy the entire time, participating in numerous advocacy actions, i am THRILLED to see there is finally movement on this issue. This is monumental, long overdue, absolutely essential, and the only appropriate action.

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Sincerely, Rachel Simon Stark

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Sincerely, Ana Marques

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Sincerely, Mr. Josh Schafer

Correspondence ID: 17709

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Sincerely, Miss Dina Balint

Correspondence ID: 17710

To Whom It May Concern,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

It is up to us the people to be their voices. Please help us make a difference for these animals. Each animal, no matter the species, deserves a chance at a long life free to roam and do as they please. Unfortunately, the sad truth is that the people are responsible for their suffering and unhappiness.

Please help us, and so many others be the advocates for them. We can make the change. Now all we have to do is to take the actions and steps to make it happen.

Thank you for taking the time to listen, read, and consider our messages in hopes to make it a brighter future for all animals everywhere. One small change can make a big impact. We trust in you to make it happen.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Walters

Correspondence ID: 17711

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Sincerely, Mr. Daniel Perdios

Correspondence ID: 17712

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Sincerely, Ms. Kathleen Gorman

Correspondence ID: 17713

Another example of placing wild species care and well being after special interests. After all who was there first. Come on NPS! Protect indigenous species.

Correspondence ID: 17714

I support Alternative B.

Remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and strongly encourage the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore. We must minimize the damage we, humans, have done to the beautiful and necessary resources that we were given.

Correspondence ID: 17715

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Sincerely, Miss Dawn Cizar

Correspondence ID: 17716

I will hope to see good management practices for these elk. They should not be treated as inconvenient for the humans who would like to “manage” them in a manner that works well for the humans but not for the elk. I grew up in California and am familiar with much of the wildlife

that exists. Visitors to the state enjoy seeing wildlife in their natural habitats. This would be true of all of the states that I have lived in throughout the western United States, particularly Alaska, where I lived for 6 years.

Correspondence ID: 17717

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Sincerely, Mrs. Jeanne Gallahue

Correspondence ID: 17718

End this horrible plan to kill & confine the tule elk & allow them to be free in their protected space. Do not allow bad farming practices above native wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 17719

After living in the Point Reyes area for many years, this has irritated me, (and, more so, for the elk!) . Do the right thing. For life. Take that fence down.

Correspondence ID: 17720

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Sincerely, Sara Soens

Correspondence ID: 17721

SAVE THE TULE ELK!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 17722

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Sincerely, Miss Regina Moore-Garland

Correspondence ID: 17723

Yes, I believe the fence should come down to allow these animals to roam free and to be able to find food ,water and shelter from weather elements also to be able to defend themselves from other animals that could do them harm..Animals have a way of working things out ,sometimes more so than people. Let them be free to do this .

Correspondence ID: 17724

Tule elk are a vital part of the ecosystem. Not only this but they're natural beauty helps to make the environment even more beautiful. These animals are vulnerable creatures that need freedom to roam and find food and water for survival. Since the population of Tule elk was brought back from extinction in the past, it's important to be grateful for them as much as we can. Once we lose one species of wildlife, we can never get it back. Besides this, we can never recreate that which Tule elk provides to the ecosystem. This is a sad thing that none of us would ever want if we knew better. Therefore, it's crucial to take action to save our wildlife before it's too late. If we don't protect Tule elk now, more will surely suffer and die. Our wildlife is much more important than the interests of commercial ranching operations. I completely support the removal of the fence that confines the elk. Besides this, please protect the park by removing commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore. Saving these animals is the right thing to do. Your actions matter to everyone including the poor defenseless Tule elk.

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Sincerely, Mrs Carol Leuenberger

Correspondence ID: 17726

Please take down the fence and all barricades that are blocking the Tule Elk. The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. These are our public lands and wildlife should have priority over cattle and other animals that are owned by private citizens!!!

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Sincerely, Ms Stacy Rutkowski

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Sincerely, Ms. Jennifer Haye

Correspondence ID: 17729

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Sincerely, Ms Janice Giampaoli

Correspondence ID: 17731

The National Park Service needs to protect the wildlife of the Tomales Bay Point Area. You can do this by not siding with the cattle owners or the dairies.

I support Plan B on this issue, remove the fence in whole and allow the wildlife full range of this area,

I support the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17732

Save the Elk!

Correspondence ID: 17733

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Sincerely, Ms. Teri Duchac

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Sincerely, Ms Jeannie Wilson

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Sincerely, Mrs. Kim Green

Correspondence ID: 17736

Thank you for making it accessible for the U.S. citizens, like myself, to comment as per NEPA on the proposed plan for Tomales Point. Of the options presented, I support Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," as it is most consistent with the designated Wilderness status of the area. As stated in the background materials, 85% of the planning area is within the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Consistent with that, there should not be fences at all - whether it be a fence to keep the elk in or elk enclosure within the management area. Remove the fences and let the wildlife be free-roaming. And consistent with wilderness status, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Similarly, wilderness areas should not be peppered with supplemental watering systems; remove any non-historic supplemental watering systems. And by all means, keep the non-native cattle out. Cattle are a water-intensive species that are responsible for more destruction of western ecosystems than any other introduced species. End all private cattle operations, remove all cattle from the wilderness area, and if needed, install cattle guards that keep the cattle out but the wildlife free-roaming. In summary, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 17737

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17738

I support the National Park Service's proposed action, Alternative B, to remove a fence at Point Reyes National Seashore, to allow Thule elk to move more freely to find the food and water they need. Wildlife, especially rare animals like Thule elk, should be the National Park Service's priority. Ranching should be allowed in the park only so far as it does not harm the wildlife.

Thank you for including my comment.

Correspondence ID: 17739

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Sincerely, Mrs. Dawn Valentine

Correspondence ID: 17740

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is charged with the following mission: Working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

So WHY, after the Tule elk has been brought back from the very edge of extinction, is the USFWS putting the interests of commercial ranching operations over the public interest to support this herd? The USFWS must STOP confining this herd of elk and allow them to travel as they will (and are meant to) in search of food and water. Because of the fence that prevents them from roaming for food and water, the USFWS is responsible for the death of more than 150 elk! This is UNACCEPTABLE.

Correspondence ID: 17741

Please disallow the commercial cow grazing, remove the fence at Pointe Reyes and allow the elk to live. Do not allow them to once again starve to death! Americans do not want this. 'Twas an abomination to allow that to happen in the past! We want the elk to prosper. Cows can graze elsewhere.

Correspondence ID: 17742

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's wildlife and restore the ecosystem. The fence is fatal to elk as they die of thirst and malnutrition. This is just unconscionable for a National Park. Removing the fence will allow elk to naturally roam free and when the fence is removed, the roaming elk should not be culled, hazed, or harassed for ANY reason.

Correspondence ID: 17743

This planet is dying. We need to preserve all the wildlife we have.

Correspondence ID: 17744

Ofcourse I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17745

Please do something to save the elk.

Correspondence ID: 17746

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

Sincerely, Mrs. Kathy Dolan

Correspondence ID: 17747

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.

I urge you to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Correspondence ID: 17748

Surely greed can't be more important than these poor animals suffering

Correspondence ID: 17749

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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, Kelly Dishner

Correspondence ID: 17750

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17751

Dear NPS - Please select Plan B! Remove the elk fence and allow native tule elk access to water and forage in Point Reyes National Seashore. Protecting wildlife should be the priority for our local national park, not cattle ranching.

Correspondence ID: 17752

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Sincerely, Mrs. Cynthia Bernett

Correspondence ID: 17753

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Sincerely, Mrs. Amanda Maupin

Correspondence ID: 17754

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

I visited this beautiful park years ago and was devastated to see so many farmed animals taking over and destroying land that should be protected for wild animals. It makes no sense to "protect" a natural space by destroying it. Tule elk should be protected over animal ag's profits. Please do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 17755

Let the elk have access to their land. Ranchers have been taking advantage of the government welfare. Let them buy the feed for their cattle. No more free loading!

Correspondence ID: 17756

Because I care

Correspondence ID: 17757

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the removal of fencing to free the park's largest herd of Tule Elk. They are worthy of roaming free.

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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Sincerely, Melody Overstreet

Correspondence ID: 17758

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If any population mgt is deemed necessary I support humane non-lethal PZP immunocontraception. Allen Rutberg PhD from Rutgers University, Cummings School of

Veterinary Medicine, would be a primary contact to launch a PZP implementation or study.
Contact info: Phone 508-839-7991 email: Allen.Rutberg@tufts.edu

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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Correspondence ID: 17759

In a time that all wildlife is endangered, it is imperative that the National Park Service protect all native species. There must not be any exceptions or delays.

Correspondence ID: 17760

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Sincerely, Mrs. Maria Miranda

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

Sincerely, Chris Beck

Correspondence ID: 17762

The National Park Service should choose 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."

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

Correspondence ID: 17763

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

Sincerely, Michael Folsom

Correspondence ID: 17764

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

It is critical to support wildlife. In fact I understood the Park service to be for all people and in reverence of nature. Not a give away to Ranchers and other for profit entities. Please correct this! 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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Sincerely, Belinda Chlouber

Correspondence ID: 17765

Our wildlife should should have rights to.

Correspondence ID: 17766

support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17767

Save the Tule Elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore Park. Move the fence keeping the herd from water and grass. Their survival depends it.

Correspondence ID: 17768

The tule elk are a valuable subspecies and must be protected. We are losing our animal, insect, and plant species at a horrifying rate, and it ALL matters. Please protect our planet and the other species who are our fellow travelers.

Correspondence ID: 17769

Please do all you can to protect the elks from starvation and dehydration, and allow them to roam freely as Mother Nature intended.

Correspondence ID: 17770

Dear National Park Officials,

Please make the humane decision to support Alternative B to remove the tull elk fence so they are no longer suffering from starvation and dehydration. This land should no longer be used for commercial cow grazing.

Thank you so very much in advance!

Amy Dubman

concerned citizen

Correspondence ID: 17771

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 17780

protect tule elk

Correspondence ID: 17781

Let the dang elk be free! Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Additionally, halt use of herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. STOP letting these animals DIE.

Correspondence ID: 17782

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Correspondence ID: 17785

Planet over profits!

Correspondence ID: 17786

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Correspondence ID: 17788

The fate of native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, need help

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Correspondence ID: 17789

I agree with this position for the Tule Elk.

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Sherri Hodges

Correspondence ID: 17791

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regarding the Tule Elk:

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WE RELY ON SAFE, HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS AND WILDLIFE FOR OUR OWN WELL-BEING!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17792

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, B G

Correspondence ID: 17793

There needs to be:

- *Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness
- *Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness done by non-motorized means
- *Elimination of grazing by cattle
- *Elimination of herbicides in the Wilderness.
- *Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions

Thank you for your consideration.

Tracy

Correspondence ID: 17794

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 17795

Hello,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these protected animals.

Correspondence ID: 17796

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Respectfully,

Don Nardone

Correspondence ID: 17797

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 17798

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Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17800

Please consider removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness and doing it by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 17802

Please do what's needed for the welfare of these animals!

Correspondence ID: 17803

I write as a concerned citizen, regular voter, and trained environmental scientist.

Please adopt the NPS-preferred option, Alternative B. It is well past time that structures and fences in/ around what is supposed to be Wilderness are removed.

Further, as this is Wilderness, please remove the illegal water structures by non-motorized means.

(Private interest) cattle grazing is obviously (and has already been agreed) completely inappropriate on public Wilderness and Point Reyes land and needs to finally end.

Other natural means need to be adopted, too: avoiding herbicides and artificial fire.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17804

As an interested citizen, I favor Alternative B: Remove structures in the wilderness and the fence just outside of it. The alternatives might degrade the wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Please remove structures by non-motorized means. Eliminate cattle grazing, and do not use herbicides. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 17805

Stop letting species go extinct because of human activity. Save them, save the planet, save us.

Correspondence ID: 17806

Please consider the following comments:

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Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Correspondence ID: 17807

I urge NPS to follow the letter of the Wilderness Act by removing structures without motorized transportation, removing cattle, and allowing wild places to be wild. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17808

I believe the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 17809

YES!

Correspondence ID: 17810

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Correspondence ID: 17812

To whom it may concern-

The best option is to leave this small herd ALONE. They endure so much at the hands of humans that they have earned the right to be left alone to survive as God and nature intended.

The second best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17813

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Correspondence ID: 17814

Good afternoon,

Regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan:

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Thank you for your time,

Ryan

Correspondence ID: 17815

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Correspondence ID: 17817

Hello:

I'm writing to strongly encourage you to prioritize the Tule elk and wilderness ethics in your Tomales Point Area Plan. Specifically:

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Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17818

I write to express my strong support for the plan to support Tule elk in the Tomales Point area (including the Phillip Burton Wilderness) to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

My comments on the current plan:

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Correspondence ID: 17819

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17820

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Correspondence ID: 17827

I have visited Point Reyes National Seashore many times over the last 50 years to enjoy this one last large area of undeveloped coastline in California. I am writing to strongly support freeing the Tule Elk at Point Reyes! Remove the fences at Tomales Point and elsewhere and let them run free throughout the seashore! I am appalled that the Park Service continues to allow

and even prioritize cattle ranching on our national park lands. The public paid fair market value to purchase those ranches to create the seashore, with the full expectation that cattle ranching would be phased out and the land restored to a natural condition. It has been 60 years now since the seashore was created! It is long past time for “temporary” cattle ranching to be fully and completely eliminated! Let the elk graze the land!

Sincerely, Phil Farrell

Correspondence ID: 17828

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Save and protect them!

Correspondence ID: 17830

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Correspondence ID: 17834

This breaks my heart. While I don't live in CA, I have visited Point Reyes, my brother and his family live nearby. It is a rare and beautiful wilderness that must be actively cherished and nourished. PLEASE do a better job, so that vibrant wild places will still exist for our children.

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Correspondence ID: 17836

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 17837

The best option is Alternative B, endorsed by the NPS. It involves removing structures within the Wilderness and the fence just outside, which is the most appropriate decision. Alternatives A and C should be rejected since they harm the wilderness and put the endangered Tule elk at risk. In addition, also consider making some modifications to Alternative B.

The removal of unlawfully constructed water structures within the wilderness should be accomplished without the use of motorized vehicles, given their small size and ease of removal.

Cattle grazing should be discontinued in Point Reyes and the Wilderness, aligning with the original agreement.

Herbicides should not be used within the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for a more balanced distribution of Tule elk and help prevent the spread of invasive plants.

Natural fires should be allowed to play their role in shaping the wilderness landscape instead of relying on manager-ignited fires to create artificial conditions. Frequent use of manager-ignited fires tends to favor the growth of non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 17838

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 17839

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Correspondence ID: 17840

why do we citizens of this country have to destroy so many native animals?horses?elk?our land polution?birds?butterflies?saw only two of them this past summer here in area.(monarch)

Correspondence ID: 17841

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Correspondence ID: 17843

Please save the beautiful tule elk

Correspondence ID: 17844

Please protect the Tule Elk. They are beloved as was Phillip Burton and Tomales Point.

Correspondence ID: 17845

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Correspondence ID: 17850

The best option is Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. I support these changes to Alternative B.

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 17851

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Correspondence ID: 17852

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Please use these and other measures to keep the Tule Elk healthy and the herd growing.

This is a protected wilderness, not a free handout to agriculture.corporations or anyone else

Correspondence ID: 17853

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Correspondence ID: 17854

Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

For the Tomles Pain Area Plan, I support the following –

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17855

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Correspondence ID: 17858

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17859

I am in agreement with and endorsing the following points that agencies should take concerning the Tule elk situation:

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17860

The National Park Service should choose 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: 17861

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Correspondence ID: 17862

For some years my and others have viewed the complete breakdown of law and order in regard to ranching on the wilderness lands, despite fair market payouts the ranchers are still there and the elk are closed off behind a fence and dying of thirst and hunger. Its unconscionable that an agency that is supposed to safeguard our wilderness is so corrupted by business interests that they go as far as leasing the land again that should have been vacated. Until the original agreement is enforced please implement Option B, without the use of herbicides. I look forward

to the day the agency enforces the original agreement and clears agribusiness interests off the land that belongs to all of us.

Correspondence ID: 17863

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Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17865

I encourage you to allow Tule elk free rein in being able to roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they once did for centuries.

Correspondence ID: 17866

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Correspondence ID: 17867

At issue was—and still is—the fate of native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, which are endemic to California. Unfortunately, Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement.

The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

Incredibly, the NPS currently has the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Not only is there not enough forage for the confined elk, but recent drought years have caused scant freshwater to dry up, leaving the elk dying of hunger and thirst, as documented by visitor photographs of dead and emaciated elk. This is because the NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore, decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

Fortunately, thanks in part to public outcry by Wilderness Watch and our supporters, the NPS now proposes a new direction that's a good one, and we appreciate it. The plan is to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

Let the Tule Elk live in peace. People are so invasive and destroy the ecosystem the environment and the inhabitants that were here long before people. Let them live in peace

Correspondence ID: 17868

Remove the fence.

Save the Tule elk

Correspondence ID: 17869

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Correspondence ID: 17871

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Correspondence ID: 17874

Hello!

NPS has proposed a good plan for the Tule Elk across Tomales Point.

The NPS proposes a new direction that's a good one, and we appreciate it. The plan is to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

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Correspondence ID: 17876

Please protect Tule elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

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Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 17877

Alternative B should be approved although cattle grazing should be stopped.

Correspondence ID: 17878

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Correspondence ID: 17879

Thank you for allowing the public to participate in the management of the Philip Burton Wilderness of the Point Reyes National Seashore.

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Cattle are incompatible with the mission of NPS.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 17880

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Correspondence ID: 17881

Please protect these animals

Correspondence ID: 17882

Please save these Elk! It is unbelievable they have been mismanaged and am glad that is being addressed. Below are some points I got from my friends and hopefully are helpful

Thank you.

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Again, thanks for the opportunity to speak.

Correspondence ID: 17883

Regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan, please consider the following comments:

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Correspondence ID: 17888

Please free the wild Tule Elk and protect the wildlife of Point Reyes National Seashore - and stop enabling the private cattle industry which is destroying the ecosystem.

I appreciate that you are acknowledging the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence - such fences are clearly inappropriate in wilderness areas. Cattle should never take priority over native wildlife on public lands. Private cattle operations should be ended as soon as possible as they are in clear contradiction of the legislation establishing the Point Reyes National Seashore - doing so is the only logical step to honor the founding charter of this unique habitat.

I urge you to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Surely it is unconscionable for the Park Service to allow confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park and block them from the nourishing habitat they are entitled to under federal law.

And once the fencing is removed, the Park Service should not allow the free roaming elk to be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

To repeat, you should remove the cruel elk fence, protect the Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore this precious ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17889

Please enact your plan's option B to protect the Thule Elk. Thank you. Scott Hickman

Correspondence ID: 17890

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Correspondence ID: 17893

I'm concerned about the Tule Elk. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 17894

The best option is Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Also, please consider eliminating grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. No herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 17895

Please save the Elk

Correspondence ID: 17896

Returning that area to the closest it was before man was "introduced" should be the goal. Getting rid of old structures is important but one of the most important things is to enforce removing the cattle that continue to graze that land! This natural resource should be allowed to exist on its own without human interference. The elk know what to do to survive, now all they need is help from those who oversee their land. Thank you, Jerry Hughes

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Correspondence ID: 17898

Whatever goes toward the betterment of the elk must be done. It should be ensured that the elk are healthy, have adequate food and water, shelter and so on. All efforts must be made to make

sure that they remain healthy and their numbers increase with their populations thriving. If this requires removing the fence, then so be it. But more must be done to make sure they remain protected against perils and stay healthy ! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17899

Hello,

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Regards,

Correspondence ID: 17900

Please Please protect this beautiful animal!

Correspondence ID: 17901

Greetings

I believe the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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thank you

Probyn Gregory

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Thank you for considering my comments on the Tomales Point Area Plan document.

Correspondence ID: 17903

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Correspondence ID: 17906

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Correspondence ID: 17907

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Thank you!

Matt

Correspondence ID: 17908

Please follow through with plans to remove the fence trapping the Tulle Elk at Point Tomales/Point Reyes and allow them to roam free. The public has made it clear that they value preservation of this endangered species over the private interests of a few ranchers. This is public space and their wishes should prevail/

Correspondence ID: 17909

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, Patricia Vineski

Correspondence ID: 17910

Please remove the fence from the Philip Burton Wilderness and put it just outside the Wilderness as in Alternative B.

Also, remove water structures by non-motorized means

and eliminate cattle grazing

and don't use herbicides. The Tule elk should help check expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 17911

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Sincerely, Mr. Gary Cianciarulo

Correspondence ID: 17912

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Correspondence ID: 17913

Please do not sell out the tule elk on their own land.

Wildlife belongs to each and every one of us in this country, and we must protect them. It is their land, and their world too!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 17914

I am writing as a

- Utah Republican precinct chair (SLC074),
- biologist (1977 BS Biology, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Utah Secondary Teaching Certificate 1977-1992),
- lawyer (1979 JD),
- member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, and
- member of Patriotic Millionaires.

I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Alternative B will preserve the native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, which are endemic to California.

The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes

- keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence,
- expands commercial agricultural use, and
- extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

Incredibly, the NPS currently has the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

There is not enough forage for the confined elk.

Recent drought years have caused scant freshwater to dry up.

The elk are dying of hunger and thirst.

Their deaths have been documented by visitor photographs of dead and emaciated elk.

The NPS has mismanaged the Tule elk herd at Point Reyes.

NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore decades after

- the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches, and
- end livestock grazing there.

Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

This is wrong-headed.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option.

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed.

They degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 17915

Please help save Tule Elk!

Correspondence ID: 17916

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"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

Correspondence ID: 17917

I trust the track record of the Park Service...They have a good overview of elk/ cattle grazing / fencing / movement.

These elk can co-exist with our projects & domestic animals.

All over the west, we have seen good efforts successfully inter-mingling us 3 animal species.

Correspondence ID: 17918

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Correspondence ID: 17920

The Point Reyes Station Tule Elk must be freed, the cattle removed from the landscape and the fence that presently pens them in, must be removed. All of this must be done by the end of 2023. Already too many elk have died there due to many factors. Let's get the job done now.

Bill Leikam

President & Co-founder

Urban Wildlife Research Project

A 501 (C) 3 Nonprofit

Correspondence ID: 17921

Dear NPS,

While I live in Colorado, I have family and friends in the Bay area and I spend a lot of time in the area and Point Reyes. This area is dear to me. I am asking the NPS to prioritize natural ecosystems and habitat, especially in wilderness areas. The tule elk call this area home. They are native and their numbers are in trouble because of the fences and priorities we've placed on livestock. I am asking the Parks Service to remove the elk fence and allow the tule elk to roam freely in their native habitat. Having cattle operations on Point Reyes is questionable to begin with when considering the Charter of the National Seashore. Cattle operations certainly shouldn't be prioritized as they currently are to the detriment of the native ecosystems.

Correspondence ID: 17922

Please honor the original agreements and bring Pt. Reyes back to its intended state.

This area is a national treasure and it is cruel as well as heartbreaking to witness what has happened with this area and its wildlife.

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Correspondence ID: 17923

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, Maria Minjares

Correspondence ID: 17924

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 17925

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Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 17933

I am tired of hearing that money interests in our USA tend to control our world. We inherited a wonderful land when our ancestors moved to our current USA. Wildlife was everywhere as they

were here first. Now they seem to be wiped out everywhere for greed for the American dollar. These unique deer need to live too. If there are too many in this one area, rather than starving them, spend some money to relocate them to areas where they might live. The ranchers should not be taking over lands which were allocated to these elk. This is money talking and to hell with anything else.

Currently the very rich own most of our country, These ranchers may not be "rich" but they ought to honor the deal that some of this area was dedicated to the wildlife there. In this case, it is the elk. Parks must be allowed to exist and this is one of them.

The park service is not well funded and they are essential to the well being of animals and humans. More funds should be allotted to them for these uses. There are many people out of work and a plan like the CCC would be helpful as well. This might not help the elk but I believe that is why we have a parks department.

It is your job to serve the "public". This is only a small area but important too. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 17939

Our morale fiber can be gauged by our treatment of animals and the world around us. We have learned so much over the past century about the intelligence of those that share this planet with us and the importance of protecting the environment that we all need to survive. It is time for our society to course correct based on the knowledge we have now and stop living in the past. Our planet and those around us depend on it.

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I am so glad you are changing the management of the beautiful Tule Elk. Thank you-the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Misha Bruton

Correspondence ID: 17944

Although I'm a Wisconsin resident, I have visited the areas around Point Reyes and Tomales Bay frequently since I was a child. My older brother, a long-time CA resident worked at Point Reyes for the National Park Service and I delighted in visiting him at work due to the beautiful, natural areas he called "home". I am now 61 years old, and can honestly say that one of the most beautiful moments in my life was when once on a hike by myself, a beautiful elk appeared on the hill above me in the fog. You see, I had wandered pretty far on the paths and become confused as to where I was as dense fog settled in. I was scared. Seeing this majestic creature who noticed me and stopped and looked right at me did not frighten me. Although I respect the elk's strength and speed, I felt less alone. I calmed down. After we both paused for a moment to look at each other (I was admiring him...I have no idea what he thought of me!), when he wandered off I headed the opposite way, figuring that he was a local and wise and just wanted to live his life, so he wouldn't be going in the area of more people and parking lots, I found where I needed to be shortly after. This phenomenal encounter left a lasting impact on me, leading me to be a wildlife advocate to this day.

Now I keep reading about alternatives in "dealing" with the Tule Elk population. It has sickened me to read about shortages of water for them as they're stuck in fencing due to space needed for grazing cattle. I love cattle, but ranchers should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the surrounding area anymore. Enough damage has already been done.

I believe that the best, and possible only option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Thank you for your time.

Sharon Wolfsohn

Correspondence ID: 17945

The Tule elk -- and the wilderness itself -- are precious. They deserve protection!

Correspondence ID: 17946

The National Park Service should choose 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.

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Correspondence ID: 17949

I am writing to support the vital importance of diversity in our environment, whether we see it in the short term or not.

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Tule Elk:

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It is not wise to continue to defer to ranchers and cattle/sheep herds ...you are responsible to help protect our wildlife. At this juncture they rely on you. There is no room for error.

Correspondence ID: 17952

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 17953

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In addition, the removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Similarly, don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Finally, allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 17954

Public reserves should be beholden to the people...Who favor the preservation of the elk over that of meat on the hoof!

Correspondence ID: 17955

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Correspondence ID: 17956

The National Park Service has an enormous responsibility to protect our wildlife, especially that are endangered. I commend you for undertaking such a responsibility but would also like to challenge you to review your current practice of fencing that is driving the Yule elk toward extinction. More study needs to be done to refine that practice if the elk are to survive. Please consider your actions very carefully, because future generations will judge you harshly if you fail to protect this iconic species.

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Correspondence ID: 17959

Please arrange things so these wonderful creatures (the elk) are protected. Many thanks!

Correspondence ID: 17960**PROTECT RARE TULE ELK IN THE PHILIP BURTON WILDERNESS**

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Correspondence ID: 17961

These Tule Elk must be protected. they are the only members of their species we have left. Cows need to be on private property fed by humans. Your job requires you to prioritize the welfare of these elk. Please start doing the job we have been paying you to do. Protect the elk. remove the cows.

Correspondence ID: 17962

The Tule Elk, simply put, have every right to life and freedom that nature allows all of life on our planet. To end one form of life for another to maximize a profit is barbaric.

Best Regards, Neil Illiano

Correspondence ID: 17963

I am a retired U.S. Park Ranger. I am in favor of Alternative B. The NPS should prioritize the Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, remove the fence and eliminate cattle grazing entirely. Cattle grazing is not appropriate at Point Reyes, especially since this is a unit of the National Park Service. The original agreement calls for this and the NPS has already reached agreements with the leasers to eliminate cattle grazing. The native and now rare Tule elk should have priority management. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17964

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 17967

Point Reyes should be a wildlife preserve with no domestic cattle competing for the habitat. The Tule Elk are a unique, California species that should be free to roam and live wild in this national park. Please remove the fence that confines the native elk so they do not die from lack of water and food. Please do not subject the elk, once the fence is removed, to any form of herd management.

Please restore the ecosystem of Point Reyes by removing the elk fence and letting the wild animals roam freely as they should.

So many animals in our world are going extinct because of human-caused reasons. Don't let this happen to the elk.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17968

I PREVIOUSLY SENT A COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE, BUT WAS UNAWARE OF A PREVIOUS

AGREEMENT TO NOT OPEN THE AREA FOR COMMERCIAL USE. THE TULE ELK ARE DYING, SHUT OFF FROM ACCESS TO FRESH WATER.

THE NPS IS NOT SERVING THEIR INTENDED PURPOSE, WHICH FOLLOWS THE INABILITY OF OTHER AGENCIES TO PERFORM SERVICES THAT WERE CREATED TO SAFEGUARD OUR LANDS AND THE ANIMALS THAT POPULATE THEM. PERHAPS IT'S TIME FOR NEW LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE THEIR ACTIONS REFLECT THEIR STATED REASONS FOR EXISTING! WE WILL NOT STOP!

Correspondence ID: 17969

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Correspondence ID: 17970

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, Jamie Albrecht

Correspondence ID: 17971

C'es notre devoir de respecter et proteger les animaux et la nature. Eux aussi en en le droit d'avoir une vie saine sur ce planète. En a que une nature. Merci.

Correspondence ID: 17972

I support Alternative B, which removes structures in the Wilderness as well as the fence just outside of the Wilderness. Alternatives A and C should nor be considered, they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

I do have some proposed changes to Alternative B for your consideration:

Non-motorized methods should be used to remove water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate cattle grazing, cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Herbicides should not be used in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Natural fires are the preferred method to shape wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire tends to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you.

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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. Debra Pleasant

Correspondence ID: 17976

Protect rare Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness

Correspondence ID: 17977

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DO THE RIGHT THING!!

Correspondence ID: 17978

Please the Tule Elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 17979

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Correspondence ID: 17980

Please, please, please protect the Tule Elk at Point Reyes. I am heartbroken that they remain in peril despite having previous agreements in place to withdraw cattle grazing. The Tule Elk need their natural space to live their lives in peace. With their rightful habitat protected, they did an amazing job of managing the wilderness and keeping it in balance. Only when ranching was given the upper hand did this area become out of balance. Option B is the only acceptable course of action that protects the Tule Elk, and upholds the a agreement to remove the invasive ranching practices that are harming this wilderness area to the brink. Please don't let any more Tule Elk die at the hands of greed and mismanagement. We are running out of time to correct this injustice. I am a staunch supporter of the NPS, but the disregard for the Tule Elk population has long been a blemish that must be rectified. Please restore my regard for the National Park Service.

Correspondence ID: 17981

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Hello, please see my comments below. Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 17985

Alternative B is the best option, which is also the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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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 Jamie Trask

Correspondence ID: 17987

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Correspondence ID: 17988

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 17989

To return the Phillip Burton Wilderness to actual wilderness status, please accept the NPS Alternative Option B - removing all structures in the area, plus the fencing just outside as well.

Please do not support alternatives A & C.

Please do not use motorized vehicles when reclaiming the wilderness area, as they will further damage the environment.

Eliminate all cattle-grazing opportunities. The Phillip Burton Wilderness area is not intended to support commercial enterprises. This is a wilderness area, and the elimination of cattle grazing was agreed upon previously. The agreement was not upheld.

The use of herbicides should be halted. When cattle and fencing are removed, the natural controls of invasive plants can be reinstated, including grazing by the endangered Tule elk.

Returning to natural vs manager-initiated fires should be stopped. Natural fires and the return of indigenous animal grazing, should adequately control invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration. Our planet is in desperate need of the speed retreat of humans and their damaging practices in our wilderness area that need times to heal.

Marcia Miller

Correspondence ID: 17990

I am absolutely sick to my stomach that the NPS, a Federal organization designed to protect parklands and park creatures for the public, has catered to Private Cattle Ranchers.

As a member of the public and also a resident of the Bay Area, I insist that the fence that is keeping the tule elk herd at Point Reyes held captive be taken down.

NPS is supposed to preserve and protect.

You have not done so and you are in dereliction of your duties.

In addition, cattle are not "wild". Herbicides are not "wild" solutions.

You are supposed to be taking care of the Philip Burton WILDERNESS.

Please cease from further harm to the tule elk and their Wilderness!

Correspondence ID: 17991

This is important, because humans are dependent on nature and wildlife and we've already done such a poor job of protecting nature. I love wildlife and I want to see it protected. I'm asking you to please implement these points:

- The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.
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We are one species, yet we jeopardize million of other species. Our history shows we failed at caring for our planet. You will have to change your priorities, putting protecting life of nature over profits and money.

Correspondence ID: 17992

This is a comment on the NPS planning process related to "wildlife, resource, and wilderness management issues" at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore. At issue is the fate of native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America. They are unfortunately almost extinct in California, and current NPS policies are not helping them.

The NPS currently has the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point. This is because the NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore, decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

Fortunately, the NPS now proposes a new direction that would remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries. The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger the elk.

However, I urge you to consider some other changes to Alternative B.

- * Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done if possible by non-motorized means.
- * Eliminate grazing by cattle, as in the original agreement..

* Do not use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Thank you for considering this comment and for acting to protect Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 17993

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Correspondence ID: 17995

THIS IS NOTHING BUT CRUEL AND ABUSE TREATMENT TO THESE DEER, I DO NOT KNOW WHO ISSUED THIS TERRIBLE FENCE BUT WHAT EVER ORGANIZATION THIS IS I BELIEVE IT NEEDS AN OVERHAUL AND PEOPLE WHO LOVE ANIMALS SHOULD BE THE ONES RUNNING THIS LAND, NO ANIMAL DESERVES TO BE CUT OFF FROM FOOD AND WATER THAT TO ME IS ABUSE

Correspondence ID: 17996

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Correspondence ID: 17997

Alternative B is flawed, but the best option.

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Eliminate grazing by all livestock. End commercial use of wilderness area. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness now or in the future as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 17999

Please let Thule elk thrive in it wilderness wonderland. End commercial activities on this precious wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 18000

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Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 18001

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. This is important.

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Correspondence ID: 18003

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18004

Hello. As a regular visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore, I favor Alternative B. Cattle should not still be grazing in this park. The initial agreement was for the cattle operations to leave the

park long ago. The cattle degrade the soil and water and have caused the tule elk population to be enclosed in fences, leading to death from thirst and starvation. This is inexcusable. When I go to Point Reyes National Seashore, I go to look at the beauty of nature. I don't go to look at cattle ranches!

Thank you for any efforts you can make to protect the tule elk and to remove the cattle ranches.

Correspondence ID: 18005

Currently, Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying both at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness. Some things need to urgently change and I offer the following suggestions:

- * The removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness.
- * The removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness, but this must be done by non-motorized means.
- * The elimination of cattle grazing. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness.
- * The elimination of herbicides in the Wilderness.
- * Finally, allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your valuable time.

Correspondence ID: 18006

Dear NPS,

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your attention,

Kathy Sugarman

Correspondence ID: 18007

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness Area and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness Area and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness Area anymore as per the original agreement.

Please don't use herbicides in the wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Please allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18008

- Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18009

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18010

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18011

Please do the right thing!!!

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18012

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18013

Elk, not cattle

Correspondence ID: 18014

The ranching industry is and has been responsible for significant environmental destruction and decline, if not the extinction, of a variety of species.

The new direction of management proposed for The Philip Burton Wilderness (NPS supported alternative B) is sound and should be implemented without the influence of the ranching interests. The Tule Elk should be protected.

Also, water containment structures should be removed, cattle grazing eliminated, herbicide use eliminated and natural fires allowed to run their course.

Correspondence ID: 18015

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18016

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18017

Wilderness is WILD not constrained by human intervention. Cattle are human constructs that do not belong AT ALL in wilderness. Ranchers have their own land or go out of business(a

consideration given ruminants effects on the environment), they pay virtually nothing for the destruction that herds cause on land and give nothing but feces back to the land. The Elk need space and water, take down the poorly thought out fencing and fence the cattle out. Cattlemen should pay for the installation to deny them access to wilderness land.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18018

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Correspondence ID: 18019

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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A. Chevalier

Correspondence ID: 18020

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, Calen Otto

Correspondence ID: 18021

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18022

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered, including:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 18023

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Correspondence ID: 18024

1. The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they result in the degradation of the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

2. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. The least disturbance is the best approach now.

3. Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. This should go without saying. Grazing is the primary activity that is degrading these areas, and cattle are obviously introduced.

4. Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. My goodness, adding poisons to the local environment just flies in the face of reason, although I can see the convenience angle. But convenience is not the point. Removing cattle and fencing would allow better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

5. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18025

I think that we must support the tule elk population. To that end, the best thing would be Alternative B.

There are changes that should be considered, though.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Cattle grazing should not be allowed anywhere in the Wilderness Area, and herbicides must not be used. Tule elk grazing will help to eliminate invasive plants.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 18026

I would like to see the Tule Elk thrive with alternative option B. Make good on the intention of removing the cattle grazing brought forth decades ago and leave the land set aside for them fence free and managed in a way for natural and native plants, animals, fire and water to replenish the land.

Sincerely, Karen A. Miller

Correspondence ID: 18027

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18028

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Correspondence ID: 18029

Hello NPS,

Please allow the elk to roam free again without having to share with cattle grazing. A heritage species deserves to be protected and cattle are completely unnecessary.

More and more people are needing special places to enjoy our natural world and would love be part of the solution. I support plan B.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18030

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18031

Please protect the Tule Elk and their habitat by ending the commercial leases for grazing, removing the fence, allowing them to occupy the larger territory, and have protections from hunting. These beautiful elk face extinction without proper land management. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18032

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C

should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Correspondence ID: 18033

Alternative B, the NPS preferred option, removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, consider removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness by non-motorized means, eliminating grazing by cattle, banning the use herbicides in the Wilderness, and allowing natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18034

Get the fencing down! The elk need to freely roam again. I am actually startled to discover that we have to urge the NPS to act responsibly here. As well, I am continually annoyed that cattle grazers have seemed to call the shots across the West.

NPS: you work for the public! Take action on OUR behalf!

Correspondence ID: 18035

Last year, the National Park Service accepted public comments on its planning process related to wildlife, resource, and wilderness management issues at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California. At issue was, and is, the fate of native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, which are endemic to California. Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement.

The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

The NPS currently has the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Not only is there not enough forage for the confined elk, but recent drought years have caused the already-scant freshwater to dry up, leaving the elk dying of thirst and hunger, as documented by visitor photographs of dead and emaciated elk. This is because the NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore, decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

I appreciate, therefore, that the NPS has opened up another public comment period. In light of the above, I recommend:

1. Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
2. Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
3. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

4. Remove water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

5. Alternative B is the option NPS prefers, and I agree: Alternatives A and C should be staunchly opposed as they further degrade the wilderness and endanger Tule elk. But the above changes to option B should be instituted.

Correspondence ID: 18036

Option B is the best of the options proposed and is in agreement with with previous land leasing uses.

Correspondence ID: 18037

As a U.S. Taxpayer, Living in California, I Strongly Ask you to go with Your Own NPS preferred option.

This entails, Total Removal of structures in the Wilderness and most Importantly, the Fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Please, this must be Done as soon as possible. We have ASKED for this for too long!

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Make plans now to, Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should NOT, be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires Only, to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions.

Correspondence ID: 18038

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Correspondence ID: 18039

Wilderness protection is not just to benefit human use. In fact, in order for Wilderness to be truly

"untrammled", wildlife, in this case, Tule Elk, must be given top priority. Cattle are NOT wildlife. When Congress established Wilderness at Pt Reyes, the intention was to phase out cattle grazing. I appreciate that Alternative B is the preferred alternative. Furthermore, the small water structures and the fence must be removed by non-motorized equipment and pesticides must not be used as they are incompatible with Wilderness management.

Correspondence ID: 18040

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Correspondence ID: 18041

Please keep this beautiful land pristine and free of development., drilling, and toxic chemicals.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 18042

Please free the elk & protect their environment. Do not let beef ranchers take this land. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18043

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants, harming biodiversity and species that rely on fire ecology.

Correspondence ID: 18044

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18045

Save earth

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Correspondence ID: 18046

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Correspondence ID: 18047

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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, Lynn Hancock

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Correspondence ID: 18050

Please stop allowing cattle to graze in this area.

Please stop using weed-killer in this area.

Remove fences so the Tule elk can move freely.

Correspondence ID: 18051

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Sincerely, Mrs. Christine Arenella

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Correspondence ID: 18055

- Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Other Alternatives should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.
- Keep in mind the removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
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thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 18058

Seriously? Cattle over Tule elk in what is supposed to be a wilderness area? This is stupid. Let the elk have more space and get the cattle out of there

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Correspondence ID: 18061

Why do you insist on killing animals that have called this area home probably hundreds of years. I thought the park service was to protect and promote wildlife with their natural environment. It's not meant to kill and displace everything so officials can sell off nature to the highest bidder. Please save America's natural habitat areas and the wildlife for today's Americans and all future generations

Correspondence ID: 18062

I support the tule elk.

Even as a consumer of products produced by cattle in the area, I am strongly in favor of prioritizing native wildlife.

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Correspondence ID: 18063

It is good that you are working to correct the past mistreatment of the Elk in Tomales Point.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Any concepts in any plan (see Alternatives A and C) not viable as they are not in compliance with the Wilderness Act should not be enacted. They are bad ideas which are completely at odds with your intent.

In addition to the basics presented in your Alternative B the removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Every effort should be made to comply with the spirit and the law of the Wilderness Act.

The use use of herbicides in the Wilderness is a violation of the Wilderness Act, don't do it.

The logical option is removing any cattle and the fence which would allow for better distribution of Tule elk in their natural habitat. The natural grazing of the elk will mitigate the expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Use the Wilderness Act as your guide; use good science in your planning and remove any non-native animals allowed to graze in Wilderness not only here in Point Reyes area but everywhere they are inappropriately allowed in designated Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 18064

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Correspondence ID: 18065

Please continue to do the right thing and let the elk run without any fences or barricades.

Correspondence ID: 18066

Please give high priority to Tule elk. There aren't many left, but you can encourage their numbers growth and their wellbeing by allocating more land for them to dwell on - not to share with cattle but to enjoy with other wildlife rather than domestic animals. Land that you control and that was promised for use by elk has become "cattle land." Please reallocate that land for the elk, as was originally intended. You don't want to see the species disappear, do you?

Correspondence ID: 18067

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I would suggest you allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18068

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. It is a unique environment that should be preserved for wildlife and park visitors. When I last visited we did a safari, which was wonderful. We saw tule elk, Bobcats and baby owls. It would have been even better without fences and cows. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 18069

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Correspondence ID: 18071

Please do the right thing and remove the fence

Correspondence ID: 18072

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Please protect these creatures; It's your duty to defend the defenseless.

Correspondence ID: 18073

Dear NPS,

Thank you for accepting public comments on its planning process related to "wildlife, resource, and wilderness management issues" at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California.

The fate of native Tule elk is still at issue.. Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement.

The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

NPS currently has the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Not only is there not enough forage for the confined elk, but recent drought years have caused scant freshwater to dry up, leaving the elk dying of hunger and thirst, as documented by visitor photographs of dead and emaciated elk. This is because the NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore, decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

Fortunately, thanks in part to public outcry by animal welfare supporters, the NPS now proposes a new direction that's a good one, and we appreciate it. The plan is to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

I believe it is your, citizen-paid job, to value endangered wild life over corporate pressure from the influential ranching industry to keep the fence up and limit Tule elk numbers.

So boys, do your job.

Correspondence ID: 18074

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Correspondence ID: 18075

Stop pandering

Correspondence ID: 18076

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Correspondence ID: 18077

Good morning,

In my opinion, the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Also, eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Thank you, - Lisa

Correspondence ID: 18078

I would like to encourage the governing bodies to implement a plan that maximizes habitat for Tule Elk. It would appear that NPS' preferred plan largely aims to support this. In support and consideration of that plan, I want to share the following:

I understand and am sympathetic to the stress this puts on ranchers in the area. However, Tule Elk are an important, long-ranging, Umbrella Species meaning that protections for their landscape needs can enhance and support conservation needs for myriad other species. Additionally, Elk are important, long-range seed dispersers for native bunch grasses, which, according to CDFW, is important for wildfire risk mitigation.

Additionally, speaking from the perspective of a California who chooses to live in this state because of its natural beauty, protecting and expanding habitat for endemic species like Tule Elk is an issue of enormous significance to me.

I will say that despite a couple of hours of research, I do find it difficult to ascertain why one herd of elk is fenced in while two other herds are free-roaming (Limantour and Drakes), and whether removing this Tomales Point fencing actually represents a net habitat increase for Tule Elk as a whole or just removes a barrier for one herd to access the rest of the park which is already inhabited by the other herds. Ultimately, I would just like to see large, un-fragmented, tracts of California be allowed to naturally reach carrying capacity for native species.

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<https://www.fs.usda.gov/biology/wildlife/elk.html#:~:text=They have a direct role,wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities.>

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Wildfire#:~:text=Much of California's native vegetation,impact of high severity fires.>

Correspondence ID: 18079

It is of great importance not to allow this specie to become extinct. It, like all plants and animals play an important role in the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 18080

Start protecting elk for our society's safety

Correspondence ID: 18081

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 18083

With so many species facing extinction, it is imperative that the endangered, native Tule elk be protected and have priority over ranching interests in Point Reyes, especially in the Philip Burton Wilderness.

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It is past time to start responsibly stewarding the rare biodiversity of Point Reyes. The Tule elk is a prime example. With so few remaining, they must be allowed to increase their numbers.

Thank you, Julie Sicaud

Correspondence ID: 18084

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, Ajit Chauhan

Correspondence ID: 18085

Amid the 6th Mass Extinction all must be done to preserve remaining species and habitats because we are all interconnected.

Correspondence ID: 18086

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Correspondence ID: 18087

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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, Miss Renee Calpin

Correspondence ID: 18088

To National Park Service,

Tomales is one of my favorite parks to visit in California, especially because of the elk herds.

Regarding Tomales Point Area Plan, the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural growth.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18089

Please remove the fence that benefits cattle owners. That land has been reserved for Tule elks to proper.

NPS must plan for wild animals. Private cattle herds should be protected _and fed_ by their owners.

Correspondence ID: 18090

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18091

Keep it pristine

Correspondence ID: 18092

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Correspondence ID: 18093

I am writing in agreement with the dedicated advocates of Wilderness Watch and wish to emphasize the following points critical to saving the rare Tule elk:

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18094

Save the Tule Elk of Tamales Bay!

Correspondence ID: 18095

I have written before, but to say again, the tule elk were present long before cows were. The tule elk have as much right to live and thrive as do cows. But, caving into the GREEDY farmers wishes is wrong, just plain wrong. It is also cruel and abusive treatment of the innocent tule elk. DO the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 18096

Please conserve and protect the Tomales Point area!

Correspondence ID: 18097

Hi Officials,

I am speaking up for the Tule Elk and Wilderness Values. Alternative B seems to be the best option. Removing the water structures in the Philip Burton Wilderness can be done with non-motorized vehicles. Removing cattle would naturally help control invasive species and eliminate the need to use herbicides.

Thank you, Ralph Fischer

Correspondence ID: 18098

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Correspondence ID: 18099

Please protect the animals..

Correspondence ID: 18100

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Correspondence ID: 18101

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

Sincerely, Mrs. Siobhan Dove

Correspondence ID: 18103

I would like to see Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California returned to natural wilderness in full accord with Alternative B. Save the Tule Elk and remove the cattle grazing that has despoiled the water and land. This has become public land that the public cannot enjoy. It should be restored as previously agreed to.

Correspondence ID: 18104

Dear National Park Service Staff,

Though I live in Olympia, WA I have been a frequent visitor to the Bay Area for over 40 years and have regularly visited the Point Reyes as one of the most beautiful scenic and awe inspiring natural areas I have ever seen in my worldwide travels for the same length of time.

The wildlife nearby and there including the Tule Elk, butterflies, birds and plant life are striking reminders that nature lives close by and is often encroached out of and/or made extinct by encroachment of humans, mostly for economic reasons and believe me, Americans are furious that the extremely limited landscapes continue to shrink despite expanding need for and desire to protect and view these natural places!

This is a precious place to me, many Americans and especially to the starving and dying of dehydration Tule Elk. I will safely say all of my friends, the Olympia naturalist community and I strongly expect you push back on ranching, structures inappropriate to the area and to supply adequate space, food and water for the Tule Elk and follow the wishes and needs of the American people who rightfully have ownership.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removing structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternative B needs some adjustments as well.

It is critical to eliminate grazing by cattle, Americans are sick and tired of being bullied by this powerful lobby and family farms, however old are trumped by our wilderness designation laws,

you must enforce them!!! The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness as per the original agreement.

Herbicides should not be use in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

The too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants and should be stopped.

Please consider the laws, the desires of Americans for natural landscape and wildlife protection and do NOT give in to ranchers or economic interests that exploit our natural world at great risk in the past, present and future.

Thank you,

John Kersting

Correspondence ID: 18105

Please remove the fences

Correspondence ID: 18106

Hello NPS staff,

I write to you as a Californian, on behalf of the Tule Elk, and the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

I agree that the current best option is Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

As well, please consider:

--Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

--Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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California's animals and its native plants are important to me and my family.

I thank you for your work on our state's behalf.

Be well,

Gabriella

Correspondence ID: 18107

Please do what is possible to protect wildlife.

Thanks, Jill A. Wettersten

Correspondence ID: 18108

The elk deserve to live wild - leave them alone and their habitat.

God bless the wild places and the innocents that inhabit them. Protect them, please.

Correspondence ID: 18109

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Correspondence ID: 18110

I appreciate the National Park Service reexamining its approach to Tule elk management and wish to offer my support for Alternative B of the Tomales Point Area Plan. I fully support the increased measures to protect Tule elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness but ask that herbicide not be used and that cattle grazing not be permitted, as outlined in the original agreement.

Thank you for considering my input.

Rebecca Howe

Correspondence ID: 18111

Please do everything possible to protect and save the Rule Elk and their habitat. This is a moral issue, to put communities, our families, all wildlife, and preserving our public lands and national forests for all future generations need to be the highest priority, nationwide! We cannot allow corporate greed or development to eliminate anything in its way. Please keep in mind: I VOTE!!!

Correspondence ID: 18112

Dear staff,

I endorse the adoption of Alternative B. Removal of the fence will allow better distribution of elk in the general area, and should be accomplished.

Cattle grazing should be prohibited in the areas where the elk range. Additional herbicides should not be used in these areas.

Finally the water structures should be removed by non-impacting means wherever possible.

Lastly, natural wildfires should be allowed to burn, in place of man-started fires.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18113

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- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement signed decades ago.
- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18114

150 elk have already died of thirst and starvation in 2020 alone. Please remove the fence and let these poor animals live.

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Sincerely, Usha Peddamatham

Correspondence ID: 18116

How Cruel can you get to allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries. But you need a CRUEL FENCE to keep them from

enough food and water sound to me if they put a fence/barrier between your living space and your kitchen would you be happy??? Doubt it

Get real and realize what it means to be a WILD creature without motors/tools/e.t.c. and wake up to find out that you are not the eyes of the world as other beings need to be different with different needs and a different life as completely WILD so help them . . .

Correspondence ID: 18117

Please remove fences, Don't allow pesticides and allow the Tule Elk to graze freely. This is a beautiful

species that needs our attention and protection.

Correspondence ID: 18118

Please take down the fences that are preventing the Tule Elk from getting the water and food they need to live.

Thank you, Suzanne Kunstman

Correspondence ID: 18119

Take down the fence and treat the elk for what they are- an endangered species. Stop putting the ranchers first.

Correspondence ID: 18120

Incredibly, 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. But nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore. Yet the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

Please consider the following:

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Correspondence ID: 18121

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Thank you for considering my preferences, I truly hope you will choose to follow them,

Correspondence ID: 18122

Weren't the elk on this land before the cattle ranchers.

The ranchers leases are expired, the elk are dying for lack of food and water.

If these animals cannot co-exist in the Park, the cattle should go!

Correspondence ID: 18123

The National Park Service should choose 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: 18124

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Correspondence ID: 18125

Dear NPS,

Respectfully, I support the Wilderness Watch study findings, which state the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Additionally, removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Furthermore, eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Historically we have seen bad outcomes when herbicides are used in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Finally, please allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Respectfully,

Lara Lorenz

Correspondence ID: 18126

Thanks for reading this.

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Thanks again!

Correspondence ID: 18127

Hello,

I am concerned about the Tule elk. Below are several ideas to preserve this RARE herd of elk.

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Lastly, & my favorite suggestion is HUMAN POPULATION CONTROL. These NATIVE animals were here long before humans, and the only way to ensure the continued survival of these NATIVE species is HUMAN POPULATION CONTROL. COMMON SENSE & ETHICS. GET SOME. IT'S FREE.

. Thank you?????

Correspondence ID: 18128

Please act in a caring and intelligent way to save the world from losing another species.

Correspondence ID: 18129

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Correspondence ID: 18130

Protect these elk

Correspondence ID: 18131

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Correspondence ID: 18132

It is with extreme relief I am writing to encourage you to stand firm and follow through with the new NPS proposal to remove the eight-foot killer fence that has condemned Reyes Point Tule elk to die from starvation, thirst, and a monstrous convergence of heartlessness, greed, and the hijack of agencies which normally would be answerable to their own foundational principles and to the people of this nation.

This day marks a gross mismanagement of our wilderness areas.

Allowing our native Tule elk to roam naturally across Tomales Point, as they have done for centuries, is a most welcome change of direction back to the National Park Service's founding mandates; the natural principles governing mankind's proper stewardship of the land; and our shared values as a nation. It demonstrates renewed transparency; re-energization of the social contract; and the restoration of dignity, courage, and vision in the daily operations of National Park Service. Thank you!

I hope your great courage in this matter inaugurates an era in which all agencies entrusted with protecting our wilderness areas and native species, are able to free themselves more widely from the narrow death-grip of invisible constituencies and agendas. There is no time to lose, no wilderness to waste, no ecosystems to spare, no species deserving to be wantonly extincted.

Thank you! Stay strong! Let us find a way to share our bountiful Earth with the beautiful and majestic Tule elk!

Correspondence ID: 18133

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Correspondence ID: 18135

With respect, may this active Los Angeles citizen ask you to please consider Alternative B regarding the Tule Elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness . These animals are nearly extinct across California and are now needlessly and cruelly dying at Point Reyes due to unforgivable NPS mismanagement . They are TRAPPED behind an 8ft.tall FENCE while commercial cattle raising is extended ! Now besides the lack of forage ,due to the drought there is little water so these sentient creatures are now doomed to die of hunger and thirst . Livestock grazing helps the commercial enterprises which should have been ended years ago and meanwhile our natural wildlife creatures are suffering. The public have spoken and we are saying ENOUGH of such favoritism. We want OUR natural areas returned and our natural treasured wildlife to flourish not die! PLEASE, I implore you, eliminate this grazing by cattle, cease using poisonous herbicides , remove water structures without the use of motor vehicles and give us back our land and wild animals. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 18136

Allow tule elk to roam freely wherever they wish so they can browse what they need to survive.

Correspondence ID: 18137

Stop sacrificing our precious wildlife to the commercial livestock industry. That industry has been out of control, inhumane and far under regulated for way too long. Our national parks are meant to preserve something precious and irreplaceable for generations of Americans. I'm a huge supporter of the NPS but this practice is just appalling and I'll no longer donate to or visit NPS as long as this continues. How disappointing.

Correspondence ID: 18138

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18139

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow the native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I firmly believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 18140

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. I wish no harm to the elk or the cow herds in any fashion.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18141

1. Please consider removing fencing to outside the wilderness area and structures inside the area as they endanger Tule elk.
2. As per original agreement, Do Not allow cattle to graze in Wilderness area.
3. Removal of unauthorized water structures in the Wilderness by unmotorized means.
4. Don't use herbicides and let natural fires shape the landscape.

Please return the Wilderness area back to the wildlife it was set up to protect.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18142

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. Angel Moreno

Correspondence ID: 18143

The best option is Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

The grazing cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions.

Correspondence ID: 18144

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18145

Protect nature.

Correspondence ID: 18146

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.

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

Sincerely, Ms. Syd and Diane Marcus

Correspondence ID: 18147

I currently support national parks with a monthly contribution. I was unaware that NPS is responsible for allowing grazing of cattle on public lands. Public lands in my opinion are for wildlife to graze and live on and I am vehemently against any private person having access to MY public lands in this way. For that reason, I will be stopping my monthly support and will encourage my family and friends who feel the same way I do to also stop their support.

Deborah Mangrum

Correspondence ID: 18148

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18149

Protect these endangered animals by providing them with the environment they need in order to flourish. Future generations will thank you for it.

Correspondence ID: 18150

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18151

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Please consider that removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Cattle grazing should also be eliminated. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

I would also request that herbicides not be utilized in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk, which would, in turn, mitigate the expansion of invasive plants.

Please allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18152

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C

should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18153

Take down the fence

Correspondence ID: 18154

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=131377>

The best option is Alternative B, and removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Grazing by cattle must be eliminated. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18155

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18156

As a concerned American who cares about wildlife and the environment, and a former Californian, I strongly support the NPS proposal to remove the fence near the Phillip Burton Wilderness and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

I believe that the best option is the NPS preferred option, Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

All grazing by cattle should be eliminated. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Herbicides should not be used in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

As much as possible and prudent, natural fires should be allowed to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Manager-ignited fire must be employed only with great caution; too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18157

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18158

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18159

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18160

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18161

all animals are worth saving

they were here as part of nature's plan before you and me

let them live on and on and on

Correspondence ID: 18162

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, Heather Brandhorst

Correspondence ID: 18163

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. David Jaffe

Correspondence ID: 18164

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18165

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18166

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18167

Let the Tule Elk have their habitat back. Stop starving them. Remove the fence. Remove the cattle. Don't use herbicides. Let wilderness and its inhabitants thrive.

Correspondence ID: 18168

Please choose Alternative B, the NPS preferred option, as it is the best and most beneficial option for both the wilderness ecology and its wildlife survival and evolution. It already include removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness which absolutely should be done. And alternatives A and C should rightly be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, it can be immensely improved by including these additional considerations:

- Removal of the water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. These are small structures and can easily be removed without using motorized vehicles.
- Absolutely eliminate ALL grazing by cattle. It is outright ludicrous and obvious political corruption to allow the continuation of the unnatural ecological damage and destruction cattle grazing has already done in Point Reyes and the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
- Absolute prohibition of herbicide use within the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and mitigation against expansion of invasive plants.
- [And what by now based on recent experience should be a given] Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. The NPS must by now recognize that its historical misstep of too-frequent manager-ignited fire generates many more ecological problems including more fire devastation than it solves and should be replaced by more modern naturally sympathetic management methods.

Correspondence ID: 18169

I support the removal of the fences confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. I understand that the elk have been dying for lack of food and water because of these fences.

Thank you for your consideration of the wildlife that live in the national park. Cows don't belong there.

Correspondence ID: 18170

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18171

I am writing in favor of "Alternative B," the NPS preferred option: removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness, along with the following changes recommended by Wilderness Watch:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Correspondence ID: 18172

I have already written to you, but I want to be sure that you get my message which is: please provide 100% protection for the Tule elk!!

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Correspondence ID: 18173

Dear Park Service,

Please remove the fence ASAP (alternative B) at Tomales Point inside the Point Reyes National Seashore. It has been torture to watch these wonderful elegant beings neglected and purposely mismanaged. Letting the Elk die of starvation and thirst behind a fence by purposeful neglect is so wrong although realized a while ago a convenient way to cull the herd.

A few years ago some kind animal lovers took out troughs of water and hand carried water in.....then the Park service removed the troughs. I called Pt Reyes ranger station and asked why they would do that and the ranger who answered, a man, actually told me "It might have been placed on a native plant".

Only after more public eyes were on the situation did the NPS bring out water to the Elk. It is shameful that the Park Service had to get sued by Harvard to start to do the right thing. The Humane Society should also be involved.

The ranchers need to work around the Elk if they are to remain.....The Park Service should not be allowed to cull the herd to support the Ranchers who already have 1/3 of the Park. I like Strauss but he is wrong about the fence.....it has to come down.

Many Ranchers (not Albert) have really neglected their agreement and responsibilities to be on Park Land. People in West Marin are required to maintain their septic however appears many Ranchers actually had no septic at all in place and just allowed sewage to enter into the streams, ponds and environment not to mention the impact of manure. This was only found because some responsible hikers noted it.....the NPS was not monitoring what the Ranchers were/are doing. The Cattle are causing disease. During these challenging times we need

our Parks to be a place of refuge . So please do your job, remove the fence and start to make the Elk your priority.

I swim at Shell Beach year round most days and would prefer not to swim in sewage which could happen unless the NPS considers how to either eliminate or cut back on the Ranchers impact.

Spirit Lynn Wiseman

Correspondence ID: 18174

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. The Tule elk need to roam as they did for centuries.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18175

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18176

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. M D

Correspondence ID: 18177

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18178

We are all interdependent.

Correspondence ID: 18179

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.

I appreciate 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, and allowing free roaming.

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

Thank you for listening to our huge response to remove the elk fence. It's totally inappropriate to use in a wilderness area.

Given that it is a national wilderness area, the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Moreover, once the eight-foot fence is down, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason; it's entirely inappropriate in a national park.

Private cattle operations have no business being in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. This mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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 it was intended.

Correspondence ID: 18180

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

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The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18183

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18184

I strongly support the plan is to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. I oppose any plans that degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. Improvements to Plan B should be considered to include: removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means; eliminate grazing by cattle, which should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement; don't use herbicides in the Wilderness; and allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions.

Correspondence ID: 18185

Tomales Point Area plan B is the proper course of action. Fences must be taken down outside the area and structures within must also go for the betterment of the elk. Motorized vehicles should not be used to remove water structures. Please remove the cattle from the area. This was part of the original agreement. Manger ignited fires are a mistake and natural ones should be allowed to burn. herbicides to not belong. Removing the cattle will allow the elk to distribute themselves properly and reduce the expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18186

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18187

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18188

Protect the Philip Burton Wilderness and rare Tule elk.

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Correspondence ID: 18189

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Correspondence ID: 18190

Save our elk.

Correspondence ID: 18191

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Correspondence ID: 18192

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18193

Please act to protect the Tule elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness by eliminating cattle grazing in the area. The 8-foot fence should be removed, as the Tule elk are dying of starvation and thirst while cattle are prioritized. America will always have cows, but the Tule elk face extinction. Thanks for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18194

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 18195

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18196

Please save the Tule elk. We can't replace wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 18197

Dear National Park Service,

Thank you for finally proposing a better plan to help Point Reyes' dwindling population of endangered Tule Elk. Your plan to free the Tule Elk trapped behind the current 8-foot-tall fence at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California will give these beautiful creatures who have been dying of hunger and thirst a chance to survive and, hopefully, thrive and increase their numbers.

Only one option, Alternative B, will make this a possibility. This one, the NPS preferred choice, calls for removing structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness. The other two, Alternatives A and C, would only degrade the Wilderness and endanger these rare elk.

But further changes to Alternative B are needed. First, non-motorized means must be used to remove water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness. Since the structures are small this could be easily done.

Also, cattle grazing must be entirely eliminated in either the Wilderness and anywhere in Point Reyes. This should never have been allowed there in the first place, per the original agreement.

Herbicides should not be used anywhere in the Wilderness. Aside from their pollution and poisoning of wildlife, they will become unnecessary when the newly-freed elk can browse freely, curbing the expansion of invasive plants.

Finally, natural fires should be allowed to burn and shape the wilderness landscape, instead of using human-ignited fire. Human-ignited fire creates artificial conditions that tend to favor non-native, invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18198

Alternatives A and C are not acceptable because they would degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Alternative B is preferred because it removes structures and the outside fence. This is a wilderness area and should remain wilderness. However, removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means because they are small and can easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Ranchers are given grazing rights for chump change in wilderness areas that belong to THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

1. Preservation of wilderness areas MUST be a priority and environmental damage from cattle grazing must stop.
2. Use of herbicides in the Wilderness must NOT be allowed.
3. Removing cattle and the fence must occur to allow for better distribution of Tule elk; these removals would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
4. Natural fires must be allowed to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Mother Nature has given us these beautiful areas, We need to stop ruining them and changing them for the worse. Once these beautiful areas are gone, they are gone forever. Don't let this happen on your watch.

Safeguard these beautiful areas for the American people. That's your mandate.

Correspondence ID: 18199

I wish to comment on proposals regarding the management of the Philip Burton Wilderness at Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California.

My top concern is the survival of the Tule elk, which I understand is native to the area but is considered endangered. Though I don't live in the region, it pains me when any species goes extinct and my understanding is that this species is endangered.

Of the proposed changes to the management of this property, I support Alternative B. My understanding is that currently, the elk are confined within an 8-foot-tall fence. This, along with the other structures built there, should be removed. I also understand that domestic cattle are allowed to graze there. This needs to stop.

I also read that drought has left the area with insufficient water for the elk. And while there are water structures there, they were built illegally. These, along with the fence and other structures, need to be removed--without use of motorized vehicles. Another thing that needs to go: herbicide use. And please, allow the natural fires to burn.

Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 18200

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18201

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. Doug Rosenthal

Correspondence ID: 18202

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C

should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18203

Please select the best option B and exclude grazing of cattle.

Correspondence ID: 18204

The, best, option is "Alternative B", which is the NPS" preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and, the fence, just, outside of the Wilderness is the right, choice. Alternatives "A" and "C" MUST be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness, and, endanger, rare, Tule elk! However, some, other, changes to "Alternative B" ought to be considered.

Removal of, water, structures, unlawfully, built in the Wilderness MUST be done by, non-motorized, means! The structures are small, and could, easily, be removed without the use of, motor, vehicles!

Eliminate grazing by cattle!. The cattle MUST NOT be allowed in Point Reyes", or, the Wilderness, anymore, as per the, original, agreement!

Do NOT use herbicides in the Wilderness! Removing cattle and the fence would allow for, better, distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of, invasive, plants!

Allow, natural, fires to burn and shape the wilderness, landscape rather than using, manager-ignited, fire to create, artificial, conditions! Too-frequent use of, manager-ignited, fire has the tendency to favor, non-native, invasive, plants!

Correspondence ID: 18205

Re: Management of Tomales Point/Phillip Burton Wilderness

Please accept the following comments.

I support Alternative B with the following additions:

Removal of the illegal water structures should be performed with the minimum amount of heavy equipment.

Cattle should be removed from the Wilderness to allow natural regeneration.

Remove the elk restricting fence.

Encourage regeneration of the native ecosystems by minimal use of herbicides and minimal prescribed burns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alan Holt

Correspondence ID: 18206

I am a photographer and nature enthusiast from Scottsdale, Arizona. I support the Tule Elk and the stopping of cattle grazing in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. I believe the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

You should definitely eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

I am strongly against the use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

I urge following Native American philosophy and allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 18207

Thank You For Your Continued Review Of The Plight Of The Tule Elk. Surely We Can Protect This

Sacred Area and Remove the Fence so The Tule Elk May Roam Freely As They Have Done For Centuries.

The Private Ranchers Have Decimated Tomales Point and the Surrounding Wilderness By Allowing Their Cattle To Roam Free. This Planned Extinction Of The Tule Elk Must Be Stopped. The Pollution Caused By These Ranchers Can No Longer Be Ignored. They Have Broken Their Original Agreements.

Please Review and Implement The Following Points.

- The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.
- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

I Humbly Thank You For Your Support Of Our Wildlife and Wilderness Lands.

Correspondence ID: 18208

Please allow the Elk to roam as they have in previous years. To preserve wild species and wilderness is a gift to us all.

No more enclosures for Elk.

Thanks

Correspondence ID: 18209

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18210

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18211

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18212

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. The removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness seems to be the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

When removing the water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness do use non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Please please eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or in any Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

It seems obvious that herbicides should rarely be used in the Wilderness and then only in the extirpation of invasive plants. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against the expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape when possible rather than using manager-ignited. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants. Not only are we losing species but whole genera are going extinct and the very best management of Wilderness areas is imperative.

Correspondence ID: 18213

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18214

I am writing in regards to the Philip Burton Wilderness and the Tule Elk kept within an enclosure at Tomales Point. There is not enough forage for the elk, made worse by drought conditions. The agreement made to stop commercial use of this area has also not been kept, adding further damage to the elk population.

1. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice Alternative B. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.
2. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
3. Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
4. Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness! Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
5. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18215

Please move forward with Option B. The Tule Elk deserve to survive and need water resources and should be allowed to roam their original habitat. Landowners in Point Reyes National Seashore have already been paid and they agreed to stop ranching activities. The NPS must enforce the agreements made and remove ranching from protected lands.

Correspondence ID: 18216

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18219

We are their guardians. We are all they have. We must take care of them.

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Correspondence ID: 18223

SO the help you gave these poor small animals was to imprison them and starve them to death of food and water which is a horrid , slow death.....so the damn cows can take over.....Who the hell are you people????????? I hope God sees everything you do and one day, trust me, you will be held accountable. Take the damn fence down NOW.....ALL of it , not a part of it.....Get out of their home. This entire situation sickens me. What a travesty this is. I am embarrassed to be of the human race when I constantly see this type of horror and death to innocent animals. FIX THIS MESS.

Correspondence ID: 18224

I urge the NPS to do all it possibly can to ensure the health of our planet as it is within their power; like protecting everything that grows and lives in the wilderness of Tomales Point in the Phillips Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes Natl Seashore in Northern California - so our grandchildren may inherit an environment worth living in.

Correspondence ID: 18225

I am writing about the proposals for the Tomales Point Area Plan by the NPS. Alternative B, which I understand is the NPS' preferred option, is the one I would favor as well. Opening up the Wilderness to allow the wildlife, including the rare Tule Elk, to roam and graze in a habitat that they need should be our goal. Humans seem to have small regard for the habitat of non-human species. As we destroy or limit these habitats, we endanger the different species and cause their incursion into human areas. This causes humans to have even less regard for the rest of the life on this planet.

Cattle grazing should not be allowed in the Wilderness. I realize the ranchers will not like this, but their greed cannot be allowed to impinge on the rights of the Tule Elk and the other wildlife. Ranchers must stay in their own land for grazing and stay off of public land.

Other actions that preserve the wilderness area and support wildlife are required if humans are to fulfill our roles as stewards of the life on this planet. Please do what is right for everyone and everything.

Thank you for considering my point of view.

Correspondence ID: 18226

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Eliminate grazing cattle. Cattle should not be allowed to graze in Point Reyes or in the wilderness any more than stated in original agreement.

Do not use herbicides in the wilderness. Removal of cattle and fencing would benefit distribution of the Tule elk and would guard against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn to shape the wilderness rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions which have the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18230

Having been to Point Reyes once, back in 1981, I still remember how wild the thick grasses were, such that we were able to conceal ourselves in their lush abundance. Knowing, now, thanks to your heads-up information, just how endangered the Tule Elk are there, I felt it incumbent upon my conscience to put in a word for their

welfare or defense. Also, given the earlier ruling regarding the actual purpose of said park, the fact that it is currently being used to graze livestock, in violation of the court's ruling, amounts to a clear violation of the original terms, which needs to be addressed ASAP!

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Correspondence ID: 18233

Dear NPS,

As an occasional visitor to Point Reyes, I urge you to favor the natural ecology of the area in your management plans. In particular, there should be no fences in the wilderness area and elimination of cattle grazing. Our planet is overwhelmingly impacted by human influences. It is imperative that we keep public lands like Point Reyes in a natural condition for public enjoyment. Thank you.

Edward Heisel

Correspondence ID: 18234

To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this matter.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Thank you for your time,

Kim Bailey

Correspondence ID: 18235

Concerning Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness, I definitely prefer Alternative C, which would remove the fencing confining these endangered species members to a too-small area to support them. The other plans won't provide enough protection or solve the problems in the wilderness.

I would also like to support some actions which could improve the plan. Wherever possible, please remove inappropriate water structures from the wilderness by non-motorized means. Also, as previously agreed, cattle shouldn't be allowed to graze where the elk roam anymore. Elk need the benefits of plants and grazing, and competing with cattle doesn't benefit them or the cattle. Also, refraining from herbicides will encourage the elk to reestablish the ecosystem and encourage native plants to thrive. Finally, wherever possible, please rely on natural fires to keep deadwood in check, rather than risk overuse of manmade burns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Linda A. Schneider

Correspondence ID: 18236

I can't believe that the National Park Service is selling out to commercial interests like this! We are asked to donate and fund their operations, but no one would do so - or should - if they lease the land to ranchers!

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Correspondence ID: 18240

I'm raising my voice and hoping that you consider the comments below.

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Correspondence ID: 18241

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18242

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Correspondence ID: 18243

Please, protect this habitat and these endangered elk!

Correspondence ID: 18244

These constant attacks on native flora and fauna, be it here in California against the Tule Elk or in Yellowstone National Park against the American Bison are such a disgrace. The overt support of ranching and mineral extraction concerns are not only repetitive but nationally embarrassing. If you are unwilling to protect natural resources get another form of employment. Stop being hand puppets for industry. Have you no values beyond your bank accounts?

Correspondence ID: 18245

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designated Wilderness. When the structures are removed, it must be accomplished using non-motorized means because motors are not allowed in areas designated as Wilderness. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Removal of cattle and the fence will allow the elk to flourish and they will eat the invasive species and balance the ecosystem once again. Do not use herbicides, which upset the natural balance and are linked to cancers such as non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Natural systems are always best for the environment.

Thank you for accepting my comment.

Correspondence ID: 18246

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Correspondence ID: 18247

Do what ever it takes to protect the Thule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 18248

While I have nothing against cows, I do not like them grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore esp. if the Tule elk are fenced in and not allowed to roam freely. They should not be restricted by fencing esp. if it keeps them from finding food. I support removing the fence confining the Tule elk. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18249

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I support your efforts to protect the elk...

Correspondence ID: 18251

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Correspondence ID: 18252

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Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 18260

Tule elk are the native species, not domestic cattle. Yes, by all means remove fences and allow them free and open range, access to all natural water. Expand the habit beyond the Wilderness boundaries. Burns should never be artificial so invasive species are not favored. Herbicides should never be allowed. Eradication never is a practical goal in insector noxious weed control.

Option 2 is the only acceptable and practical one. Cattle are not an option.

Correspondence ID: 18261

Hi there, the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Thank you, Emil Gallardo

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Correspondence ID: 18263

Hello and to whom it may concern,

Just because I care about animals, especially native animal I kindly request for your assistance. please remove cattle from lands that benefits native animals. We can do better and we should. We can all live in harmony and protect what we have for future generations to enjoy.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 18264

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Thanks for hearing me out.

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Correspondence ID: 18267

Please utilize Plan B option to benefit tule elk.

Thank you

Johnny Armstrong

Correspondence ID: 18268

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Correspondence ID: 18269

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Correspondence ID: 18272

I strongly endorse Alternative B for the elimination of the restrictive fence confining the Tule elk herd and strenuously advocate for the immediate halt of all commercial cow grazing within Point Reyes National Seashore. These steps are imperative to not only safeguarding the park's integrity but to ensuring that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 18273

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18274

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, Tiffany Valliant

Correspondence ID: 18275

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Correspondence ID: 18277

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Correspondence ID: 18278

Incredibly, the NPS currently has the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Not only is there not enough forage for the confined elk, but recent drought years have caused scant freshwater to dry up, leaving the elk dying of hunger and thirst, as documented by visitor photographs of dead and emaciated elk. This is because the NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore, decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

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Correspondence ID: 18279

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 18280

I support Alternative B with every emphasis of keeping the area free of motorized vehicles, free of herbicides, and free of cattle. I have done service work with the Sierra Club at Point Reyes and consider it one of the prettiest places along the California coast.

Correspondence ID: 18281

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Correspondence ID: 18283

Please for the love of all animals do this

Correspondence ID: 18284

Please protect the Tule Elk!

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Correspondence ID: 18287

As stewards of the Phillip Burton Wilderness, you need to better protect the Tule elk. Regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan:

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Correspondence ID: 18288

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Morgan Barbosa

Correspondence ID: 18289

Please help.

Correspondence ID: 18290

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Correspondence ID: 18291

Save Tule Elk and the Philip Burton Wilderness with Alternative B. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18292

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Thank you for listening.

Correspondence ID: 18293

I support the plan to remove all fences and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18294

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Correspondence ID: 18297

Please protect the Tule elk!!

Correspondence ID: 18298

I think Alternative B is the best choice. Removing structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is correct . Alternatives A and C should be opposed because they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 18299

Hello --

I stand firmly in support of protecting the Burton Wilderness.

The points made by Wilderness Watch resonate:

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Thank you for taking these expert opinions into account.

Correspondence ID: 18300

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Correspondence ID: 18301

- The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

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Correspondence ID: 18302

Please protect Tule elk, and preserve and restore Wilderness values and characteristics.

Cattle grazing and all the amenities or subsidies for cattle and their owners must end -- remove the livestock and the fences. Use Wilderness-compatible tactics for fence removal and vegetation restoration. It is good for the land, wildlife, and humans to avoid motorized equipment and chemicals. Respect how your ancestors used to do things without fossil-fuel machines and industrial chemicals. Respect the intent and stipulations of the Wilderness Act. Alternative B seems to be the logical and responsible choice, with modifications to implement the ideas escribed above.

Correspondence ID: 18303

WE WERE GIVEN THIS PLANET TO LIVE ON IT ALONE. WE PEOPLE ARE BUT A SMALL PART OF THE INHABITANTS LIVING ON THIS PLANET. BECAUSE WE LIVE HERE IT IS OUR DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE TO IT THAT ALL OTHER LIFE ON THIS PLANET IS PROTECTED AND SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION. WE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PROTECTED, IT IS UP TO US, AS PEOPLE, TO DO OUR DUTY AND FULFILL OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD AND FOR OUR FELLOW INHABITANTS ON THIS VERY SMALL, VERY SPECIAL PLANET. WE CALL THIS HOME, AS DOES ALL LIFE WITH WHICH WE SHARE THIS PLANET. DO YOUR DUTY!!!

Correspondence ID: 18304

Dear Madam and Sirs,

Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. There is not enough forage for the confined elk, but recent drought years have caused scant freshwater to dry up, leaving the elk dying of hunger and thirst, as documented by visitor photographs of dead and emaciated elk. This is an atrocity to our American wildlife who deserve to live a good life too.

The NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore, decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

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Thank you for doing what is right by the rare Tule elk I love to visit.

Correspondence ID: 18305

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Correspondence ID: 18307

Please remove the fence and allow the Tule elk to roam naturally!!

Correspondence ID: 18308

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Correspondence ID: 18309

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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 Jennifer Odom

Correspondence ID: 18310

Save our wildlife and national parks it the creation of God to help nourish and beautify the Earth. Respect God wishes a sight for all Humans to see and glorify.

Correspondence ID: 18311

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should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Correspondence ID: 18312

Hello,

I agree that Alternative B is the best way forward in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Removing structures and the fence outside of the area will allow the Tule Elk to move naturally and survive with better food resources. This elk species is special and needs to be allowed to live in its home without interference and impediments.

Please use nonmotorized methods when removing the illegal water structures and let the migrating elk take care of invasive species rather than use of herbicides which contaminate both land and water. Also cut down or eliminate man made fires.

I like cows and respect ranchers but Point Reyes National Seashore is a protected and precious place belonging to all Americans. Please get the cattle out of the wilderness as per the original agreement. In this precarious time of climate change and unknown consequences we need every wild animal and every wild (especially protected) place w can get. Cattlemen have been catered to for years allowing our public lands to be degraded and worn out. The elk are fenced in. Wild horses are brutally removed from their own areas and cattle and sheep moved in. It is time for this to STOP.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for taking public comment.

Correspondence ID: 18313

As a wildlife biologist and a regular visitor to Point Reyes, I am extremely concerned about the status of the Tule Elk population at Tomales Point. This population is threatened by a long history of mismanagement, much of which is due to improper deference to livestock grazing.

I support the NPS preferred alternative, Alternative B. The fence just outside the Wilderness should be removed, as should all structures within the Wilderness. Neither Alternatives A and C are acceptable. They would degrade the Wilderness and further endanger the Tule elk population.

However, I support additional strengthening of Alternative B:

-- Most important, cattle grazing should be eliminated. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness.

-- Herbicide use in the Wilderness should not be allowed.

-- Natural fires should be allowed to burn, rather than heavy-handed prescribed fire, which can favor invasive non-native vegetation.

Thank you for considering these comments, and for taking strong action to preserve and promote the Point Reyes Tule Elk Population.

Correspondence ID: 18314

Please comply with all Wilderness Act of 1964 requirements in protecting Tule elk.

This may well & should require limitation of all agriculture & husbandry consistent with that law and would forbid any & all fencing or slaughter of Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 18315

I am writing in support of removing the fencing which is keeping the Tule Elk from roaming for food. This species that came back from the brink of extinction should not be prevented from finding food! In 2020 many Tule Elk died due to the drought because they were prevented by the fencing from finding food. Please remove this fencing & also reduce or eliminate cattle grazing on this land that should be being used to protect endangered/threatened species & other wild life. Thank you for you time.

Correspondence ID: 18316

Please do the right thing in protecting these amazing animals. The elk need us to be proactive and stop the threat to their habitat and lives! It's unthinkable that you, those that are to protect them, may somehow choose to do otherwise!

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Correspondence ID: 18317

I am writing in support of Alternative B which lets the wild animals live in a wild state.

Correspondence ID: 18318

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Correspondence ID: 18319

Remove the fence and allow the Tulle Elk to roam freely as they are meant to do.

Thank you, Trudy Sandifer

Correspondence ID: 18320

It's time for the NPS to leave the wilderness and the inhabitants alone.

Correspondence ID: 18321

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park and its wildlife. People visit a national park to see wildlife, not farm animals. Your responsibility is to the park, it's wildlife and the American people, not cows and a few farmers.

Correspondence ID: 18322

Protect rare tule elk in the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18323

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THANK YOU.

Correspondence ID: 18326

NPS must do what it can to protect/save the rare Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness. Remove the fence and allow the elk to roam naturally as they have been doing centuries. This is no place for cattle to graze--what are you doing allowing this is a Wilderness area? These cattle must be removed, as agreed upon when the government paid to purchase private ranches to end livestock grazing there--yet NPS still allows grazing there. Time to stop this desecration.

Correspondence ID: 18327

I personally believe that the best option is Alternative B, that is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness clearly must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle once and for all. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Do allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18328

The best is Alternative B. As you know, this is the National Park Services's preferred option. There should be no structures in a Wilderness. Do you not get it? It is a Wilderness. (The other alternatives degrade the Wilderness and should be opposed.) It is a Wilderness: unlawfully built water structures should be removed but by non-motorized means. Of course cattle grazing should be eliminated. it is a Wilderness. Time to put an end to privileging commercial interests. And no herbicides. It is a Wilderness. Got that? Natural fire will burn and shape the Wilderness landscape and work to eliminate non-native invasive plants. Time to get this done. Delay is no longer an option.

Correspondence ID: 18329

Save the Park and the Elk.

Correspondence ID: 18330

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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.

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Sincerely, Mr. Charles Carlton

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Sincerely, Mr. Lawrence Cirillo

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Sincerely, Mr. Lawrence Cirillo

Correspondence ID: 18333

Dear NSF,

Prioritize the endemic tule elk over the cattle industry's demands.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Zita

Correspondence ID: 18334

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Correspondence ID: 18336

I ask that the park service 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. Furthermore, Point Reyes National Seashore should be returned to the people and wildlife. The land is public and should not be used as ranching land, which degrades and exploits the land and animals.

Correspondence ID: 18337

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Correspondence ID: 18338

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Sincerely, Arlene Dobra

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Correspondence ID: 18340

Dear NPS,

First, thank you for your work thus far and the changes in the works to Tomales Point Area Plan. Allowing the Tule Elk to once again roam their ancestral homeland can only encourage the strength and growth of this remarkable herd. Few points you also might consider in restoring this wilderness area:

Water structures removals, small enough to warrant this, can and should be done by non-motor vehicles to protect the wild animals.

Please do not allow further cattle grazing in wilderness. Local farmers have been compensated already.

No use of herbicides in wild areas.

Allow only natural fires to burn. Man-made planned fires have been proven to not be the best.

Thanks again.

Steev Beeson

Correspondence ID: 18341

Be good stewards. They were here first

Correspondence ID: 18342

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Correspondence ID: 18343

Save Tule Elk and all other animals.

Correspondence ID: 18344

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Correspondence ID: 18346

It's wonderful to learn that there are plans to protect the Tule elk herd at Reyes Point so that they can thrive in a natural area without the interference of humans or machines. The best option to meet this goal is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

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It is essential to eliminate grazing by cattle. The elk do not need competition from cattle herds. Herbicides must be banned and fencing removed to allow for migration. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Finally, I hope you will allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape to reduce the proliferation of invasive plants.

Thank you for protecting these precious Tule elk in keeping with Wilderness principles.

Correspondence ID: 18347

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Correspondence ID: 18348

I support Alternative B. It is time to take down the fence and allow our native Elk to be free and save them from starvation. It is inhumane to keep them fenced with no sources to sustain themselves. It is time to take cows out of the Pt. Reyes Seashore and let our native animals live where they always have. Do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 18349

As I see it, the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

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Correspondence ID: 18350

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. The fences have resulted in die-off of the elk because they are unable to reach natural water sources.

I also urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18351

Protect rare Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness

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Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18352

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18353

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Correspondence ID: 18354

Dear NPS,

As a frequent visitor to the San Francisco area y ok see family, we often take a day to go to Point Reyes to walk around and take in the sights. One of the amazing part of those days is seeing the elk herds. These beautiful animals need to remain free.

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Thank you for your consideration

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Correspondence ID: 18359

The most important thing for Tamales Point is to preserve and protect the Tule Elk.

To that end, Alternative B is the best option, but could be further improved. Grazing by cattle must be eliminated, along with fences. Herbicide use shouldn't be allowed in this or any wilderness. Similarly motorized vehicles are unnecessary and destructive. Finally, natural fires are far preferable to human initiated fires in wilderness areas.

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On repeated visits to Point Reyes National Seashore, I've come to think of this area as a priceless wilderness area with a unique capacity to provide habitat for diverse native wildlife. It has been the place where my young grand-daughter has had the best opportunity to experience and to understand what a natural ecosystem can be. As habitat loss escalates in surrounding areas, I believe it is no longer appropriate to allow cattle leases there or to expand commercial agricultural use, leaving in place fences which contribute to the death of endangered Tule elk. It is important to understand, before it's too late, the great value of this area as an ecosystem free from human interference and allowed to thrive on its own.

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Correspondence ID: 18363

Please PROTECT these elk from greedy, corrupt people who don't care about anyone or anything but themselves.

Correspondence ID: 18364

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Thank you for your serious consideration of the foregoing.

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From what I've been reading, your Alternative B sounds good. Plus the elimination of cattle in the area and the return of native vegetation....

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Beef cattle are the invasive species.

Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk.

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Correspondence ID: 18370

Alternatives A and C are bad choices because they degrade the Wilderness and endanger Tule elk.

Alternative B is the best choice but would be more effective with the following additions/changes.

- Water structures should be removed by non-motorized vehicles.
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- Herbicides should be banned.
- Allow natural vs. managed burns to shape the landscape.

Correspondence ID: 18371

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Fortunately, thanks in part to public outcry by Wilderness Watch and our supporters, the NPS now proposes a new direction that's a good one, and we appreciate it. The plan is to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

But it's not a done deal, and the National Park Service (NPS) will undoubtedly face pressure from the influential ranching industry to keep the fence up and limit Tule elk numbers. The NPS has opened up a public scoping comment period on its Tomales Point Area Plan and needs to hear from you!

Please speak up for Tule Elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness by Monday, September 25.

Comments must be submitted on the NPS site:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=131377>

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Correspondence ID: 18373

Elks, Moose, Goats, Bears, Bisons, Deers, etc need the protection from human people who think it's okay to be closer just for a quick shot to show off others. These animals need need to be protect

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Correspondence ID: 18375

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The elk should be allowed the chance to thrive in their natural habit rather than suffer when agricultural interests are prioritized. The Tule elk are beautiful creatures and our government should take pride in our native species. By doing what's best for these animals, the National Park Service would demonstrate its commitment to conservation of native species and the land.

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It's VERY important that this subspecies of *Cervus canadensis* - wapiti - be saved!

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18382

I support Plan B which is a big improvement and I thank the NPS for putting it forward.

Correspondence ID: 18383

Animals are God's creations, we need to take better care of them, and their environment.

Correspondence ID: 18384

Remove the fence, remove the cows, stop the chemical application. Just let it be wild. Protect the wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 18385

Save the Tule Elk now! The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18390

I am writing to comment on the management planning for the Tomales Point Area. I've visited this area a number of times and admire it for its beauty and the nature there. I am hoping that Alternative B be chosen for future management. It's entirely inappropriate to be still considering prolonging cattle ranching within this area. The first priority should be the health and integrity of the elk herd. Cattle grazing should be ended. Cattle grazing prolongs damage to the environment, puts cattle in competition for food, and demonstrably is hurting the health of the elk herd. Please choose Alternative B, and start managing the Tomales Point Area more like the wilderness that a lot of it is supposed to be. Don't use motorized vehicles or equipment there, and work to end contamination of the area with non-native plants, without herbicides as much as possible.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Roger A Barthelson, PhD

Correspondence ID: 18391

Option b, remove the fence

Correspondence ID: 18392

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It is a tragedy in every sense of the word, that the NPS General Management is allowing the Tule elk to suffer and die from lack of food. You have mismanaged wildlife and the environment, and it is time for action:

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Correspondence ID: 18396

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Actions taken must be the removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 18397

Hello,

As a concerned citizen who values wildlife and the environment, I ask that you please do all you can to help vulnerable animals who have no voice but ours to help them survive. The National Parks are precious and provide incredible respite for all who visit. Thank you for your kind consideration and support.

Andrea

Correspondence ID: 18398

Save the artic

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Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18400

Tule elk deserve to roam free in their native land. I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. It's the right thing to do.

Correspondence ID: 18401

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on protecting Tule Elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness area.

I believe the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness any longer, as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18402

I think that you should do everything you can to help the Tull Elk survive. You need to take down the fences and prohibit cattle grazing just to name a few. They deserve to live just as well as humans and deserve to live peacefully in their habitats. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 18403

End this awful cruelty towards defenseless animals.

Correspondence ID: 18404

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18405

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants

Correspondence ID: 18406

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18407

I whole heartedly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18408

My comments about the Philip Burton wilderness:

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thanks for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 18409

I believe the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered. I also believe that you must ban the grazing of cattle take down the fences in Point Reyes.

Correspondence ID: 18410

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were rightfully brought back from the brink of extinction after their population tragically plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success! — but their current situation threatens their population once again. This is profoundly sad and wrong. The Tule elk deserve protection to live and thrive.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions. What horrible suffering at the hands of humans who value ranchers and cows above all else, certainly before our nation's priceless wildlife. This land is home to the Tule elk. They were there first, too. This suffering and death of the Tule elk in their own homeland at

the hands of profiteering selfish humans (and allowed by the NPS) is a travesty that must be addressed and prevented! The NPS can and must do better for the sake of our nation's wildlife. This is an ethical and moral imperative, especially now in this era of terrible loss of our nation's biodiversity.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species, such as the Tule elk, but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. This is wrong, plain and simply wrong. The public lands do not belong to solely the ranchers who graze their cattle there, so why are such ranchers prioritized over the wildlife and other US citizens who value our wildlife? Why? What has happened to the NPS such that this is allowed? How did the NPS get so turned around in their priorities? I am disappointed and despairing about the misaligned state of the NPS. What hope do our wildlife have if the NPS does not stand up for them? What hope at all? Please, I urge the NPS to "do the right thing" and get back to conserving and caring for our precious and priceless wildlife and quit putting commercial agriculture interests, ranchers and profits before wildlife! If not the NPS, then who?

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18411

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18412

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18413

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18414

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18415

Please protect the parks.

Correspondence ID: 18416

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18417

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles;

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement;

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants;

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18418

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18419

The best option is Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures could easily be removed without motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18420

I am writing to place my support behind the best option of Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18421

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Correspondence ID: 18422

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18423

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18424

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18425

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18426

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Correspondence ID: 18427

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18428

Please accept my comments today. I have several concerns:

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18429

The elk have been in California long before white settlers. If the NPS cares about their core values and even tried to adhere to its mission statement - they should be trying to protect the elk, not kill them. The fence, starving them of food and water is barbaric and has to stop!! Stop placating the ranchers who are actively polluting the park with impunity!!

Tear down the fence, stop extending rancher leases and get the park back to the pristine park it was!! No one wants to hike while inhaling the noxious odors of cow manure! No one!!! Please protect the park! Please protect the elk!

Correspondence ID: 18430

Please don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18431

Dear National Park Service,

Please remove the fence and all structures in Phillip Burton Wilderness and please allow the Tule Elk to roam freely. As a resident of California, it is very important to me, and for future generations of Californians, that the rare and beautiful Tule Elk are protected and allowed to live on their native land in Point Reyes.

Please no longer allow cattle to graze along the seashore as was the original agreement not to allow commercial cattle grazing on public lands. We do not need more land for cattle!! The Tule Elk do need land to survive and have food and water. When allowed to forage freely, the Tule Elk will mitigate non-native invasive plants which would help eliminate any use of poisonous herbicides.

Thank you for welcoming and paying attention to public comments on this very important issue. The public would enjoy being in the presence of the beautiful Tule Elk - they belong as an essential part of Point Reyes. And the Tule Elk will benefit the natural landscape. Please immediately take down the fence and let the Tule Elk live.

Sincerely, Brenda Wallace

Berkeley, California

Correspondence ID: 18432

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18433

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18434

The National Park Service should choose 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.

Thanks you for your consideration of public comment on this wildlife issue that effects all of us.

Correspondence ID: 18435

My email concerns the Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness,

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18436

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 Caitlin McMurtry

Correspondence ID: 18437

Please let the elk roam the park safely! Protect them from starvation and dehydration!

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 18438

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18439

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

PLEASE don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions.

Correspondence ID: 18440

As one who was born in the BWCAW and grew up on national forests in MN, MO and WI, I value maintaining the pristine, natural environment.

I like Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. A and C should be completely discarded as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence by themselves would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18441

I believe the best option is Alternative B, the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants

Correspondence ID: 18442

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18443

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan.

Please choose Alternative B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area (NPS Proposed Action).

I urge you as well to allow tule elk to roam freely without any effort to manage the herd, and I strongly support the complete and immediate elimination of cattle ranching.

Correspondence ID: 18444

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 18445

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No fence, let the animals take priority

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Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18450

Please save the Tule Elk!

We all know we are losing way too many species on land and sea.

It's that simple...

Correspondence ID: 18451

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Correspondence ID: 18453

We have learned that this wilderness is still being trampled by cattle while the native elk, the Tule the smallest and rarest of our elk, are dying behind an enclosure.. Cattle run free and overgraze and elk die from starvation? This is beyond disgusting, it is criminal. Stop this travesty at once.

Remove the fencing, remove the cattle, remove the illegal water structures and DO NOT use vehicles to do any of this as a Wilderness must remain a Wilderness in reality, not just language. Any alternative that does not restore what should have been done years ago (when

money exchanged hands to remove cattle ,..and this is not illegal also??) is no alternative indeed and should be summarily rejected. Period.

There is little time to waste. And little impetus to remain civil about this when animals are needlessly dying so some humans can make more money at the expense of us, the American public , and cost the lives of innocent creatures. Yes, we are an Eastern-based environmental watchdog group but when it comes to something like this, we must voice our opinions li duly as if we were residents, because our tax dollars are involved, our tourist dollars are involved, and our ethics are involved. Alternative Bi is far from perfect but the other alternatives aren't worth the paper they were written on.

Correspondence ID: 18454

PLEASE take down the fence that is trapping native Tule elk and forcing them to die due to lack of food and water at the Point Reyes National Sea Shore in Northern California.

I have seen the fence and the trapped elk in the distance and the idea that native to California and almost extinct elk are dying so cattle can eat on the land is wrong.

Pure Greed is forcing a true native elk into extinction.

Feed the cattle somewhere else and save this species while you can.

We have a duty to protect and save a species that is only endangered because of mismanagement by human disregard and greed.

Correspondence ID: 18455

Please help all the wild animals.

Correspondence ID: 18456

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Correspondence ID: 18457

Alternative B is the ONLY OPTION!

KEEP WILDERNESS WILD!

PROTECT THE TULE ELK.

PUBLIC LANDS ARE FOR THE PEOPLE TO ENJOY - NOT RANCHERS MAKING PROFITS!!

Correspondence ID: 18458

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. Camilla Comanich

Correspondence ID: 18459

Please do all you can to protect the elk in Point Reyes. We have been to that park and it is beautiful and special. I would like to add my comments that the elk in Point Reyes should roam free and not be fenced. The elk and natural area take priority over private citizens' cattle. Cattle are domestic and can be raised on private farms and ranches. Cattle do damage to the ecosystem and release much methane. Point Reyes is to be protected as it is a national seashore for the enjoyment of all people and not the profit of a few.

Thank you for taking comments and for all you do to preserve natural, beautiful, inspiring places across the US.

Correspondence ID: 18460

Hello NPS,

I am writing today about the Tule elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness in California. I find it very disturbing that NPS mismanagement is leading to the near extinction of the native Tule Elk. These animals are dying of thirst and starvation to preserve resources in Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness for cattle grazing. Decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing on the national seashore, 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

There is a plan to remove fences so the Tule elk can naturally roam the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did. Of the three alternative plans, I support Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. The removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence

just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk, and should be opposed.

There are some changes to Alternative B that ought to be considered. First, remove water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. Second, eliminate grazing by cattle. Their removal was part of the original agreement and it should be honored. Third, use herbicides in the Wilderness should be forbidden. Once the cattle are gone and the fence removed, the natural activity of the Tule elk would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. Along with that, NPS should allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape. Manager-ignited fires create artificial conditions that favor non-native invasive plants.

NPS will face pressure from the influential ranching industry to keep the fence up and limit Tule elk numbers, but you are a government agency preserving Wilderness for American. Not an industry-funded agency managing land resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Robert Mick

Correspondence ID: 18461

I am writing in support of protecting rare Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness. Last year, the National Park Service (NPS) accepted public comments on its planning process related to “wildlife, resource, and wilderness management issues” at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California. The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants. Thank you for protecting Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 18462

I commend NPS for this important planning. I support Alternative B, and I also commend NPS for choosing it as the NPS preferred option.

The proposed removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the proper course of action. The tule elk need to be able to move around so they can find food and water on their own as act as wild animals. It would be wrong to manage tule elk like domestic livestock.

In contrast, I oppose Alternatives A and C because they would allow the degradation of the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

I think that Alternative B might be strengthened to be even better. Water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness should be removed by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Cattle grazing should be phased out. Per the original agreement, cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness.

Herbicides should be banned in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Natural fires should be allowed to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants. The purpose of Wilderness is to be left alone so that natural processes can affect the ecology. Even when well-intended, human intervention often proves harmful (as in excessive fire suppression) or counterproductive. Leave it alone.

Thanks for your attention and consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 18464

Please protect these beautiful creatures. There is no reason they should be abandoned or ignored.

Correspondence ID: 18465

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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 Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

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Sincerely, Crystal Davis

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Correspondence ID: 18467

The best choice is Alternative B.

Thank you, Tony Marra

Correspondence ID: 18468

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE SO ELK CAN ROAM FREE!!

Correspondence ID: 18469

Sirs:

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than man made.

Correspondence ID: 18470

This is a designated wilderness area, and cattle should absolutely not be grazing in this area. We should do all that we can to help the tool elk survive. They've been there for generations and they need our help. Please follow the recommendations offered.

Correspondence ID: 18471

PLEASE protect these rare and beautiful elk..... don't let this unique herd disappear!

Correspondence ID: 18472

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Correspondence ID: 18473

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Sincerely, Stefan Frazier

Correspondence ID: 18475

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Correspondence ID: 18480

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Cierra Buer

Correspondence ID: 18482

I strongly urge you to keep it wild & get rid of the cows!

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Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated.

Thank you

Lydia Garvey Public Health Nurse

Correspondence ID: 18483

The public wants the fence down no animal should be deprived of food or water or roaming You cannot reason with animals That's why we have to make laws to protect these animals Take the fence down immediately the public wants this

Correspondence ID: 18484

As a resident in northern California, I would like to see the removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness.

The native Tule elk are nearly extinct across our State and are inhumanely and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to the mismanagement by the National Park Service. The elk belong there, not the cattle. As per the original agreement, the cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore.

Last year, the National Park Service (NPS) accepted public comments on its planning process related to "wildlife, resource, and wilderness management issues" at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California.

The removal of cattle grazing and the fence would allow for better distribution of the Tule elk and would naturally mitigate the expansion of invasive plants. The use of herbicides does not belong on this beautiful land.

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Correspondence ID: 18485

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18486

Get cows out of Point Reyes NS. Let the Tule elk roam freely.

Correspondence ID: 18487

The NPS are whores to the ranching industry and the American public is waking up to their greed and stupidity. The last thing the world needs is to have the disastrous meat industry promoted and coddled by those who are tasked with protecting nature and our natural resources. Open your eyes and see the truth to your evilness.

Correspondence ID: 18488

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Correspondence ID: 18489

Whew, NPS, it seems you have been willing to practice target management instead of protection of these noble Elk. I don't wonder why we who care about the wild beings and wild places have lost confidence in our federal agencies. Must we humans be everywhere because why not? (a paraphrase of an American poet, W.S. Merwin. The poem's next lines: "Everywhere was theirs because they thought so.")

Why is there no ethic of kinship with the rest of life on this earth? Where is the integrity?

What is the National Park Service's ethic, really? There are consequences; there are always consequences. We are experiencing those now.

Correspondence ID: 18490

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Correspondence ID: 18492

Please keep the Tule Elk safe.

Correspondence ID: 18493

Please remove the fence so they elk do not starve to death or give them food.

Correspondence ID: 18494

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Correspondence ID: 18497

You have several alternatives to choose from; Alternative B is the best choice. You must remove the structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of it. In addition, please be sure the removal of the water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness are done by non-motorized means, grazing by cattle is eliminated and herbicide use forbidden in the Wilderness. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18498

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18499

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Correspondence ID: 18500

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18501

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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, Celia Rath

Correspondence ID: 18502

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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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Sincerely, Ms. Ann T

Correspondence ID: 18503

WE MUST PROTECT ALL WILD LIFE !!!

Correspondence ID: 18504

The following are not my own words, however, I totally agree with them:

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions.

Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you. Hi

Correspondence ID: 18505

The best option is Alternative B, which is the preferred option of the NPS. The removal of both the structures in the Wilderness and the fence which is located just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B should perhaps be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could be removed easily without the use of motorized vehicles.

Eliminate all cattle grazing. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore, as per the original agreement.

Discontinue the use of herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18507

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Correspondence ID: 18508

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18509

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18513

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent and magnificent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18514

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Thank you.

G. Paxton

Correspondence ID: 18515

Hello

With changes, I support alternative B to protect the Tule Elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed.

And again! Get the cattle out of the wilderness!!!

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18516

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. The wildlife provide balance to the ecosystem and use the land as they should. The natural habitat in this area deserves fence free to roam and live as they should.

Correspondence ID: 18517

Please move ahead with Alt B to remove fences, cows and restore the Tule elk herd!

Correspondence ID: 18518

I strongly support the removal of the fence around the Tule Elk Herd at Point Reyes and the end of cattle grazing.

Correspondence ID: 18519

Thank you for considering my comments!

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Correspondence ID: 18521

We need to protect our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 18522

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Correspondence ID: 18523

Protect the Tule elk. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of the elk and allow their numbers to increase. Do not use herbicides in Point Reyes or the Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 18524

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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, Mrs. Gabriela Segovia-McGahan

Correspondence ID: 18525

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Sincerely, Miss darynne jessler

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18530

please remove the fence to let the elk roam free!

Correspondence ID: 18531

From the information I have read, the best option is Alternative B, which is the National Park

Service's preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Remove water structures that were unlawfully built in the Wilderness; this must be done by non-motorized means. I believe that the structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Forbid herbicide use in Wilderness areas.

Remove cattle, and remove the fence; that would allow for better distribution of Tule elk, whose grazing would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18532

At issue was—and still is—the fate of native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, which are endemic to California. Unfortunately, Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement.

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18533

It is long past time to fulfill the original agreement and restore Tomales Point and the Philip Burton Wilderness and protect the rare Tule elk.

Alternative B (the NPS preferred option) is the best. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be

opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate all grazing by cattle. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness any longer, as per the original agreement.

Herbicides should not be used in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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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, Dona Sauerburger

Correspondence ID: 18536

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Please: support compassion, not cruelty!

My family and 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.

We all know that 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. My family and 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.

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

Sincerely, Ms. Cynthia Thomas

Correspondence ID: 18537

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Correspondence ID: 18538

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Correspondence ID: 18539

I support the Alternative B option for the Phillip Burton Wilderness, with these additions. The removal of unlawfully built water structures should preferably be carried out by non-motorized means, in keeping with the wild character of the area. Furthermore, the original agreement eliminating cattle grazing in the Wilderness, or anywhere in Point Reyes, should be honored; agricultural use is inconsistent with wilderness use and a threat to the endangered Tule elk. I also urge eliminating the use of herbicides and artificial fires in the wilderness.

Thank you for your consideration and for the protection of this irreplaceable asset.

Correspondence ID: 18540

Option B is the best.

Correspondence ID: 18541

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18542

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 Fabrican

Correspondence ID: 18543

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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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. Linda Michaels

Correspondence ID: 18545

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 18546

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18547

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. Ken Ayres

Correspondence ID: 18548

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

1. please Take down the fence asap.
2. Stop culling/killing the elk!! Please.
3. saving land for cattle is ridiculous at this point. Cattle are significant polluters and sources of methane. Stop using public lands to promote this.

Sincerely, chris barnes

Correspondence ID: 18549

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. Rebecca Craig

Correspondence ID: 18550

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. Amy Gravel

Correspondence ID: 18551

Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement.

Tule Elk are being displaced from their habitats, leading to starvation & inability to thrive.

SAVE TULE ELK& THEIR NATURAL HABITATS FEIM HARM AND EXTINCTION.

Correspondence ID: 18552

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18553

Please remove the fencing that is preventing the Tule Elk to run and live freely like nature intended. Please remove these barriers and allow our wildlife to thrive.

Correspondence ID: 18554

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C

should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18555

The best option here is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removing the structures in the Wilderness, and the fence just outside of the Wilderness, is the right choice. Please do not choose either Alternatives A and C as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. Some other changes to Alternative B could be considered.

The removal of water structures which were unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Please eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed anymore in Point Reyes or the Wilderness as per the original agreement.

Please do not use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

And lastly allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. The too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Please consider and implement these recommendations I've listed above.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18556

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18557

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Correspondence ID: 18558

We are killing the planet, destroying animal life right and left, polluting the environment, the air, the water... in our desperate race for money... but there is no planet B, we are expanding to a point that the poor animals have no longer their habitat, it is disgusting to see the way we treat animals on this planet! ad Unberto Eco used to say "We (Humanity) have never exit the Middle Ages."

Correspondence ID: 18559

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18560

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. Sheryl Brugh

Correspondence ID: 18561

I am writing to voice my support for Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option.

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle.

The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18562

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Correspondence ID: 18563

The protection of the environment is of utmost importance to all of the living, the planet, and the universe. We need these strong laws, policies, amendments, and guidelines. With them we are creating an amazing future!

Correspondence ID: 18564

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. peggy patti

Correspondence ID: 18565

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Out wilderness areas need a lot less cattle and a lot more indigenous species.

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, Ellis Levinson

Correspondence ID: 18566

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18567

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 18568

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Correspondence ID: 18569

I support Alternative B and the removal of water structures. I also support the elimination of grazing by cattle and the banning of the use of herbicides.

Correspondence ID: 18570

The best option is Alternative B but that would have to be amended. Eliminate grazing by cattle. Don't use herbicides in the wilderness and allow natural fires.

Correspondence ID: 18571

Take the fence down! Let the Elk live and thrive.

Correspondence ID: 18572

Good afternoon,

In regards to the Tomales Point Area Plan, I feel strongly that Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option, is the best option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness, and the fence just outside of the Wilderness, is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, please consider these changes to Alternative B:

- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 18573

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18574

Please remove the deadly Elk fence, this fence should have never been put up in the first place, and please stop any shooting and culling of all elk to appease the ranchers, and please remove all cattle ranchers from the area, they do a great deal of polluting the public lands.

Correspondence ID: 18575

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

We have an opportunity to protect and restore this wilderness area. Please take the responsible actions to take care of this irreplaceable land and habitat!

Correspondence ID: 18576

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I absolutely 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. Free the Elk! Remove the Cattlemen!

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

Sincerely, Mrs. Jennifer Mazur-McCombs

Correspondence ID: 18577

I care about protecting wildlife and nature.

Correspondence ID: 18578

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18579

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Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18580

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18581

The fences need to come down for the tule elk at Point Reyes. They need to be protected and live their lives free of interference by life stock owners. This is their land! Let them have it!

Britt Lind

Correspondence ID: 18582

Another place to protect the Tule Elk. Fences should be removed in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Plan B is the best choice, but grazing by cattle must be eliminated. It had been stressed over and over that the NPS is not around to support businesses, but should instead focus on protecting wildlife and wilderness.

Structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness should be removed. Also, removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. Herbicides should not be used in the Wilderness. These are both clear from the designation and definition of Wilderness itself.

Please allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants. It's taken us centuries to realize that the Native Americans were right with forest management. Please keep that in mind.

thank you

Correspondence ID: 18583

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18584

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the

Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18585

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18586

NPS Please recognize the damage your fence is doing!!!! it is causing the death of elk unnecessarily.

taking the 3 miles of fencing allows the elk to have proper grazing and access to potable water.

at this point they suffer long horrible deaths due to starvation, and lack of drinking water. all for

what???? let's please do the right thing!!!!!! these elk are part of our heritage and have the right to

roam freely. they were here long before us.

thank you, victoris fabian

Correspondence ID: 18587

I am strongly opposed to the treatment of the elk. Even ONE dead elk is too many. Please rethink your priorities and change your practices TODAY. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18588

Please Protect rare Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18589

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18590

Dear NPS - I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Correspondence ID: 18591

Please consider that the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option.

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18592

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

As a member and supporter of NPCA and NPF that appreciates and visits our National Parks and historic sites, I thank NPS for recently proposing to remove fencing of the Tule Elk.

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. David Fiedler

Correspondence ID: 18593

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I agree with your preference for option B.

However, I believe it could still be improved with the following measures:

1. Removal of the water structures in the wilderness area should be undertaken without motor vehicles.
2. Cattle grazing should be stopped

3. Fires should be allowed to occur naturally and not be induced, since that increases the risk of invasive species becoming established.

Correspondence ID: 18594

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, Ms. Alison Zyla

Correspondence ID: 18595

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18596

I prefer Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B should be considered. End livestock grazing as well.

Correspondence ID: 18597

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. Samuel Rosado

Correspondence ID: 18598

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 18599

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 Sherry Frey

Correspondence ID: 18600

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Save the tule elk!!!

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, Gail Bell

Correspondence ID: 18601

Please let Point Reyes elk roam free. No more fences, no more kneeling to ranchers. Ranching has done enough destruction, now let wildlife have a comeback.

Correspondence ID: 18602

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18603

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Tony

Correspondence ID: 18604

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I strongly 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. Frankly it's absurd in this day & age !!!

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. Tim Trom

Correspondence ID: 18605

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.

Also, please leave the water tanks in place and continue to fill them for at least two years after the fence is removed to allow time for the elk to acclimate to the fence being removed and figure out how to find natural water sources. After it has been determined that the elk are able to locate natural water sources, then the tanks should be removed to restore the area to a wild state.

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

Sincerely, Gina White

Correspondence ID: 18606

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18607

Native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Herbicides do not belong in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18608

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. Lucia Annunziata

Correspondence ID: 18609

I agree with and support the following options:

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18610

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Correspondence ID: 18611

To make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18612

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the

Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

No more starving elk!

Correspondence ID: 18613

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! ANIMALS NEED SPACE AND DESERVE IT ALL OVER THE WORLD, CERTAINLY IN OUR COUNTRY! BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS GOD CREATED, WE ARE LOSING THEM TO INVASIVE DEALS TO TAKE THEIR SPACE. ALL ANIMALS NEED TO BE PROTECTED COMPLETELY. HUMANS ARE THE CAUSE OF SO MANY PROBLEMS IN THIS COUNTRY, NOT ANIMALS. SO I AM SPEAKING UP FOR THEM AS MILLIONS WILL TOO, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! WE HAVE ANIMALS THAT ARE BEING KILLED BY THE DANG WINDMILLS, THOUSANDS OF BIRDS, EVEN BALD EAGLES, THEY ARE USELESS, ALONG WITH THE SOLAR PANELS AS THEY CAUSE POLLUTANTS THEY NO ONE WILL TELL THE PUBLIC ABOUT. LOOK AT THE DEAD WHALES, DOLPHINS, SUDDENLY WASHING UP ON SHORE, OTHERS ARE MOVING TO OTHER AREAS, WHAT ABOUT THE FISHERMEN THEIR LIVELYHOOD? EVERYTHING NEEDSD TO BE ECO FRIENDLY. SINCE THIS IS CA, HAVE YOU ALL TAKEN CARE OF SAN FRANCISCO, ALL OVER THIS STATE? WE ARE FINE HERE. STOP HUNTING SEASON ON ANIMALS, CLEAN UP ALL THE DEAD BRUSH THAT WOULD BE A CONTROLLED BURN AS WE DO. EVEN MY BELOVED HAWAII DIDN'T DO CONTROLLED BURNS, NOW THE GRIEF OVER LAHAINA, NEVER SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED. DIDN'T CLEAN AROUND ELECTRIC POLES DRIED BRUSH, DIDN'T CUT POWER AND POLES WENT OVER AND STARTED THE FIRES, THEY WERE REFUSED WATER, REFUSED POWER CUT, REFUSED SIRENS TO WARN THEM, NOW GREAT SADNESS, PLUS TRYING TO EVICT THOSE FROM HOMES THAT SURVIVED TO BRING IN THE WEALTH BY FIXING THEM UP, NO! GOD BLESS THOSE POOR OHANA AND THEIR PETS, CHILDREN, ALL PERISHED IN THAT HORRIFIC FIRE THAT DIDN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN, BUILD BACK AS IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL OLD TOWN AND ENJOY, NO FANCY HOTELS, MALLS, HOUSES, AS IT WAS, PERIOD!

Correspondence ID: 18614

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.

Remember our ELKS are healing our LANDS, while ranchers and their businesses are abusing cows and polluting our environment!

Sincerely, Mrs. Cristina And Karina Newton

Correspondence ID: 18615

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18616

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18617

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18618

Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement. The NPS General Management Plan

for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

Fortunately, thanks in part to public outcry, the NPS is now leaning toward Alternative B, which is a plan to remove structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries. I agree that this is the best option. Alternatives A and C should be rejected as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other additions to Alternative B ought to be considered.

One addition to Alternative B should be that the removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Another important addition is to eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants, so that herbicides would become unnecessary and should also be banned in the Wilderness.

And lastly, the Alternative B plan should allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak up for the rare Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness!

Correspondence ID: 18619

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18620

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore. The elk are much more important - do all necessary to save them.

Correspondence ID: 18621

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18622

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, Carrie Weil

Correspondence ID: 18623

PLEASE DO EVERYTHING WITHIN YOUR POWER TO PROTECT THE TULE ELK, NOT DRIVE THEM INTO EXTINCTION.

You can start by:

Eliminating grazing by cattle. Cattle should NOT be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness any more AS PER THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT. This is a matter of ENFORCING THE AGREEMENT.

Removing structures in the Wilderness AND the fence just outside of the Wilderness. This is the right choice, as outlined in Alternative B, which is the NPS PREFERRED OPTION.

Removing water structures UNLAWFULLY built in the Wilderness - this can be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Removing the cattle, AL of the unlawful structures, AND the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allowing natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

IF YOU FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES, THE TULE ELK WILL BE THE BENEFICIARIES OF A MORE NATURAL AND SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM THAT WILL ENABLE THEM NOT ONLY TO SURVIVE BUT TO THRIVE.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 18624

I believe the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option.

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right and necessary choice for assisting wilderness and the recovery of Tule Elk. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means since motors disturb wild creatures of all types, including Tule Elk. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. Why are cattle allowed in a wilderness area? The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides since they impact all plant growth and last for long periods. Then affect the wild life interacting with the plants.

Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow prescribed fire to burn and shape the wilderness landscape using caution, as manager-ignited fires can create artificial conditions which have the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18625

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18626

Alternative B is the best option. The Philip Burton Wilderness and the rare Tule elk MUST be protected.

Correspondence ID: 18627

please protect the tule elk and its environment.

Correspondence ID: 18628

Do something important. Take down the fence and allow the Tule Elk to live. The cattle farmers are so self-serving, it's time for you to do the right thing and not cow-tow to the money contributing low-lives to run the show with you at their backs. Grow up.

Correspondence ID: 18629

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

Robert Havrilla

Correspondence ID: 18630

I see that NPS wants to let the Tule elk roam free (with the fence gone) in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. It is a great relief to see your recognition of the dire state of the herd. Allowing them to rove and forage freely is exactly what is necessary to save the herd.

Let Mother Nature reign and rule. Herds of (domesticated) cattle have no place in Wilderness. Nor do herbicides. No human-created fire is needed. Leave that also to Mother Nature.

Your selection of Alternative B is spot-on, with the qualifications in the paragraph above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18631

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

I explore you to protect the California Tule Elk and their habitat to keep these unique animals as part of California's history and future.

Correspondence ID: 18632

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18633

I am writing in support of Alternative B which is called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" and includes removing the fatal fence and allowing the elk to roam freely. Confined elk should not be allowed to die of malnutrition and thirst which has happened during drought years when the animals were cut off from food and water because of the fence. After the fence removal any roaming elk should be protected from harassment, culling or hazing. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation includes a mandate for "the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment" of Point Reyes; removing the elk fence will help protect native wildlife and restore the ecosystem of Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you for listening to the many public comments supporting the removal of the elk fence. Fences do not belong in wilderness areas such as Point Reyes and cattle should not take priority over native wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 18634

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.

A consequence of this action is that tule elk could roam onto ranches. This could precipitate the tendency to kill elk roaming on ranch land. This needs to be illegal and strictly enforced.

Ranches in the park, logically and for environmental concerns, need to be removed.

Besides the impact ranches have had on elk, the pollution from the cattle on the land and into water sources will have stopped. The land and water will eventually heal.

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

Sincerely, Mr. Larry Hanson

Correspondence ID: 18635

The National Park Service,

Please choose an alternative B and remove terrible elk fence in the Point Reyes National Seashore park.

Right now many wild elk die from starvation and malnutrition on our public land.

After the elk fence is removed elk cannot be killed or harassed. Let them live in their own land freely. Please remove the private livestock from this public land.

I urge you to remove the elk fence and restore the local ecosystem.

Sincerely, Tatyana Komin

Correspondence ID: 18636

I applaud the NPS for listening to concerned citizens and proposing a new direction that's a good one for the Tule Elk at Tomales Point. We are frequent visitors there and we appreciate your concern for protecting the Elk by removing the fence and allowing Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries. We can't keep reducing the habitat for our wild creatures until there is nothing left for them and for us.

We understand that it is not a done deal, and that you will undoubtedly face pressure from the influential ranching industry to keep the fence up and limit Tule elk numbers. We want to reiterate our support of the Tule Elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness .

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. We don't want use of chemicals that might destroy other critters like bees, birds and natural grasses.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you so very much for consideration of my input.

Correspondence ID: 18637

Please protect the Tule Elk by extending their territory and likiting or stopping the grazing of cattle. Cattle ca graze any place, but elk need specific territories.

Correspondence ID: 18638

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Please just OBEY THE LAW !

Correspondence ID: 18640

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Thank you...

Correspondence ID: 18641

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18642

This is heartbreaking to me. Years

ago we spent a day at Pointe Reyes during our honeymoon. It was a magnificently wild and beautiful place. I feel that when Europeans came to America they inherited an obligation to maintain our wild spaces.

It's clear that we failed in our responsibilities!

EPA

Please honor that obligation by approving the Tomales Point Area Plan - Public Scoping Comment Period

Correspondence ID: 18643

I am mailing this to you in support of alternative B involving removing the Tule Elk. I am concerned that we are losing to many native species in part due to drought & the loss of feeding grounds. Please take this cause in to careful consideration, it is part of what we owe our future generations. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Donna Fritz

Correspondence ID: 18644

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Correspondence ID: 18645

Tule Elk are an important and vital asset to the Marin community. It is cruel and unnecessary to continue block access to their habitat. The reasoning is somewhat understandable, given the economic and local concern, but there are others ways to address these issues. We must decide, as their caretakers and as stewards of the land and its animals, to do the right thing, the humane thing.

Tule Elk once roamed California by the hundreds of thousands. Just 5,700 remain. Hunted to near extinction, all are descended from just 3 or 4 closely related individuals. Before the drought, the herd fenced in at Tomales Point represented approximately 10% of the remaining population. Half died during the drought. Restricting this important herd of a genetically fragile species to Tomales Point only increases the probability that the Tule Elk may yet become extinct.

Correspondence ID: 18646

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, Paola Perez

Correspondence ID: 18647

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. Jennie Richards

Correspondence ID: 18648

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

Sincerely, Ms. Nicole Lee-Faith

Correspondence ID: 18649

I believe the best option is Alternative B; following are some other changes to Alternative B that ought to be considered:

1. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness should be done by non-motorized means. Structures are small and could be removed w/o the use of motor vehicles.
2. This is important: eliminate grazing by cattle. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
3. Do not use herbicides in the Wilderness.
4. Allow natural fires to burn and shape wilderness landscapes instead of using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too frequent use of manager-ignited fire leads to non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for considering my views.

Correspondence ID: 18650

As a supporter of Wilderness Watch, I respectfully request that the following be considered in the management of Tule Elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness:

1. The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.
2. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

3. Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
4. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Correspondence ID: 18651

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18652

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18653

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Correspondence ID: 18654

Please eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18655

To be clear, the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18656

Please, do everything possible to protect these majestic animals. Protect and preserve every inch of natural habitat.

Correspondence ID: 18657

With just a little bit of common sense and an interest in ACTUALLY helping and nursing these very rare elk to be able to survive, and of course helping the entire ecosystem survive, Your plan B is the only viable option.

This is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Definitely eliminate all grazing by cattle, sheep or goats. No cattle should be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18658

Go with Alternative B. It makes sense, is good for the elk and is good for Wilderness values. Removing structures in the Wilderness, and ending grazing that competes with the rare Tule elk herd are the right and legal things to do.

My visits to Point Reyes have been wonderful, and I wish to return to an even better habitat there in the future.

Correspondence ID: 18659

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Thank you for your time!

Correspondence ID: 18660

I am an equestrian who has ridden many times on the Tomales Point trail, enjoying the incredible vistas, wildflowers, and of course the elk sightings.

I support Alternative B, taking down the elk fence. I also support phasing out as quickly as possible the cattle and dairy ranches and letting the damaged, polluted land become full of native plants, clean water, and new trails with magnificent views to enhance the public's enjoyment and appreciation of the beauty of Point Reyes.

I am concerned, however, that by removing the added watering containers at the same time as the fence is taken down that the herds of elk that live in the northern end of the Tomales Point peninsula may suffer from thirst. I would encourage at least a two year period between taking down the fence and removing the watering facilities to give the more remote herds time to move out and find water if they need to.

As an equestrian I would like to see a dedicated equestrian parking area (large enough for horse trailer rigs to turn around) incorporated into the new parking plan.

Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 18661

I favor alternative B, with added protections including the elimination of grazing by cattle.

In the Wilderness, since motorized use is not allowed, remove the illegal water structures without their use and do not use any herbicides. Minimizing invasive plants calls for allowing only natural fires.

Correspondence ID: 18662

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18663

For the Management of Tule Elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness,

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18664

I am sending this email regarding alternative B & the Tule Elk, I am concerned that we are losing too many native species due to the drought & encroaching needs that can not be the only consideration of man kind. We owe the future generations the chance to enjoy nature at least as much as we have had. Please take this matter into serious consideration, thank you for your time involving this issue.

Donna Fritz

Correspondence ID: 18665

It's time for the cows to go and the elk to re-inhabit their traditional territory.

Correspondence ID: 18666

It is inhumane to keep these magnificent animals penned up like criminals, keeping them from getting the water and nourishment they need to stay alive. GET RID OF THE FENCES!! We cannot continue to put cattle grazing and tourists over the lives of the

Tule Elk which have been brought back from extinction/

Correspondence ID: 18667

The fence that now keeps the Tule Elks from searching for food in the winter will be a death sentence for many after a successful come back from near extinction. To assure that they have a chance to continue to thrive please remove the fence. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18668

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your time!

Correspondence ID: 18669

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18670

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18671

It is an unbelievable outrage that cattle continue to graze in the Phillip Burton Wilderness and should be immediately removed.. The best option is Alternative B and the fence that encloses the Tule elk should be removed. Also, don't use herbicides and allow natural fires to burn and nature to shape itself in its own way.

Correspondence ID: 18672

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 Robyn Reichert

Correspondence ID: 18673

I think the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18674

Please use your own words, but consider the following talking points:

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18675

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. Marcia Mueller

Correspondence ID: 18676

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, Ms. Leslie Billings

Correspondence ID: 18677

Let the elk roam free as they have done for centuries. Stop catering to ranchers. Protect our Earth!!!!

Correspondence ID: 18678

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18679

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18680

Re: The Tomales Point Area Plan

In my opinion, the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

These changes should be considered:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminating grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Discontinue use of herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 18681

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C

should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18682

Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option is the only appropriate option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. Cattle SHOULD NOT be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as PER THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Better distribution of Tule elk would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allowing natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fires will avoid artificial conditions created by frequent use of manager-ignited fires that favor non-native species.

Correspondence ID: 18683

Please protect the Tule. Bottom line.

Correspondence ID: 18684

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18685

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, Amy Phillips

Correspondence ID: 18686

Dear National Park Service,

Thank you for finally doing the right thing, and considering removing the fence for the Tule Elk - after so many elk died of water deprivation, and culled - or killed more appropriately - by the National Park Service. Shame on you NPS for slaughtering so many wild animals that BELONG to Point Reyes Park, and building a fence in the first place, that deprived these animals to their natural territory and environs. This is truly a no-brainer action to remove the fence that should never have been there in the first place - driven by greedy cattle ranchers, who were GIVEN tax-payer CA property to raise domestic cattle for profit, on land that BELONGS to wildlife and wild animals, and the people of CA. NPS has sold their soul to profit-driven business and politicians, neither have any business in a national park that belongs to the citizens of CA not greed-driven, personal profiteering cattle or dairy ranchers.

Thank you for FREEING the Tule Elk, finally, and PLEASE REMOVE the cattle ranches, yes - we want the cattle ranching out for good! They don't belong there, mooching off public lands, killing wildlife for it, and destroying a park that belongs to the "people" not cattle ranchers. In addition, these ranchers are causing water pollution, land pollution - and hurting our environment. They can take their business elsewhere, the "free ride" should stop now.

And PLEASE STOP killing the Tule Elk! For Godsake, to appease cows and ranchers. Just stop. Stop the killing, slaughter and culling of these beautiful animals that belong to the park, get rid of the cows! Stop the killing, forever.

Thanks again for removing the fence. Do the right thing.

Jennie Richards

Correspondence ID: 18687

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18688

Alternatives A and C NO. They degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Remove structures in the Wilderness and remove the fence just outside of the Wilderness.

Also, consider changes to Alternative B.

1. Removal of water structures must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and easily removable without motor vehicles.
2. Eliminate grazing by cattle per original agreement.
3. Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness.
4. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape. Don't use manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions.

Correspondence ID: 18689

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- The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.
- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means.
- Eliminate grazing by cattle.
- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. After all, it is supposed to be wilderness.

- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18690

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, Michelle Lee

Correspondence ID: 18691

Thank you for allowing public 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. Elk are dying because the fence limits their ability to graze and find water. This is unacceptable in a national park.

The Park Service should be prioritizing the elk, not cattle. Once the fence is removed, there should be no more culling, harassment, or hazing of elk for any reason. Fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the National Seashore Charter.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates, "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment". And the Organic Act says national park lands are 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."

Culling and fencing the elk are inconsistent with these mandates. Please remove the fence to protect Point Reyes's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. And please cease all culling.

I appreciate that the Park Service is listening to overwhelming public support in favor of the elk and against the fencing.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 18692

I write to comment on the Tomales Point Management Plan. The best option is Alternative B, which is the National Park Service preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered. 1) Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means; the structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. 2) Eliminate grazing by cattle; the cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. 3) Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness; removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. 4) Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions; too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my views.

Correspondence ID: 18693

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18694

I support Alternative B

Correspondence ID: 18695

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Correspondence ID: 18696

I am writing to support removal the fence confining the Tule elk herd. I urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Protect the elk herd.

Correspondence ID: 18697

- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
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- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18698

I believe that the best option is Alternative B. Removal of structures and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18699

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18700

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18701

The best option is Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the preferred choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger Tule elk.

In addition, eliminate grazing by cattle and don't use herbicides in the Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 18702

Dear National Park Services,

Please protect the Tule Elk!

I urge you to choose the best option, Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

I urge you to oppose Alternatives A and C because they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Please eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would protect against expansion of invasive plants.

Thank you very much for listening to these comments,

Mia Laurence

Correspondence ID: 18703

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18704

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18707

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. Joann Gray

Correspondence ID: 18708

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 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: 18709

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Correspondence ID: 18710

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the subject of the Tule Elk in Pt. Reyes national Park. I am a native Californian who moved out of the state 8 years ago. I remember when my daughter's class had their field trip in Pt. Reyes Park. It is unfathomable to me that the park service would fence off the native Tule Elk to keep them from eating the forage they would eat normally but be left to starve and die. I am tired of the powerful cattle ranchers having their way to the point that the Park Service would kill two herds of elk and fence off the other herd.

I support plan B which would include taking down the fencing and allowing not only the elk but the diversity of wildlife roam freely. Please remove the cattle. Cattle don't belong in National Parks.

Thank you, Janet Wyatt

Correspondence ID: 18711

I like the idea of wanting help the Tule Elk but what is the plan? What dose the organization plan on doing to help the tule Elk with climate change going on? I can't agree on a plan that I know nothing about as far as what will be done.

Correspondence ID: 18712

Good Lord! It sounds as if these poor animals are being starved to death. Let them loose! Provide food and water immediately!

Correspondence ID: 18713

Point Reyes National Sea Shore area and all its flora and fauna are incredibly precious and should remain as much as possible in its natural state.

I was shocked to hear of a plan to enclose wild elk behind a wall and grant grazing rights to cattlemen, and use herbicides and motorized vehicles to remove illegal water structures constructed because cattle grazing was allowed.

This should not be your plan and must be reconsidered.

Correspondence ID: 18714

In regard to the policy changes proposed by the NPS for managing the Phillip Burton Wilderness Area:

Correspondence ID: 18715

Tule Elk & Philip Burton Wilderness document ID=131377

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Correspondence ID: 18716

Dear Sir/Madam:

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Patricia Dishman

Correspondence ID: 18717

Thank you for developing the desirable Alternative B in support of more sustainable management of the tule elk herd at Point Reyes. Private ranching of sacred cows there is incompatible with elk conservation, as is true in many places. I hope that you can resist ranchers political pressure.

Correspondence ID: 18718

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18719

I am requesting to make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration. Please dismantle the deadly fence and free the elk of the Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes.

Correspondence ID: 18720

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

thank you

Probyn Gregory

Correspondence ID: 18721

Having visited Point Reyes a few times I very much support the plan by the park service to remove the fence confining the Tule Elk included in Alternative B. The other alternatives degrade wilderness and do nothing to help the long term survival of the Elk. But there are other concerns I have, in that why are cattle still allowed to graze and compete with the elk when the original plan was to remove them years ago, yet they are still there. The integrity of wilderness should be a priority, so the management should not include maintenance using motorized vehicles. Natural fires should be allowed to burn and any managed fires should be managed by the native inhabitants whose dependents managed the area sustainably for thousands of years. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 18722

I strongly support Alternative B, to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and preventing

them from traveling further to find food and water. I also support the immediate removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore in order to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18723

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to endorse the Alternative B plan with some modifications. The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

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4. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Correspondence ID: 18724

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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, Cassandra Carper

Correspondence ID: 18726

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18727

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. And let the elk go.

Correspondence ID: 18728

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Correspondence ID: 18729

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18730

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. THEY HAVE DAMAGED THE PARK FOR DECADES AND YOU LET THEM DO IT.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. AND STOP PICKING ON OUR ELK. THEY DON'T BELONG TO YOU!

Correspondence ID: 18731

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Correspondence ID: 18733

The below? it's a copy and paste. After working all day, the very last thing I should have to do is think of reasons my government should stop harming our wildlife and environment. But it seems like I have to submit these comments once a month. This isn't difficult: STOP HARMING OUR WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT. Make choices that protect and save them, instead of, you know, what you usually do. And while the below IS copied and pasted, it says it best:

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Correspondence ID: 18734

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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, Patricia Massari

Correspondence ID: 18735

Please protect the native elk and remove the confined fences that have entrapped these animals and is causing them to slowly die of thirst and malnutrition. These native elk belong to the National Park, please do not allow this cruelty to these magnificent creatures.

Correspondence ID: 18736

Please adopt Measure B to help save the elk at Tomales Point. Stop permitting cattle to graze there and do everything you can to gradually restore that area to its former natural state.

Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 18737

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Correspondence ID: 18738

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HELP PLEASE!

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Sincerely, Ms. Kathy Simonik

Correspondence ID: 18739

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Correspondence ID: 18740

Knock down that fence. The animals on both sides need water.

Animals deserve to lead a life without abuse by humans

They were here first

Correspondence ID: 18741

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Correspondence ID: 18742

I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE B TO REMOVE THE FENCING. I ALSO SUPPORT REMOVING CATTLE, WHICH WILL MAKE HERBICIDE USE UNNECESSARY. THANK YOU.

Correspondence ID: 18743

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Sincerely, Ms. Janice Flatto

Correspondence ID: 18744

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Correspondence ID: 18745

Protect Point Reyes for native wildlife. Free the native elk, remove the fence, let the native elk roam free.

Correspondence ID: 18746

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Correspondence ID: 18747

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Correspondence ID: 18748

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Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Tammy Rohatynski

Correspondence ID: 18749

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Correspondence ID: 18750

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Correspondence ID: 18751

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should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18752

Please do NOT remove the Elk fencing. Keep the dairy's and ranches in the Pastoral zone as they were meant to be and have protected since the 1960's.

We MUST maintain our local food production.

Correspondence ID: 18753

Please help our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 18754

I like the plan, and I like how it is set on the tule elk and their safety. I would say they should keep the fence so that the elk wouldn't wonder off in the wrong area or come across the wrong human for them to get harmed. I would like to know more about how they are going to manage the population of the elk's herd like are they trying to limit the about of babies they are adding to the herd or are that just trying to keep the herd well and in good hands. The supplemental water is a great idea because you never know with climate change one day their water supply could dry up or become not enough for the elks.

Correspondence ID: 18755

Dear NPS,

I am writing to you about the Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, which are endemic to California.

Unfortunately, Tule elk who have been fenced in, outside of ranching areas, are needlessly dying at Point Reyes due to habitat and water loss. Please follow through on your plan to remove the fence that artificially contains them. Remove the small water structures that were unlawfully built in the Wilderness without the use of motor vehicles. Thirdly, eliminate grazing by cattle, who do not belong in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement; and lastly please do not use herbicides in the Wilderness.

Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Sincerely, Rachel Youens

Correspondence ID: 18756

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18757

I am speaking up in favor of protecting the Tule elk.

We must do everything we can to preserve our earth and the precious species that live on it.

Please don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants, in a much healthier way.

Correspondence ID: 18758

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 18759

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should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 18760

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 Tim Maurer

Correspondence ID: 18761

The best alternative is Option B. Eliminate cattle grazing.

Correspondence ID: 18762

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Sincerely, Alice Weston

Correspondence ID: 18763

Let the elk roam where they will, have protections in place for them, and prosecute anyone who interferes with them.

Correspondence ID: 18764

We need to preserve the Tule Elk and expand their grazing area so they not only survive but increase in numbers.

The cattle that currently graze on part of the reserve need to have their area reduced and be separated from the Elk herd so diseases are not transmitted to the herd.

The constant assault of wild animals needs to stop. National Parks should be to help the animals that lived there prosper- not allow domestic animals to ruin their land.

Correspondence ID: 18765

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Sincerely, Mellisa Donaldson

Correspondence ID: 18766

Animals such as the Tule Elk REQUIRE to roam, otherwise such precious animals will be lost to us. Do NOT allow special interest groups to speak for the people of the US! The citizens of this great nation want our wild animals to grow in numbers! Greed should never be a reason to put the few interests against what is important and vital. Thank you.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18767

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Sincerely, Mr. James Andriani

Correspondence ID: 18768

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Prioritize the Tule elk first before commercial ranch livestock. Every Tule elk animal that dies of starvation is blood on the hands of the NPS.

Correspondence ID: 18769

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Correspondence ID: 18770

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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. Christina Parry

Correspondence ID: 18771

Please protect the Elk and allow their numbers to expand.

Correspondence ID: 18772

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18773

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18774

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- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Please consider the effects on the entire ecosystem when you make your decisions. People are a part of the system and impacted by it.

Correspondence ID: 18775

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18776

Dear NPS:

Please accept my comments on the Tomales Point Area Plan, provided below.

I support the adoption of Alternative B, with several exceptions. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be removed by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motorized equipment.

I urge you to eliminate cattle grazing in this area. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or in the Wilderness, as per the original agreement. Cattle are a non-native species, and should be removed.

Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of the native Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

I urge you to allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than relying on ignited fires. When prescribed- or ignited-fire is used too frequently, invasive plants tend to increase.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 18777

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, Julie Warech

Correspondence ID: 18778

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18779

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18780

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Correspondence ID: 18781

I strongly support tule elk having access to their original footprint on the land. To that end, I am in favor of the following measures:

1. I favor the NPS preferred option, Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternative B is not perfect and has room for improvement--see below.
2. Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. This land is rightfully for the elk.
3. No herbicides in the Wilderness. The cattle and fence removal Removing cattle and the fence will mitigate against expansion of invasive plants by allowing for better distribution of Tule elk.
4. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.
5. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. Motor vehicles will further degrade the Wilderness.

Thank you for considering my input, I appreciate it.

Correspondence ID: 18782

What is the big deal here? Take down the fences, and open up the land and 'allow' the ungulates to move freely. Come on . . . just how many of these roaming deer are there around. Yes, look at the numbers . . . cows vs deer? The deer have priority over a bunch of cows. What is the big deal here? Right! No big deal. No deal with the cattle people, shame on them.

Correspondence ID: 18783

It is very important to protect and care for animals

Correspondence ID: 18784

Ideally Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option, should be started as soon as possible. This amounts to removal of the fence just outside of the Wilderness along with the structures in the Wilderness.

Alternatives A and C should not be considered as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Improvements to Alternative B which should be considered are:

1. Only non-motorized methods for the removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness as the structures are small and can easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
2. All cattle grazing in Point Reyes and the Wilderness should be eliminated by disallowing any cattle there as they have been due to the previous agreement.
3. No herbicides should be used in the Wilderness because the removal of cattle and the open distribution of Tule elk will naturally mitigate against the expansion of invasive plants.
4. Natural fires should be allowed to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using human-ignited fires to create artificial conditions. Over frequent use of fires favors the non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18785

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, Mrs. Janet Bennett

Correspondence ID: 18786

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Correspondence ID: 18787

I support Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

The grazing by cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Please don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18788

Please save our animals, we are losing so many due to extinction. animals are crucial to our environment and in so many other ways. Please. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18789

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Correspondence ID: 18790

Please save the wildlife that belongs there.

Correspondence ID: 18791

Hello,

I support the proposal to remove the elk fence and let the herds roam free. I also ask that the future culling of any elk cease to exist. I also ask & support that we find strategies to ensure cattle do not enter the wilderness area once the fence is removed and that we restore and enhance the habitat for wildlife within the planning area. Please consider also alternative B which will focus on habitat restoration and trail improvements Thanks

Correspondence ID: 18792

Organic farms have a proven track record as eco-sustaining and environmental friendly. A win win situation would be to thin down the current elk heard at the tomales point area by relocating some of them to another safe place>This has been done many times before by numerous government agencies, and concerned peoples. Please leave the existing fence in place to keep elk and ag. animals separate and to continue to protect the grazing pasture grasses. Thank you very much for your time.

Correspondence ID: 18793

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Correspondence ID: 18794

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Correspondence ID: 18795

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Correspondence ID: 18796

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Tomales Point Area Plan. The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option.

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18797

Regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan:

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Thank you for your consideration!

Correspondence ID: 18798

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18799

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Tomales Point Area Plan. The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Correspondence ID: 18800

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Tomales Point Area Plan. The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option.

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Correspondence ID: 18801

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 18802

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Correspondence ID: 18803

Dear NPS:

I'm writing to urge you to adopt alternative B for the Tomales Point Area Plan to protect the endangered Tule elk. Humans cannot continue to turn a blind eye as species after species dies off. We are stewards of this place.

Wilderness means that cattle who aren't native. Don't belong there, nor do any pesticides or herbicides.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18804

To whom it may concern:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Laura LaRocca

Correspondence ID: 18805

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should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18806

Please accept the following comments/requests:

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Thank You. Please do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 18807

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 18808

The National Park Service (NPS) plan to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries is necessary to save the Tule elk that are dying of hunger and thirst.

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Correspondence ID: 18809

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18812

We must save these Elk.

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 18813

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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 Joyce Dannheim

Correspondence ID: 18814

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Correspondence ID: 18815

Dear Madam Sir!

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Robert Nowak

Correspondence ID: 18816

My family loves vacationing in the area but I guess we're going to have to pass this year until this thing gets resolved!

Correspondence ID: 18817

PLEASE SAVE THE TULE ELK!

Correspondence ID: 18818

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. STOP killing native flora and fauna just to put more money in YOUR pockets.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

We need YOU to start acting like you really care about the land and wildlife or leave office and let someone take over who DOES care!

Correspondence ID: 18819

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Correspondence ID: 18820

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, Terry Coleman

Correspondence ID: 18821

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Correspondence ID: 18822

In my opinion:

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Correspondence ID: 18823

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Correspondence ID: 18824

Please, please save the Tule elk! They need you to do your best for them - not keep them imprisoned and dying miserable deaths. Please treat them with respect and protect them.

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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, Rachael Malapit

Correspondence ID: 18826

I am urging the NPS to remove the fence. Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 18827

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

PS. I look forward to a positive response!

PLEASE protect our elk,

Lynn McGraw

Correspondence ID: 18828

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Correspondence ID: 18829

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Correspondence ID: 18830

These beautiful wild creatures deserve to live, not starve to death. Take down the fencing and allow them to roam freely to get the water and food they need.

Correspondence ID: 18831

It seems the best option is Alternative B

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Keep things as natural as possible. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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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, Diane Androvich

Correspondence ID: 18834

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

Sincerely, Sally Fish

Correspondence ID: 18836

Choose the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area (Alternative B), don't allow private cattle to be in Point Reyes or other public lands, and don't cull, harass or haze any free-roaming animals.

Thank you for reading the public's comments.

Correspondence ID: 18837

Please accept these comments as mine - they express my beliefs perfectly:

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Correspondence ID: 18838

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Correspondence ID: 18839

I feel the best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the correct choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B should be considered.

First of all, removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Secondly, eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness as per the original agreement.

Thirdly, don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

And lastly, allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18840

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Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18841

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18842

- Please execute ALTERNATIVE C, MAINTAIN ELK FENCE AND MONITOR Elk Herd.
- Thank you, National Park Service, for listening to the overwhelming voice of the public to maintain the elk fence along the current borders. Fences are appropriate in leased areas to keep elk and cattle on your leased properties separate.
- Cattle & Dairy Ranch operations are historic to PRNS and require collaborative management by Park Staff much like MALT easement properties outside of the Park receive through trained staff and consultants.

Correspondence ID: 18843

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. Joseph Yannuzzi

Correspondence ID: 18844

Please help the Tule Elk by removing the fencing and not allowing cattle grazing and please no herbicides

Correspondence ID: 18845

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18846

Thanks to the NPS for accepting public comments regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan.

The proposed new plan to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to roam naturally in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point (as they have previously done for centuries) is a good one in my estimation. The best option is Alternative B, as Alternatives A and C degrade the Wilderness and endanger the elk.

B offers a solid start with the removal of structures in the Wilderness with the fence just outside of it, but there are additional steps that could be taken to strengthen it further. These include the following:

Removing water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness with non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminating grazing by cattle. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Eliminating the use of herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing the cattle and fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk, which would naturally mitigate the expansion of invasive plants.

Allowing natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using management-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Excessive use of manager-ignited burn has the tendency to favor non-native, invasive plants.

Thank you for all you can do to restore this area to its most natural state. Doing so will create a healthier biodiversity and, thereby, a healthier world for everyone.

Correspondence ID: 18847

Please set these poor elk free. They have suffered, terribly!!! And, so many have died-at the

hands of greedy ranchers! Life is more important than money. PLEASE do the right thing and set them free. And, please protect them from the ranchers!

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 18848

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in strong support of Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, certain other changes to Alternative B should be considered.

- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness should be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. This is extremely important
- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 18849

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Kind Regards,

tara

Correspondence ID: 18850

I respectfully ask the National Park Service take action to protect the Tule Elk, a native California subspecies brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations (who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows) over the well-being of the native elk by keeping them confined behind a fence that prevents the elk from traveling further in search of food and water. More than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species. The Tule Elk must be protected and allowed to roam free!

I support Alternative B of the Tomales Point Area Plan. Please remove the fence confining the Tule Elk herd as soon as possible and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 18851

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18852

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18853

Please allow the Tule elk to roam freely - take down the fencing, and eliminate the cattle grazing. Return this to more wild land, which is appropriate for the National Park Service in caring for an endangered species.

Correspondence ID: 18854

Dear Park Service:

It is impossible to envision that a bunch of Tule Elk are that big a threat to a bunch of cattle since the cattle always leave bare ground and nothing grows back for a year. So I would say the Elk are the ones in danger. Besides this is public land where do the cattle ranches come into this let them feed cattle on their own land instead of sponging on the government property isn't the beef subsidy enough.

Correspondence ID: 18855

I have heard about the plight of the Tule Elk, and it is upsetting to me. They should be able to roam freely within the park so they are able to get water, and anything else they need for survival.

I urge you to implement Alternative B and remove the fence

Correspondence ID: 18856

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of

Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Correspondence ID: 18857

I've just returned from an overnight kayak-camping trip on Tomales Bay.

Seeing the Tule Elk was a delight.

Please, let's remove the fence from within the wilderness, and put it along the southern boundary of the wilderness.

Let's prioritize endangered species over commercial cattle ranching. If we can't do that in the National Park, what hope for other public lands?

thanks,

Simon Klemperer

Correspondence ID: 18858

I agree with the NPS that the best option is Alternative B to save and revitalize the endangered Tule elk population. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they not only further endanger the rare Tule elk, but also degrade the Phillip Burton Wilderness ecosystem.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered in order to better adhere to NPS's mission to protect the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

1) Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

2) Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

3) Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

4) Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

In order to best protect Tule elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness, please enact Alternative B, along with the above proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration in returning this important ecosystem back into true Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 18859

As a professional forester, I have seen the damage that cattle cause in dedicated wilderness areas. Such damage to natural areas also create unnecessary competition for forage and carry diseases into the area. Tule elk are native residents and under the Wilderness Act of 1964. they deserve the full force of the law to protect them. Fencing must be removed as it violates the articles against man made structures and management of wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 18860

To the NPS:

The best option is Alternative B, which is NPS's preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside the Wilderness is the right choice. NPS should oppose Alternatives A and C because they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, NPS should consider some other changes to Alternative B.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate all cattle grazing. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore per the original agreement.

Eliminate all herbicide use in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Correspondence ID: 18861

Please allow endangered Tule elk to roam freely at Point Reyes, so they don't die from starvation and dehydration.

Please remove the structures in the Wilderness, remove the fence, and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point.

Please perform this structure removal without using any motorized vehicles to avoid damaging the herd and the environment.

Please eliminate grazing by cattle throughout this area, as these are now public lands to be used for broad public purposes, not narrow commercial ones.

Finally, please do not use herbicides or pesticides in the Wilderness area.

Correspondence ID: 18862

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Correspondence ID: 18863

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. Edith Parrao

Correspondence ID: 18864

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18865

Dear National Park Service,

I am writing on behalf of the endangered Tule Elk who are struggling to exist at the Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. The cattlemen have erected an extremely tall fence blocking the Tule elk access to water. The Tule Elk have long preexisted before any cattlemen and their ranches.

Excerpt from: Mendocino National Forest - Resource Management (usda.gov)

Although smaller than the Roosevelt elk, the Tule elk is one of the largest land mammals native to California. These elk likely evolved from Rocky Mountain elk in California during the Pleistocene era. Tule elk made a lasting impression on the first Europeans.

Wikipedia: (The Pleistocene is the geological epoch that lasted from c. 2.58 million to 11,700 years ago)

Cattle, farm animals, and cattle ranches do not belong in a national seashore park. The cattlemen's repulsive behavior of fencing off water access and likely severely harming the Tule elk resulting in dramatically shrinking the herds is not acceptable by the public. We strongly encourage the evictions of the cattle ranchers, their polluting farm animals out of the entire Point Reyes area. This beautiful national seashore belongs to the public as we have paid for it for

hundreds of years. The national seashore is meant for all the public and wildlife to enjoy. Protection of the Tule Elk is utmost of importance.

We, the public, highly endorse the fence be removed immediately. Until the fence is removed, any loss of life, illness, or harassment of the Tule Elk will be looked at as animal abuse and be treated as a criminal act.

*We agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore.

June Michalowski

member of the public

voter, over 40 years Northern California resident

Correspondence ID: 18866

I hope that you will settle on Alternative B. Wilderness should not be stressed by so many unnatural introductions as have been allowed. Cattle grazing, frequent artificially set fires, fencing, and water management structures interfere with the actual concept of wilderness and allow non-native species to creep in and endanger native species like the Tule elk and native vegetation.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 18867

Do the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 18868

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing regarding the fate of native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, which are endemic to California that are located at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California. Unfortunately, Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement.

The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

The removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Theodore King

Correspondence ID: 18869

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Correspondence ID: 18870

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 Perlaza

Correspondence ID: 18871

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, Ms. Sylvia Valdez

Correspondence ID: 18872

What NPS new proposal is a good one: removing the fence to allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries makes good sense.

Correspondence ID: 18873

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, Mrs. Kimberly Marcero

Correspondence ID: 18874

I believe elk should have priority consideration over cattle in the park. It doesn't make sense to me to justify continuing ranching or dairy uses over natural ecosystems based on a hundred

years of prior abuse of the land. The same type of argument could be used to perpetuate any damaging activity, like mining. My preference would be to cease all cattle operations. When walking the park, it seems pretty obvious that water quality in the streams and marshes is suffering from their presence.

Correspondence ID: 18875

- Please execute ALTERNATIVE C, MAINTAIN ELK FENCE AND MONITOR Elk Herd.
- Thank you, National Park Service, for listening to the overwhelming voice of the public to Maintain the elk fence along the current borders. Fences are appropriate in leased areas to keep elk separate from the cattle on your leased properties.
- Cattle & Dairy Ranch operations are historic to PRNS and require the NPS to provide collaborative management and guidance through trained staff and consultants to be prime examples of this sustainable, organic food-shed for Marin County.

Correspondence ID: 18876

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 18877

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. emilia Boccagna

Correspondence ID: 18878

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18879

Please uphold your plan to remove the fence at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness, allowing Tule Elk to naturally roam in the wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18880

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18881

The elk must have access to water and food. Their right to live is more important than the bank accounts of cattle ranchers. Please abide by agreements to give them the space they need.

Correspondence ID: 18882

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness any more as per the original agreement. Allowing cattle grazing in Point Reyes National Seashore is catering to special interests.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18883

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

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The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Correspondence ID: 18885

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18886

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 Laura Bengel

Correspondence ID: 18887

Please go with the plan to take down the fences and let the elk roam. There is no reason to continue allowing cattle grazing in the National seashore. Also it is inappropriate to use herbicides in the park. Remove the illegal water structures without use Mg damaging vehicles. Finally, allow natural fires to shape the environment of the park.

Correspondence ID: 18888

Please don't lease out land that is kept for a protected species to commercial farmers. Have some conscience.

Correspondence ID: 18889

It is the duty of the NPS to protect and preserve wildlife in our parks, NOT to facilitate farm animal grazing. We have paid to keep these lands free of grazing animals who compete with wildlife for food and water. Cattle do not belong in our seashores. Allow the Tule elk to remain free roaming.. Take the fences down!

Correspondence ID: 18890

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 Cameron Walsh

Correspondence ID: 18891

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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: 18892

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

The Pt Reyes National Seashore Park must remove the cow ranches. Cows are antithetical to the principle of national parks which are meant to be pristine wilderness & exist for the enjoyment of the public, yet the superintendent has allowed human feces and cow feces to pollute the waters which our Tule Elk and many wildlife depend, even more so as droughts cripple California.

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.

Most importantly, 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 Rene Hersey

Correspondence ID: 18893

Please consider the following points :

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18894

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Do NOT use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Carefully use manager-ignited fires to remove the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18895

Native Tule Elk are the smallest and rarest elk subspecies found only in California. Right now Tule Elk are nearly extinct across California. The elk are rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement. The elk are trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence at Point Reyes. This expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years. There's not enough forage for the confined elk, recent drought years have caused freshwater to dry up, leaving the elk dying of hunger and thirst. The elk have been found dead and emaciated. The reason why, the NPS prioritized nearly 6,000 cattle to graze within the national seashore. I am speaking up for the Tule Elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Alternative B is the best option preferred by the NPS. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the 8-foot-tall fence just outside the Wilderness is the best option. Alternatives A & C must be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger the rare Tule Elk. There are other changes to Alternative B that ought to be considered. Removing of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and can be easily removed without the use of motor vehicles. Cattle must not be allowed in Point Reyes and the Wilderness anymore per the original agreement. Eliminate cattle grazing. No use of herbicides in the Wilderness. The removal of cattle and fence would allow better distribution of Tule Elk. Also it would mitigate against the expansion of invasive plants. Please allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. The use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants. Please take down the 8-foot-tall fence and allow the Tule Elk to roam freely on their land NPS.

Correspondence ID: 18896

Our family supports Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urges the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Thank you..

Correspondence ID: 18897

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18898

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, Alia Stewart-Silver

Correspondence ID: 18899

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, Erik McDarby

Correspondence ID: 18900

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18901

I support Alternative B! Take down the elk fence! Let the elk roam! Remove cattle and fences from PRNS!

Correspondence ID: 18902

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you, Ian Bixby

Correspondence ID: 18903

Please accept my comments as written below on the Tule elk herd in Point Reyes.

Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option, will ensure the removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness. In contrast, Alternatives A and C will degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

1. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. as their small size precludes the need for motor vehicles in their dismantling.
2. Ban and eliminate all grazing by cattle in Point Reyes wilderness, as per the original agreement.
3. Ban herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants without the use of toxic substances.
4. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape, rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions that tend to favor non-invasive, hyperadaptive plant species.

This message was sent as part of a public wildlife/environmental conservation campaign by Wilderness Watch. I am not affiliated or employed with this organization, simply participating as an individual advocate.

Correspondence ID: 18904

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.

So many elk have already died unnecessarily from lack of access to water and so forth - it's well beyond time to rectify this!!!

Sincerely, Ms. Jenny Reimenschneider

Correspondence ID: 18905

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Thank you, The Susang-Talamo Family

Correspondence ID: 18906

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for the possibility to comment this issue.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

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Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Sincerely,

Jörg Gaiser

Baiersbronn

Germany

Correspondence ID: 18907

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for the possibility to comment this issue.

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Sincerely,

Jörg Gaiser

Baiersbronn

Germany

Correspondence ID: 18908

Shame on you! I call this animal cruelty. It is a reprehensible use of our taxes and public spaces.

Protect rare Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness

Last year, the National Park Service (NPS) accepted public comments on its planning process related to "wildlife, resource, and wilderness management issues" at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California.

At issue was—and still is—the fate of native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America, which are endemic to California. Unfortunately, Tule elk are nearly extinct across

California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement.

The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

Incredibly, the NPS currently has the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Not only is there not enough forage for the confined elk, but recent drought years have caused scant freshwater to dry up, leaving the elk dying of hunger and thirst, as documented by visitor photographs of dead and emaciated elk. This is because the NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore, decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

Thank you, Carolyn Riddle

Correspondence ID: 18909

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. Trina Bodine

Correspondence ID: 18910

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 18911

As an outdoor professional (UIMLA International Mountain Leader), I would like to submit the following comments:

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Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

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Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 18912

I no longer live in California but was born and lived there for 65 years and feel that the state will always be my home even if my address is elsewhere.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Thank you for listening.

Correspondence ID: 18913

I moved to West Marin 10 years ago, in great part because of the access to trails, open space and the Ntl seashore. I also believe it is vitally important to the health of our community that we have access to locally raised and grown vegetables, meat and dairy. It's an issue of physical health and well-being. Beyond that it makes our community resilient to have these essential services close by and not depend on getting them trucked in from elsewhere.

I believe it does us all a lot of harm to have to separate the issues at all times: "land conservation," "food security", etc. We need to be able to think more holistically and towards the

future. Yes it makes sense to have park land where animals don't graze. And it's equally important to have dual purpose land as well. . I'd like us to become an example for the rest of the country about how land can have dual purpose. The dairies in the park are a huge park of the draw to live near Pt Reyes.

Correspondence ID: 18914

Preservation of habitat is the only means of species preservation. Extinction is forever. Without elk present brush control becomes impossible increasing the threat of fire.

Correspondence ID: 18915

Please approve alternative B. Forget A and C. Let's make the wilderness wild again. Let the domesticated animals graze on private land. Thanks for your hard work.

Correspondence ID: 18916

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Please save our elk!

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, Benjamin Bouvier

Correspondence ID: 18917

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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: 18918

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

Correspondence ID: 18919

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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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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Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

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I 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.

Thank you!

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Correspondence ID: 19360

The purposes of the system are (1) to track progress and milestones of park projects, including the legal compliance process outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act; (2) to allow park staff to collaborate with team members on a project, post plans and related documents for public review; (3) to provide public comment opportunity; and (4) to provide the NPS with a tool for comment analysis and response, which includes demographic information to better make informed decisions and serve the public.

Correspondence ID: 19363

Please make certain that the elk can freely roam the park and protect them from future starvation and dehydration.

Correspondence ID: 19367

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Correspondence ID: 19368

Please remove the fence so the Tule Elk can roam , eat freely as they should be able to do in Nature.

Correspondence ID: 19369

SAVE THE ELKS AWESOME ANIMALS

Correspondence ID: 19371

Dear Sirs,

It is with regret that I have read about the plight of the Tule elk who are now facing a threat to their numbers because the NPS is leasing part of their grazing land to commercial ranchers for grazing their cows. The Tule elk have had their roaming terrain minimised with a fence which resulted in the death of 150 elk in 2020 during the drought conditions.

The Tule elk are protected species and the NPS must do their part to conserve and care for them by allowing wildlife to their terrain.

Please reconsider to save the species from extinction.

Sincerely, Stella Stylianou

Argos Animal Rescue & Protection Organisation/ Cyprus

Correspondence ID: 19389

Cattle grazing on this piece of public land was supposed to end some time ago when the purchase of Tomales Point was made. Because the cattle have been prioritized, the elk are dying. As a public citizen I must say that I do not approve of any circumstances that cause the death of "wild" animals on public lands.

Let's make sure that this situation is resolved quickly and with the urgency it deserves.

Thank You for taking my comments.

Correspondence ID: 19420

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. Further, native tule elk have been dying because of apparent starvation and lack of water because of the 3-mile-long fence.

Correspondence ID: 19466

The best option is alternative B.

Correspondence ID: 19475

Please consider and use priority B for helping and continued efforts to rescue, and free the critically endangered Tule Elk population.

Correspondence ID: 19480

Let them be free no fences

Correspondence ID: 19483

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Correspondence ID: 19485

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

Nevertheless, 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 prioritise cattle over native wildlife. And furthermore, it's unacceptable to let these magnificent yet innocent animals die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a NATIONAL PARK!!!!!!!!!!

I opine that private cattle operations aren't appropriate 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."

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

AND FINALLY, I know that yours is a thankless and impossible job at times, having to try and content both environmentalists and those who appear to delight in torturing it. But I think that deep down you know who is really on the side of what is right, good and true.

Best wishes and keep up the good work that you often do.

Martin Bugeja

Correspondence ID: 19487

Please stop torturing these beautiful animals. Remove the fence and let them roam freely, as they have done in the past. Furthermore, stop putting cattle above and before the elk. Cattle DO NOT belong on Point Reyes.

Correspondence ID: 19488

Please,

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. And please, allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

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Correspondence ID: 19489

My husband and I just returned from a vacation in Point Reyes, our third trip to this magical place!

There is nothing like seeing the majestic Tule elk for the first, second and third times!

This is exactly why we must fight to keep them protected and thriving.

The National Park Service must make it a priority to remove the three mile fencing that keeps them trapped and in great danger.

These elk are meant to be free to roam without cattle - domestic animals brought in - in their way!

This is their territory and deserve the entire area of Point Reyes to be free.

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.

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

This is of upmost importance to protect these elk and remove the fence!

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 19490

Dear Sirs:

Please support the plan to remove the fence that now is in place and allow the Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries. This is the best action you can take for these animals and I pray you will implement it..

Thank you for your consideration and immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely, Karen Garone

Correspondence ID: 19492

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Correspondence ID: 19493

Protect rare Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness

Correspondence ID: 19494

To Whom It May Concern:

The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

Incredibly, the NPS currently has the largest Tule elk herd at Point Reyes fenced into an enclosure at Tomales Point in the Phillip Burton Wilderness. Not only is there not enough forage for the confined elk, but recent drought years have caused scant freshwater to dry up, leaving the elk dying of hunger and thirst, as documented by visitor photographs of dead and emaciated elk.

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19495

Don't distroy National Park

Correspondence ID: 19501

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19502

You can make a positive difference!

Correspondence ID: 19503

The best option is Alternative B because Alternatives A&C degrade the Wilderness & endanger rare Tule elk.

Eliminate cattle grazing especially on Point Reyes or the Wilderness as per the original agreement.

Remove water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness by non-motorized means.

Allow natural fires instead of manmade created.

Never use herbicides. They're toxic and allow nonnative species to grow..

Remove the cattle fence and all cattle to benefit the Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 19506

Alternative B is the best option, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

No herbicides should be used in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire sometimes favors non-native invasive plants. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape.

Thank you for caring about the Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 19507

Hi there,

Please act to protect the ElkEliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19509

I live in a forested area in central Pennsylvania where our native deer visit my yard most days. Mother deer even park their fawns for the day against my deck or under a tree. I respect these animals and love to see them so frequently. I likewise want the tule elk to be respected, and have the space they need to thrive. We can do that much for such an important and beautiful species to successfully live on to future generations.

Correspondence ID: 19514

Biodiversity is threatened everywhere wherever we are. It is actually a matter of concern for any sensible individual on this planet.

Therefore I hope the National Park Service will opt for the right decision by taking down the fence and letting the precious tule elk roaming free. A fair treatment of this population is also essential to protect ecosystems critically endangered by climate change.

The solution of confinement will inevitably exacerbate problems, leading to ecological contamination, not to mention that shooting elk will have a cost in the end. Indeed, it will probably be less expensive for US taxpayers if it is finally decided to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam for free.

Correspondence ID: 19515

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered. Elks should be the only animals to live in this land and they should receive all the water, food, and shelter needed to protect them. To that end the water structures that were unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be removed immediately with non-motorized means. Since the structures are small they can be easily removed by hand to protect the land and the innocent Elk that are nearby and should never be built again.

This is a Wilderness and Wilderness is for wild animals only and NEVER for cattle. All cattle should be removed immediately and never allowed to be in the wilderness area ever again. There is surely plenty of land that is not Wilderness for people to have their cattle. They can purchase land like other people and in areas where it is not a Wilderness or a public land for wild animals such as horses and not in a wilderness or public land that is the only homes for innocent wildlife and should be left for these innocent wild animals to live in a safe environment with no humans or cattle or any other domestic animal around. They need this space, and it is your job to protect them and to keep them safe in this Wilderness and not harm them by shutting off their supply of food and water so domestic cattle can live. You don't get money from the farmers who ruin the land by raising cattle so remove them now. If you do get money and sacrifice the innocent Elks for domestic cattle, shame on you. You need to get your priorities right. Wilderness means wild animals live there and only wildlife. The last time I checked, cattle were not considered wildlife therefore they don't belong in the Wilderness and never did. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants. No herbicides in the Wilderness. That's not needed with the Elk there to take care of the land. Do this now. It is the right thing to do and only way to go.

Correspondence ID: 19518

In regard to the Tomales Point Area Plan, in my opinion, the best option is Alternative B, which is the National Park Service preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness area is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Cattle grazing should be eliminated. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Herbicides should not be used. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Natural fires should be permitted to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than the use of manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 19521

Please allow these rare elk to roam free. thank you.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 19522

Cattle & Dairy Ranch operations, as well as native herd populations are historic to the PRNS. NPS staff and consultants provide collaborative management and guidance of this sustainable, natural resource and organic food-shed for Marin County.

Thank you, National Park Service, for maintaining the elk fence in its current location. Fences are appropriate in leased areas to keep elk separate from the cattle on your leased properties.

Correspondence ID: 19538

Please stop being beholden to rancher/cattle interests. This is cruel and not-so-unusual punishment to wildlife, in this case the Tule Elk. I grew up in California and now live on the East Coast but cherish my memories of the wide open spaces there and seeing the Elk. It gives you faith and hope in all things good.

Please PLEASE take the fence down, do not use motorized vehicles to remove water sources, ELIMINATE GRAZING BY CATTLE and stop using herbicides. In so doing, the reputation of the NPS might change and improve,

The elks and humans trying to live harmoniously with wildlife and nature thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19547

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

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

scenery, 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: 19554

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Cattle are not native and destroy water sources and habitat. And pesticides and herbicides, really? We should be well past that in “Wilderness.” Keep it wild!

Correspondence ID: 19569

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Totally eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should definitely not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19582

Take down the fence and let Tule Elk be able to find more land to graze. Get rid of the cattle.

Correspondence ID: 19623

Dear Sir/Madam,

My choice is to go with Alternative B which is to make the Elk herd unconfined.

Please make sure the removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness is done by non-motorized means.

Also cattle grazing in wilderness areas must end. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19624

I'm writing in favor of removing the wire fencing so the Tule elk can naturally roam in the Philip Burton Wilderness within Point Reyes National Seashore. This subspecies of elk is teetering on

the brink of extinction due to the NPS's inhumane treatment which has lead to many of these elk starving for lack of food and water. The NPS has prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within this area even though the park service acquired private ranches decades ago to end commercial grazing.

Some other proposals I support are the following:

1. Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
2. Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
3. Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
4. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Trypaluk, concerned American citizen

Correspondence ID: 19625

Tule elk are nearly extinct across California and rapidly and needlessly dying at Point Reyes and within the Wilderness due to NPS mismanagement. And yet, the NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

NPS prioritized the nearly 6,000 cattle that continue to graze within the national seashore, decades after the government paid fair market value to acquire private ranches and end livestock grazing there. Some 28,000 acres of public land at Point Reyes continues to be grazed despite the original agreement to end this commercial use.

I, for one, am sick and tired of the ranching industry influencing/strong arming our government for their own personal profitability, such as keeping the fence up to limit Tule elk numbers.

Alternative B, is the NPS preferred option and the best option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

We need to permanently eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Immediately stop herbicide use in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Learn from the Native American Peoples and allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

There is no greater priority than protecting our wilderness. I urge you to do everything you can to protect Tule elk and the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 19627

Please give the Tule Elk their freedom. Remove all the fencing and barriers so that they may go where they wish.

Cattle do not belong in the wilderness, they should not be there. I have seen the damage that cattle do to habitat, it is heartbreaking. Do the correct thing, and remove the cattle, no more cattle grazing.

Again I ask, please remove all the fencing and barriers so that the Tule Elk can once again roam free and flourish.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19629

Please use Alternative B. Structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness should be removed. Alternatives A and C are a bad choice as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. Cattle grazing should be banned. Enough with giving in to special interest groups over the interest of the American people.

Correspondence ID: 19630

As a long time volunteer for the USFS , it is the duty of those involved to PROTECT , not help destroy wildlife .Allowing cattle to graze in pristine areas that threatens the environment is another bad decision . There is NO REASON to not do what is necessary to help protect elk or any other species of wildlife

Correspondence ID: 19633

Hello and thank you for all of your good work!

The new NPS proposal/plan to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries is a good one, and we appreciate it.

The best option is the NPS preferred option of Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

*** Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

*** Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

*** Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

*** Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration of these further important actions/policies.

Correspondence ID: 19639

Saving a native species must certainly take priority over extending grazing rights for a small number of cattle on land which is considered a nature preserve. Taking out the fences would at least let the elk compete with the cattle for food and water. If reason for separation is cross species transmission of contagious disease, the worry should be confined to the elk: The cattle can see a vet.

Thank You for reading my message.

Correspondence ID: 19657

Thank you!!

Correspondence ID: 19675

Please give the elk more suitable land to survive upon. Wildlife were here before us and should be better protected than they are now

Thank you

Joan Trombini

Correspondence ID: 19683

I write to support changes to the Philip Burton wilderness in Point Reyes that would improve the status of tule elk and otherwise impose wilderness protections for the area. I support efforts to end cattle grazing in the wilderness as inconsistent with the wilderness spirit as well as the law as originally conceived.

Correspondence ID: 19692

Dear Sirs;

Alternative B is the best alternative.

In addition:

- 1). the small structures present can and should be removed by non-motorized means. This is true for not just this area but for all Wilderness areas;
- 2). herbicides should not be used, esp. is natural control is equally effective;
- 3). cattle should be permitted only to the extent of the original agreement. The terms are the terms.

Thank You.

Eric Bare

Correspondence ID: 19693

- Please execute ALTERNATIVE C, MAINTAIN ELK FENCE AND MONITOR Elk Herd.
- Thank you, National Park Service, for listening to the overwhelming voice of the public to Maintain the elk fence along the current borders. Fences are appropriate in leased areas to keep elk separate from the cattle on your leased properties.
- Cattle & Dairy Ranch operations are historic to PRNS and require the NPS to provide collaborative management and guidance through trained staff and consultants to be prime examples of this sustainable, organic food-shed for Marin County.

Correspondence ID: 19698

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. They need to be able to move around and graze and live naturally. I also highly suggest the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Cows can do a lot of destruction while grazing. I know this as I grew up on a farm. There are plenty other areas for them to eat. The park should be reserved for wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 19741

protect the elk

Correspondence ID: 19752

Please choose option B, with the addition of not allowing cattle to graze or having planned burns in wilderness areas

Correspondence ID: 19754

You MUST protect the wilderness from the capitalistic greed and destruction by those in the US who hold positions of power and those who feel they are above the law because of their wealth. It is your DUTY to protect all things wild from selfishness and egocentrism. To submit to power and greed is to fail. You must not allow those who are driven by profit and selfishness to destroy the wilderness. Choose to protect the wilderness over yielding to greed!

Correspondence ID: 19759

Please select Option B for the Tule Elk program.

Correspondence ID: 19760

The fate of native Tule elk, the smallest and rarest elk subspecies in North America is in your hands

Please protect them and use the best possible options you're choosing from for that protection

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19762

Tiule elk are an endangered breed. They compete for resources with cattle. I am requesting that you restore a more natural eco balance with would remove fences, restore water, remove pesticides, and remove cattle from this habitat.

Correspondence ID: 19763

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan. As someone who has hiked in that area and seen these magnificent animals, I implore you to choose Alternative B. I am strongly opposed to Alternatives A and C, as they would further endanger the elk and wilderness.

We have lost so much wildlife in the U.S. in the past five decades to habitat loss (including to agriculture and ranching in addition to development), hunting, and pesticides, that we must now prioritize wildlife and wildlife habitat above human activities and certainly above profit.

I urge you to also protect the wildlife and habitat by removing structures in the wilderness and the fencing just outside the wilderness without motorized equipment, which itself is disturbing to wildlife and destructive to habitat (and, unless electric, contributes to climate change).

Please also ensure that cattle grazing is not allowed in the Tule elk area and in the Point Reyes National Seashore area. Cattle grazing is destructive to habitat (and contributes to the greater climate crisis).

Please do not allow pesticide use in the wilderness area and the entire Point Reyes area as well. Herbicides and other pesticides pollute watersheds and promote invasive plant growth, as well as being toxic to humans and animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 19764

Please protect the elk and the other wildlife!

There are so few places left that are as beautiful and full of life as Point Reyes--why destroy such an incredible place?!

I urge you to choose 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 elk deserve to roam free! There should not be fences in wilderness areas--a wilderness is not a zoo! And these special lands and their native specie should not be destroyed by cattle.

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.

After the elk fence is removed, please protect the elk. Do not let them die of thirst or lack of appropriate food. And please, please do not kill them!! There are so few places where elk can still live and roam. Please give them back this space.

Private cattle ranchers should not bully or dominate or steal the national park lands that are supposed to be there to protect wildlife!

I urge you to do everything you can to protect the wildlife of Point Reyes!

Sincerely, Dr. Stacy Alaimo

Correspondence ID: 19765

Allow the elk free range throughout the property. Undo the terrible wrong of locking them up like criminals. They belong there ... cattle don't!

Correspondence ID: 19767

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. It's strange that they were there to begin with.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles, which are a problem in themselves.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. Why cattle are allowed in any public wilderness or forest is beyond me. Are cattle your priority or are people?

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants. And we've certainly seen the affects of this sort of land management has gotten us.

Correspondence ID: 19768

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 19769

Hello -

The NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes keeps elk trapped behind an 8-foot-tall fence, expands commercial agricultural use, and extends cattle ranch leases for up to 20 years.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19771

Please choose Alternative plan B. The Elk are precious and need to be given better water access, more land and no cattle grazing.

Correspondence ID: 19772

We need to protect our Mother Earth and all that she gives us. Take only what you need and leave the rest for others

Correspondence ID: 19773

The Philip Burton Wilderness and all our Wilderness areas must be respected, for the benefit of ourselves and especially for future generations. I urge the NPS to choose Alternative B. As a Wilderness area, it should have structures removed, the fence placed on the outside of the Wilderness. There should be no use of herbicides, no use of motorized vehicles, no grazing by domesticated animals.

Natural fires should be allowed to burn out as they would have prehistorically.

Removing fences will allow free movement of Tule elk, whose grazing will help control invasive plants

Correspondence ID: 19774

Let the elk have their freedom!

Correspondence ID: 19775

I strongly support Alternative B to remove fencing confining the native tule elk at California's Point Reyes National Seashore.

Fencing is inappropriate in any designated Wilderness area and should be removed even if it were not an impediment to free ranging of elk.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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 operations are not appropriate or acceptable in Point Reyes and should be end consistent with the charter of the National Seashore.

The lease on the oyster farm at Point Reyes National Seashore (which I personally enjoyed!) was appropriately not extended or renewed.

Commercial cattle grazing is worse for the environment there and should not be permitted to continue in any unit of the National Park Service, especially at the expense of native fauna and flora.

Culling, hazing or harassing the free-roaming elk must not be allowed for any reason.

Thank you for including removal of the fence as an Alternative and for receiving this public comment.

Correspondence ID: 19776

I support alternative B to remove the fence for the Tule Elk from the National Park, so that they are free to roam and find food and water.

Correspondence ID: 19778

I support alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 19780

Hello and thank you for receiving comment,

Tule Elk are a native subspecies California which have been sent to the brink of extinction by human activity. We are all responsible for restoring biodiversity to our states, countries and the world to save ourselves and the environment. Our NPS is a public entity entrusted with the protection of the lands considered parks and all the inhabitants therein. I am appalled that these animals have been treated the way they have been. Denied freedom, food and water to pander to commercial dairies on a National Park!

Please remove the fence holding these natural inhabitants. Remove the cattle operations which should not be holding our public lands and animals hostage. Unfortunately current farming operations do not benefit the return of nature and the land and should be moved elsewhere. Unless the Park service requires that operations are far less impactful to the surrounding park lands. Which I do not believe is possible.

Alternative B is the only alternative which supports the mission of the Park Service and should be implemented.

Thank you

Karen L Brown

Correspondence ID: 19783

Please remove the fence. Remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Correspondence ID: 19786

Dear National Park Service,

In my opinion, the best option at Tomales Point for the Tule Elk is Alternative B. Removing structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Removal water structures via non-motorized means. The structures are small.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Methane contributes to global warming.

Please do not use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 19787

Please remove the fence so the Tule Elk can travel further to find food and water to survive.

Thank you.

Valerie Sanderson

Correspondence ID: 19789

I am writing to support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd. I also urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

For the animals,

Photo of Matt Rossell

Christopher Berry

Managing Attorney

Correspondence ID: 19790

please remove the fence.

Correspondence ID: 19792

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to comment on the deadly elk fence. The National Park Service and all of us have a duty to be stewards of natural places and protect the wild inhabitants of those places. This means allowing those animals to be wild and not confining them within a fence where they may die of thirst and malnutrition. Additionally, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment.

I appreciate that cattle ranchers have a difficult job feeding Americans and I am grateful for their services. Nonetheless, they need to be able to work with wildlife and find alternative ways to manage their herds. That means it may be the National Park Service's job to help educate or provide alternatives, but it is not their job to take the cattle ranchers' side over wildlife. In fact, the idea of that or the idea of cattle operations in Point Reyes undermines the legislation mandating "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. Furthermore, it would go against 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 remove the elk fence and choose Alternative B to allow elk to naturally roam free and restore the ecosystem of Point Reyes National Seashore for its native wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 19795

please consider no cattle grazing in the Point Reyes national area. Pursue the removal of fences.

Correspondence ID: 19797

Please remove artificial barriers of Tamales elk population. The over grazing problem will continue to pose hardship until the elk can graze new forage. The NPS is under pressure from neighboring land owners and this burden may be lessened if the desired graminoids are within park boundary. Thank you NPS for the proactive management in Tamales NP. Mercedes McCallen, Ormond Beach FL.

Correspondence ID: 19798

Free the TULE Elk at once! Stop the excuses and do the right thing!!!

Correspondence ID: 19799

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19802

Please do whatever you have to to help these beautiful animals!

Correspondence ID: 19803

Please allow the Elk to remain natural, as how their species would be allowed to roam in nature. So SICK and TIRED of people, ranchers, people in capitalistic entities to determine the outcome for all of us. I am so tired of nature always being last. We are a part of nature.... Please, let's not add to the extermination of this species and ultimately our own. We've already done too much damage. Please allow the Elk to roam WITHOUT a barbaric electric fence, or to starve unnaturally in a bloody national park that is specifically designed to showcase and protect wildlife. For goodness sakes people, put nature and love of nature before GREED, and especially due to the fact that ranchers DON'T own this land. Thank you for reading this. Please do the right thing and advocate for wildlife and nature

Correspondence ID: 19805

Tule elk are a native California subspecies, who were brought back from the brink of extinction after their population plummeted to near-zero during the 1800s. They now number in the hundreds — a conservation success — but their current situation threatens their population once again.

Though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) is prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations — who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

Sherri Hodges

Correspondence ID: 19806

human creature need this planet intact since there is no alternative planet extant. saving life on earth can save humans.

Correspondence ID: 19812

Please can you 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: 19813

Thank you for accepting my comments regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan.

While I believe that Alternative B is the strongest option because it supports the removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness, changes to Alternative B should be made. These include the removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness only by non-motorized means. Also, you should eliminate cattle grazing because cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. Herbicides should not be used in the Wilderness. Also, you should allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Alternatives A and C should not be considered as they will degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Correspondence ID: 19815

You're supposed to be protecting our natl. parks, not destroying them for greedy private interests.

WHY ARE YOU NOW ANIMAL CRUELTY ADVOCATES BY KILLING THE TULE ELK -- KEEPING THEM FROM EATING AND DRINKING?

NPS is absolutely sickening in its cruel goal to eliminate the Tule elk for cattle grazing. ARE YOU ON THE TAKE FROM GREEDHEAD CATTLE GROWERS? IT SURE SOUNDS LIKE IT.

Our tax dollars at work. You are betraying every taxpayer with your greed and cruelty.

Correspondence ID: 19816

Please support Alternative B, the NPS preferred option.

The plan is to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries. Great!

Importantly, removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Consider that removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. NPS must also eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness any more as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Finally, allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19818

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19821

Please remove the fence and let the Tule Elk roam at Point Reyes. Let's remove the cattle as originally planned and prioritize the elk.

Correspondence ID: 19824

I urge you to humanely consider removal of 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.

I am urging 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.

With a sincere and concerned heart and warmest regards

Correspondence ID: 19825

These animals need to be relocated to areas where they once were native and allowed to repopulate those areas, rather than just let them starve to death on the Headlands. The National Park Service can certainly do better to serve both the taxpayers and the wildlife entrusted to their care.

Correspondence ID: 19826

I have a long history with the Point Reyes National Seashore. I was born and raised in Marin County and know the players in this equation. Grazing by cattle in the area was supposed to be phased out over time, and that time has passed. The cruel treatment and killing of Tule Elk is driven by ranchers who have pressured the NPS to modify the agreement for private benefit. Please proceed with Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removing structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C would further degrade the Wilderness and endanger the rare Tule elk. But there are other changes to Alternative B that should be considered.

Additionally, the removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness should be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Absolute eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

I hope that we can finally make progress towards the future of Point Reyes National Seashore that was envisioned in the original agreement.

Correspondence ID: 19830

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I have sent this message to provide you with my comments re: the proposed plan for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Simply stated, 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.

This is great news and I applaud you for selecting this alternative. Nice work!

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; they need to GO!

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

Sincerely, Mr. David Brunetti

Correspondence ID: 19833

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Correspondence ID: 19836

Dear NPS,

I kindly request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19837

To Fence off the Tule Elk to kill them off for Cattle Ranchers to destroy the Natural Habitat is DISGUSTING. The Tule Elk do not destroy the land and pollute the land. Free and save the Tule Elk! Reduce the amount of cattle that can occupy the area. Preserve the land and save the Tule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 19839

September 21, 2023

Craig Kenkel
Superintendent
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Point Reyes National Seashore
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Subject: Comments on Scoping for Tomales Point Area Plan

Dear Superintendent Kenkel:

I am writing on behalf of over 2,500 members of the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks (Coalition), who collectively represent more than 45,000 years of national park management experience. The Coalition studies, educates, speaks, and acts for the preservation of America's National Park System. Among our members are former NPS directors, regional directors, superintendents, resource specialists, park rangers, maintenance and administrative staff, and a full array of other former employees, volunteers, and supporters.

On behalf of our members and followers, we support the park creating the Tomales Point Area Plan (TPAP). For decades, visitation at peak times, especially holiday weekends and summer months, has been a constant problem at Tomales Point. Also, we agree that the management of tule elk has been a major issue for the park since reintroduction. Future management direction must be developed. We believe that confinement of the tule elk, a species that is integral to the ecosystem, is incongruent with the basic tenets of National Park Service management.

Overall, the Coalition supports Alternative B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area (NPS Proposed Action). We believe this is the only alternative that fully meets current law guiding the management of National Park Service (NPS) areas, the specific legislation for Point Reyes National Seashore, the Wilderness Act, NPS policy, and NPS Director's Orders that tier from the Organic Act and "the Redwood Act."

The following laws should be used as guidance for the planning effort.

The Organic Act of 1916 states the following: "The service thus established shall promote and regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations

hereinafter specified by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purpose of the said parks, monuments, and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

In 1978, Congress clarified and reaffirmed the Organic Act, through the "Redwood Amendment" to the 1970 General Authorities Act, which states "The authorization of activities shall be construed and the protection, management, and administration of these areas shall be conducted in light of the high public value and integrity of the National Park System and shall not be exercised in derogation of the values and purposes for which these various areas have been established, except as... directly and specifically provided by Congress."

In addition, the Seashore's enabling legislation requires that the park "shall be administered by the Secretary without impairment of its natural values, in a manner which provides for such recreational, educational, historic preservation, interpretation, and scientific research opportunities as are consistent with, based upon, and supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area."

Because the planning area is 85% wilderness by law (Public Law 94-544), we are concerned that current management is not consistent with guidance and sideboards set by NPS wilderness policy, applicable legislation, and NPS Director's Orders. Because the park lacks an overall wilderness plan management for the Phil Burton Wilderness area, it has not met the intent of the Wilderness Act (Public Law 88-577) or the guiding principles of the park's enabling legislation. We hope future planning will rectify this situation and the TPAP can begin the process.

We believe the longstanding issues at Tomales Point with the elk fence create an obvious conflict between the conservation of park resources and values and adjacent ranching. As stated in NPS Management Policies 2006, Section 1.4.3, "The fundamental purpose of the national park system, established by the Organic Act and reaffirmed by the General Authorities Act, as amended, begins with a mandate to conserve park resources and values. This mandate is independent of the separate prohibition on impairment and applies all the time with respect to all park resources and values, even when there is no risk that any park resources or values may be impaired. NPS managers must always seek ways to avoid, or to minimize to the greatest extent practicable, adverse impacts on park resources and values."

We offer the following specific comments for the scoping of this TPAP.

The TPAP needs to set a carrying capacity for the planning area. Day use and overnight visitor use quotas should be established. Visitation already exceeds the capacity that promotes a wilderness experience on weekends, holidays, and summer months.

As directed by the National Parks and Recreation Act, the National Park Service is required to set a visitor-carrying capacity for all areas of a park. A visitor carrying capacity should be based on a set of desired conditions for this specific planning area. We also encourage the park to establish additional scientifically based and peer-reviewed indicators, standards, and thresholds for measuring visitor quality and resource conditions. The monitoring of these indicators will ensure success and public credibility as the TPAP is implemented in the future.

All future actions in the wilderness areas of Tomales Point must preserve wilderness character. The planning area is primarily wilderness (85%). As stated in NPS Director's Order #41: Wilderness Stewardship and the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(b)), policy directs that "each agency administering any area designated as wilderness shall be responsible for preserving [its] wilderness character." Wilderness character is the combination of biophysical, experiential, and symbolic ideals that distinguishes wilderness from other lands. The five qualities of wilderness character are (1) untrammelled, (2) undeveloped, (3) natural, (4) offers outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation, (5) other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value. Accordingly, each wilderness park will integrate the concept of wilderness character into park planning, management, and monitoring in order to preserve the enduring benefits and values of wilderness for future generations."

The TPAP must conduct a wilderness character assessment. As stated in NPS Management Policies 2006, "Wilderness parks will conduct a wilderness character assessment, which includes identifying what should be measured, establishing baseline data, and conducting ongoing monitoring of trends. Each measure should be relevant to tracking change in an attribute or element of the park's wilderness character, or relevant to tracking a threat to this attribute. Once a baseline is established, tracking change and reporting on the trend in wilderness character should generally occur every five years."

NPS Management Policies 2006 Section 6.3.4.3 states specifically "Whenever a park planning process that has the potential to affect wilderness character occurs, the park should determine how wilderness character can be both integrated into the planning effort and presented in the planning document."

Again, this issue is important because 85% of the planning area is designated wilderness.

We believe the TPAP must ensure wilderness values will be protected and management actions will provide a primitive visitor experience that allows solitude. This plan's management actions should ensure the preservation of wilderness character. As directed by policy, the "National Park Service will take into account (1) wilderness characteristics and values, including the primeval character and influence of the wilderness; (2) the preservation of natural conditions (including the lack of man-made noise); and (3) assurances that there will be outstanding opportunities for solitude, that the public will be provided with a primitive and unconfined type of recreational experience, and that wilderness will be preserved and used in an unimpaired condition. Managers will be expected to appropriately address cultural resources management considerations in the development and review of environmental compliance documents impacting wilderness resources." (2006 Management Policies, National Park Service)

The TPAP must address long-term monitoring of resources and establish outstanding resource values, including for the marine systems adjacent to the planning area but within the Seashore. For the long-term protection of this biologically and culturally rich area, the TPAP should establish long-term monitoring programs to ensure management actions and visitor use are not adversely affecting wilderness. The Seashore was created to protect a wild coastal sanctuary, and the NPS should commit to a science program that ensures it remains wild and healthy. The monitoring program should include direct and indirect effects on adjacent marine wilderness areas that are adjacent to a National Marine Sanctuary.

As directed in 2006 NPS Management Policies 6.3.6.2 "In every park containing wilderness, the conditions and long-term trends of wilderness resources will be monitored to identify the need

for or effects of management actions. The purpose of this monitoring will be to ensure that management actions and visitor impacts on wilderness resources and character do not exceed the standards and conditions established in an approved park plan. As appropriate, wilderness monitoring programs may assess physical, biological, and cultural resources and social impacts. Monitoring programs may also need to assess potential problems that may originate outside the wilderness to determine the nature, magnitude, and probable source of those impacts."

The TPAP must address the long-term future and management of tule elk in the planning area. Reintroduced in 1978 and later in 1999 to the Limantour Area, a keystone species has been established that is critical to ecosystem health. Removing the restrictive fence has long-term positive implications for the health of the park's entire ecosystem. The tule elk are instrumental in preserving a diverse biological system and natural biodiversity. We recommend that the herd be adaptively managed with carrying capacity population levels set in broad ranges, not one set number because of fluctuating climate and weather resulting in changing food availability. We also suggest the park continue and expand long-term monitoring of the elk population and overall health of the various herds. Current management of tule elk in a confined space with supplemental feeding is not consistent with NPS guiding legislation and policy.

Unless a visitor-carrying capacity is set that protects wilderness character and park resources, the Coalition does not support additional parking areas. Additional parking should only be made available if the wilderness values and resources are not degraded in the planning area. Additional parking may only encourage more visitation and discourage a visitor's experience of solitude. In addition, two rare plant species deserve consideration in the environmental analysis. .Point Reyes *Blennosperma* (*Blennosperma nanum* var. *robustum*), is a plant classified by the California Native Plant Society as rank 1B.2 as rare, threatened or endangered in California and elsewhere and currently facing moderate threats. It grows in one of the overflow parking lots at Pierce Ranch and in other places in the Reserve. Also, California *Meconella* (*Meconella californica*), not classified by the California Native Plant Society, is known from very few populations in Marin County and occurs on Tomales Point.

We recommend any needed ecosystem restoration and trail maintenance projects, including minor reroutes of the trails, be identified and addressed in the planning process. This will allow compliance to be fully vetted and "shovel-ready" projects can be completed after the planning process is completed.

We encourage the continuation of education and interpretive efforts at the historic Pierce Point Ranch. The site is an excellent location for sharing the rich ranching history that once helped to feed the San Francisco Bay area.

We believe a Tomales Point Area Plan is key to meeting mandates established in the Point Reyes Foundation Document, Point Reyes National Seashore enabling legislation, and National Park Service policy and law. We strongly encourage Point Reyes National Seashore to ensure that cultural and natural resources are protected and that the plan is "supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area." We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments during this early stage of the planning process.

Sincerely, Michael B. Murray
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Billy Shott, Acting PWR Regional Director

Correspondence ID: 19841

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, 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: 19845

tear down the tule elk fence now. as we have been asking for years, as you have been killing the elk.

the vicious way you treat those animals is incomprehensible. our govt kills animals in massive numbers. that is just deplorable

Correspondence ID: 19846

Please do all you can to protect Tule Elk.

In the proposed plan, Alternative B is the best option, with changes noted below. Removing structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Improvements to Alternative B should be considered:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Grazing cattle should be eliminated - period. Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Banning herbicides in the Wilderness.

Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

With these changes to Alternative B, it would be a good plan to help Tule Elk.

Correspondence ID: 19847

Please protect the Tule Elk on Point Reyes. You are their only hope. I support Alternative B and oppose the other options (A and C). It is important to eliminate the cattle grazing which was part of the prior agreement. Cattle destroy the areas they graze especially precious creeks and other water sources. Also, please assure that the removal of the various structures is done without disturbing the environment or the elk.

Correspondence ID: 19849

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.

Thank you very much for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. It's unacceptable and unconscionable 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. Additionally, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment of any kind for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes, and to honor the charter of the National Seashore, all cattle operations 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."

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

Thanks you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 19852

Please do not remove the fence for the elk and please do not introduce grizzly bears. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19853

I am not against the elk or the cows. I think that a plan can be proposed that works for both. However, I think to remove the elk fence without considering its affect on the dairy ranches and the cows who share the forage would be a grave mistake. I think it's great that there are historic dairy ranches on the Pt. Reyes Peninsula and would hate to see them go. Instead of banishing the cows, the park service could have educational programs on where our dairy products come from, what the cows eat, how they are managed, etc. Please do not drive out the dairy ranches! They are part of the landscape as much as the elk. We need both!

Best wishes,

Concerned Citizen

Correspondence ID: 19855

Removing this fence is long overdue. I know you have all of the info on why it is imperative to do so. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19856

The National Park Service should choose 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: 19857

The Straus Family Creamery believes family farms and elk can coexist together in the Seashore. NPS' management of the wilderness and ranchlands is essential to sustain natural resources in the Seashore. Livestock from these family farms and elk both play an essential role in an ecologically thriving and environmentally resilient Seashore.

If the Elk Fence is removed, sustainable farming operations will be unable to survive due to competition for available feed; and the organic farms will be unable to meet USDA organic pasture standards. Eliminating the Park's farming community would damage Marin County's agricultural economy and regional food supply, 20% of which is within the Park. This would also be a devastating loss to the entire community, including schools and local businesses.

PLEASE leave the fences up and support the sustainable farming practices that are in place.

PLEASE!

Thank you, Robin Rodgers

Correspondence ID: 19859

I am writing in support of Alternative B, the NPS' preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the only alternative that is compatible with the Wilderness designation and also with on the ground reality. I oppose Alternatives A and C because they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

However, the NPS should consider these further amendments to Alternative B:

1) Remove water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness using only non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

- 2) Eliminate cattle grazing and prohibit cattle use in Point Reyes or designated Wilderness areas, as per the original agreement to create Pt Reyes National Seashore.
- 3) Prohibit herbicide use anywhere in the Wilderness; these chemicals have no place there and harm the entire food chain. Removing cattle and the fence will allow for better distribution of Tule elk which in turn will adequately mitigate invasive plants without use of herbicides that are detrimental to the Wilderness.
- 4) Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire also increases non-native invasive plant species and eliminating this also will mitigate the spread of such invasive species.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Correspondence ID: 19861

We need to do everything in our power to protect these wonderful animals.

Correspondence ID: 19862

Alternative B is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Cattle should absolutely not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Herbicides should never be used in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Please allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Do the right thing here. Our nation cares about this issue and we are watching.

Correspondence ID: 19864

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 19865

As an animal lover, I was really happy to learn that you are considering removing the fence in Tomales Point which has been keeping elks from accessing the water and food they need to survive.

Therefore, I ask you and urge to please remove it and thus give these animals the chance they deserve at surviving and living a good life.

Besides, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

So please, take this really important action, and thank you for the possibility given to submit my opinion.

Correspondence ID: 19866

To whom it may Concern,

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Stephanie Magee

Correspondence ID: 19868

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Tule elk in the Philip Burton Wilderness.

I support Alternative B that would be the most protective of natural values and ecological integrity. This alternative includes provisions I support including:

- removal of structures in the Wilderness area
- prohibition of motorized vehicles, where practicable, in conducting remediation actions
- elimination of cattle grazing - this is extremely important
- prohibition on the use of herbicides
- the use and allowance of natural fire events to benefit ecological functioning

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 19869

I think that the best option for the Tomales Point Area Plan is for the removal of structures within the fence and just outside of the fence. This option, Alternative B is the best option and is supported by NPS. I believe that options A and C endanger the Tule Elk. Any removal of water structures should be done by NON motorized means. Because of the small size of the structures this can easily be done by manpower alone. As per the original agreement, cattle should not be allowed to graze within Point Reyes and in the wilderness. Herbicides should NOT be used in the wilderness. By removing cattle and allowing the Tule Elk to roam freely the problem of how to mitigate expansion of invasive plants would be solved. Manager ignited fires should not be used when burning the area, as those fires tend to favor the non native and invasive plants. Natural fires should be allowed to shape the wilderness area.

Correspondence ID: 19870

There's no good reason for these innocent wildlife to die of thirst here. The ecosystem that supports these deer has provided the water so let them have it, this fence is akin to leaving a dog or cat in the house to die. It is the same, evil and cruel. How the government has sanctioned this for so long I cannot understand but you have my full support as a California resident and voter to return natural resources to nature. On top of the dirt cheap land the ranchers get to steal water from native species to serve invasive species so ONE ranch can profit. What happens in this ecosystem impacts hundreds of thousands throughout Northern California, we need to give other animals resources they need, it is a dismal shame to allow even one more elk to die because of this fence.. Let private industry find and pay for their own private sources of water. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 19871

To Whom it May Concern:

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Sincerely,

Lynn Zurcher Law

Correspondence ID: 19875

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Correspondence ID: 19877

Human spread is like a plague. This plague kills wildlife that should otherwise graze and inhabit those places that they are supposed to graze and inhabit, such as the Tomales Point area. We don't need to make money from every single piece of public land that we have. It's called habitat, not cattle grazing. We keep destroying natural places and using these for our own greed. It needs to stop. Supposedly Alternative plan B is the least invasive and hopefully will restore the Tule elk to their rightful place to live. No herbicides. Let the elk take care of invasive plants as their food. Also, they will take care of fire hazards as they eat incendiary brush.

It's way past time for us to consider our lands as the places where animals call home, not us, not our concrete and homes and shop and cattle. There has to be places for our wildlife to exist. It needs to happen now before their aren't any wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 19879

I strongly support Alternative B. Please advance it ASAP!

Correspondence ID: 19884

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

The National Parks Service has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19888

No grazing cattle in the Philip Burton wilderness!!!

Correspondence ID: 19889

Biodiversity is our report card. More is better. We may feel safe from the changes we have made, but we're on the same extinction list.

Correspondence ID: 19891

I strongly support your plan to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

- The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.
- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.
- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19892

Thank you for the Tomales Point Area Plan public scoping newsletter. I have read it carefully and give this feedback:

I like development plan Alternative B, with these exceptions:

1. Definitely (no "considering" about it!) add a fence to exclude cattle from Tomales Point. If you take away all water supplementation from the elk, then they must not have competition from cattle for water (or food). AND there should not be cattle on a wilderness area ever anywhere, in my opinion. I have seen how cattle thoroughly destroy natural areas. It is obscene to call a place a wilderness area and then allow cattle to so utterly destroy it and make it uninhabitable for the natural wildlife, with the cattle taking food and water and destroying the natural regeneration processes. PLEASE FENCE OUT THE CATTLE and NOT restrict the elk.
2. We humans are causing the extraordinary droughts. Since we humans are also restricting the elk to a confined area and they are not allowed to naturally increase their range while seeking additional sources of food and water during times of drought, WE must adjust the water availability for these animals in their restricted space. If "non-historic supplementary water systems" will be removed, then AT THE VERY LEAST, the part of Alternative C that provides for the "enhanced availability of naturally occurring water at the springs and seeps" should be

added to Alternative B. I would prefer that some additional water be provided during our Man-made historical droughts, also.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 19893

Feed and water the elks! How ignorant! Would you like it if someone you relied on starved you and didn't get to drink and stay hydrated??!! Evil!

Correspondence ID: 19894

We must respect and care for all these beautiful animals.

Correspondence ID: 19895

Please consider Alternative B with some additional changes, including removal of the water structures unlawfully built. These should be removed by non-motorized methods. Also eliminate the grazing by cattle, which should not be allowed per the original agreement. No herbicides should be used in the Wilderness. Removing the cattle and the fence will allow for more equitable distribution of the Tule Elk and would mitigate against the expansion of invasive plants. Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness as manager-ignited fires can create artificial conditions and may favor invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19896

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 19898

FEED THESE ANIMALS AND PERMIT THEM ACCESS TO WATER. This is critical for future posterity for them and future generations upcoming!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 19901

Please remove the fence in Point Reyes National Seashore. By confining the Tule elk to Tomales Point Peninsula, we are effectively killing them slowly from starvation and lack of water. The cattle that are allowed to graze there decimate the ecosystems, contaminate the water supply with fecal bacteria, spread invasive species and disease, and waste massive amount of water. Please let the elk roam free rather than allow big AG to continue to deplete the state's water supply.

Correspondence ID: 19904

I support Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option, for the management of Tomales Point. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice, allowing Tule elk to roam freely and find sufficient water and food. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles causing the least amount of damage.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

As a frequent user of the park, I am concerned about preserving its beauty and health for future generations and about the humane management of its rare resident Tule elk population.

Correspondence ID: 19905

I support Alternative B to remove the fence and remove cattle grazing to protect the park

Correspondence ID: 19906

I support Alternative B to protect the park by removal of all commercial cattle from Point Reyes National Seashore, and the removal of the fence confining the Tule elk herd.

Correspondence ID: 19907

The elk herd at Tomales Point is a unique, wonderful feature of Point Reyes N.S. It affords adults and children alike a rare opportunity to see these magnificent creatures in the wild. It's shocking to hear about the lack of water and pasture for them. Is there someone in charge of this, monitoring their well being?

Please move forward QUICKLY on the option B proposal.

Correspondence ID: 19909

Thank you for the opportunity and your willingness to listen to public support for removing the elk fence.

I'd like to open my request with a profound and unforgettable memory I'd like to share. I was fortunate to be born in San Francisco. As a college freshman, I had an opportunity to drive through majestic Point Reyes for the first time while volunteering for the Marine Mammal Center. I will never forget the beauty of the area, and drove slowly to savor the scenery. In the middle of a narrow, winding road, we were suddenly surrounded by a herd of Tule elk. It was a truly magical, unforgettable, emotional moment that will forever connect me to this place I call home.

California is highly valued for so many reasons, and unarguably one of the most beautiful places in the world. Our native Tule Elk are a part of our native ecosystem, preceding humans, and like the rest of our natural resources, should be protected at all costs.

Fences are completely inappropriate in wilderness areas. Fences are unnatural in wilderness landscapes, and fatal to the wildlife that depend on the few remaining tracts of wilderness that survive in California. We should not prioritize non-native, invasive, or domesticated species over the rights of native wildlife that have the right to exist here. Humans and cattle have other options. Native species do not.

Without the ability to freely roam, the elk will be deprived of basic access to water, food and protection. They will unnecessarily suffer from thirst and hunger, and face starvation, or being trapped with no escape in the event of a natural disaster such as a wildfire. This is completely unacceptable in a National Park. To quote the National Park's mission statement:

“The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.” (Source: www.nps.gov)

The fence is in direct conflict with the mission statement, role, and purpose of the National Park Service. The National Park Service, as preservers of our natural resources, has a duty to not only prohibit fencing that is detrimental to the Tule Elk, but to also protect the herds from culling, hazing, or any harassment for any reason. Alternative B, or, “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” must proceed to 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. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you again for taking the time for feedback on this urgent matter. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 19911

Glue traps are extremely inhumane, causing prolonged and agonizing suffering for the animals who stumble into them, they are also indiscriminate-- though they are intended for rodents they also trap birds, bats, squirrels, chipmunks, snakes, toads and other small amphibians and reptiles. In addition, glue traps are not an effective way to prevent rodent infestations and are a waste of time and money for NH consumers.

Glue traps are opposed by the CDC, the NH Fish Game Dept, the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Audubon Society, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the ASPCA, HSUS, PETA, the MSPCA/Angell Memorial Animal Medical Center and dozens of wildlife hospitals/rehabilitation facilities across the country, as well as most professional wildlife removal services.

Correspondence ID: 19912

Take the fence down. No need for cattle there anymore.

Correspondence ID: 19915

Please protect and save the endangered Tule Elk!

Correspondence ID: 19916

We must remove the fence and allow Tule Elk to naturally roam in the wilderness as they previously have done for centuries.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for considering these points and doing the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 19920

To Save an endanger elk species, forget cattle grazing on these public lands. Take down the fences .Thanks for the public comment ability. Diana Thayer

Correspondence ID: 19921

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 the private cattle ranches removed from our public park. They have destroyed and continue to destroy large areas of land by their mere presence, because neither cattle nor any similar ungulates are native to the western U.S., including Pt. Reyes.

Moreover, the thousands of cows in the park 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.

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: 19922

Tule elk need protection to roam freely and without harm without their territory. Alternative B is the best option; alternatives A and C should be opposed as they endanger the rare Tule elk.

Removing structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

In addition, the following enhancements should be added to Alt. B. It would vastly improve the plan:

Non-motorized means only when removing water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness. Structures are small and could easily be removed without using motor vehicles.

Cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. This means NO GRAZING.

Herbicides not be used or allowed in the Wilderness.

Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the landscape rather than using man-made fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use and interference with man-made fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Please approve Alternate B with these enhancements.

Correspondence ID: 19923

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19924

Dear NPS:

I am writing to request that you prioritize the Tule Elk territory for the use of the Elk, not the cattle ranchers. I have nothing against the cattle ranchers, but they are getting a free ride, and it seems that you are just waiting for the elk to starve to death so you can please the ranchers. The elk belong on the land and have first claim on it.

Correspondence ID: 19925

NPS

This is great that the Elk fence is coming down and the native tule elk can be free roaming again as they were in the early 1800's. I support Alternative B.

Please work on the next step to phase out the non native cattle in a National Seashore, as originally promised in 1962- 25 year leases ending in 1987. All ranching was to be gone from the Park 36 years ago! The Elk will restore this Park and habitat. They need the non native, polluting cattle industry out of the National Seashore to make this happen!

Thanks for moving forward, and remember you have a multitude of support on this. Americans prefer wild native animals in their National Parks over a commercial cattle operation for profit.

Stu Phillips

Correspondence ID: 19926

Please allow Alternative B to help the Tule elk herd live in the park without fencing. They were here before the cows were.

Correspondence ID: 19927

ONCE AGAIN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IS SACRIFICING WILDLIFE FOR THE BENEFIT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, THIS TIME DAIRY PRODUCERS. THIS TOMALES POINT SUBSIDY CAN BE INCLUDED WITH THE NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS GRAZING PROGRAM WHICH COST TAXPAYER OVER \$100,000,000.00 EVERY YEAR BECAUSE LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY MARKET RATES FOR PUBLIC LAND GRAZING RIGHTS. WILDLIFE SERVICES KILL TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WILD ANIMALS ANNUALLY FOR THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND TAXPAYERS, AGAIN, PICK UP THE COST OF RUNNING THAT AGENCY.

PLEASE NPS STOP PLAYING FAVORITES FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19929

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.

The definition of a National Park should be a safe haven for wild animals, a habitat to protect and support their survival. The elk fence, confining them to limited resources, and polluting cattle industry are absolutely contrary to this goal.

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.

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: 19930

Please take down the barriers that prevent the tule elk from reaching their food and water sources! They are indigenous to the land and should never be subordinate to cattle farmers. So many have died of thirst and starvation because of these barriers. It's horrible.

Correspondence ID: 19931

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

I am a member of ALDF, IFAW, WWF and a number of other wildlife organizations. I believe that as stewards of the environment and its creatures that we should do all we can to protect and nurture them in their natural habitat.

Thank you for accepting comments on this issue and I hope you will consider these proposals to help the Tule Elk.

Jeanne Grifo

Correspondence ID: 19932

September 21, 2023

Craig Kenkel, Superintendent
Point Reyes National Seashore
1 Bear Valley Road
Point Reyes, CA 94956

RE: Tomales Point Area Plan Environmental Assessment Scoping Comments

Dear Superintendent Kenkel,

River Otter Ecology Project, based in Marin County, CA, engages the public in supporting conservation and restoration by linking river otter recovery to the health of our watersheds through research, education, advocacy, and community science. River otters, although not a protected species, are sentinel apex predators that use every part of watersheds, from headwaters to ocean. Their presence and success are important indicators of ecosystem function and environmental health.

For more than ten years we have conducted intensive research on river otter populations within Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS). Consistent with National Park Service (NPS) Management Policy 4.2, our "studies support the NPS mission by providing the Service, the scientific community, and the public with an understanding of park resources, processes, values, and uses that will be cumulative and constantly refined."

The following comments on the Tomales Point Area Plan (Plan) reflect our organizational mission, our understanding of laws and policies relevant to management of NPS lands generally and PRNS in particular, our dual role as scientists working to understand the ecosystem function of the park's natural resources, and as members of the public on whose behalf these lands and waters have been entrusted to the care of the National Park Service.

As a general observation, the statement of Purpose and Need for the Plan in the Public Scoping Newsletter is unclear or misleading in several respects. First, it describes Tomales Point as “a geographically isolated peninsula,” when in fact any isolation is due solely to the different management policies applicable to the peninsula and to the lands adjacent to it. While the Wilderness designation of most of the peninsula dictates or disallows certain management strategies, it is NPS's decision to amend the 1980 General Management Plan (GMP) in a piecemeal and goal-seeking way that isolates the peninsula, to the detriment of the Tule elk and other natural resources. The statement of Purpose and Need should clearly acknowledge this reality. Second, the statement of Purpose and Need should specifically define the current problem as well as the goals of proposed management actions regarding the elk in the Plan Area. As it stands, the statement defines the problem with merely a vague reference to adverse effects on habitat conditions from successive droughts. In order to develop reasonable alternatives, the problem to be solved and the goals of the Plan must be clearly defined.

Our specific comments on issues to be addressed in the Environmental Assessment (EA) are as follows:

1. What purpose and need are served by removing the elk fence?

The contiguous lands directly south of the Plan Area are “areas leased for ranching” managed under the 2021 General Management Plan Amendment (GMPA). The Record of Decision (ROD) for the GMPA states, in relevant part:

“The NPS will manage the elk at Tomales Point in accordance with applicable plans for that area. The establishment of new elk herds on areas leased for ranching will be discouraged through management actions. A graduated response will be taken to deter establishment of new herds. First, NPS staff will try to haze elk back to their original location or onto other park lands that are not leased for ranching. If unsuccessful, NPS will employ more aggressive hazing techniques such as firing bean bag shots at the elk. If hazing does not work, lethal removal of a few individuals in coordination with CDFW and the FIGR may be tried.” [ROD Section 6.6.1, Page 36]

The practical effect of the GMPA's elk management policy is that the Tomales Point elk will be confined to the peninsula irrespective of the presence or absence of the elk fence. In addition, a reasonably foreseeable result of removing the elk fence will be cattle straying into the Plan Area, an adverse effect that will need to be mitigated, presumably by constructing another fence.

2. What is the management goal for the elk in the Plan Area?

The alternatives presented in the Public Scoping Newsletter cannot be properly evaluated without a clearly-stated management goal for the elk in the Plan Area. For example, if the goal is to prevent large swings in population levels due to drought and other environmental stressors, only Alternative C includes management actions to meet that goal. Alternative C was rejected by NPS, though, so perhaps that is not the goal. It is unclear. In contrast, Alternative B has no goal at all except removal of elk-related infrastructure, which contributes to preserving wilderness character but may be detrimental to the elk, and this is the proposed alternative.

“Alternatives represent different means of solving the problems and meeting the goals articulated in the purpose and need for action.” [2015 NPS NEPA Handbook, Page 52]

By presenting Alternatives without articulating the goals, NPS stands the planning process on its head. Whatever the management goal, NPS needs to develop “reasonable alternatives...that meet the purpose and need for action and are technically and economically feasible.” [2015 NPS NEPA Handbook, Page 52] The first step in that process is to articulate the management goal.

3. We support some aspects of Alternative B, but others are confusing or unclear.

We support improved visitor use management, with the goal of increasing protections for natural and cultural resources. In particular, overnight camping on Tomales Bay beaches should be better regulated to minimize impacts to resources. We also support the various measures intended to restore or enhance degraded conditions for native plant and wildlife communities.

Conversely, the reference to updating management zoning to include a Wilderness Zone and a Scenic Landscape zone makes little sense. The Wilderness area has already been designated by Congress. Presumably, the remainder of the Plan Area would be in the Scenic Landscape Zone, an undefined term. Whether this zoning has any practical effect beyond the No Action Alternative is unclear.

In summary, the EA needs to state clearly the management goals, or desired conditions, that the Plan seeks to achieve, especially with respect to the elk confined to Tomales Point. Only then can NPS propose reasonable alternatives that can be meaningfully analyzed and evaluated.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully,
Megan Isadore
Executive Director
River Otter Ecology Project

Correspondence ID: 19933

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered. Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Correspondence ID: 19934

Dear Park Service:

I've been to Point Reyes many times in the past. It needs better management and removal of all grazing in the area. Here's a few more comments:

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely, Joe Walicki

Correspondence ID: 19935

I am asking you to consider removing the fence located at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. The fence is not animal friendly, and it seems the top and bottom wire, at 12 inches above ground, are barbed wire. Elk calves and deer fawns would not be able to crawl under since the barbed wire would tear their flesh. Elk have died due to starvation and lack of water. The fence really should be removed to allow them to have access to the seashore.

I greatly appreciate your consideration, and thank you for the time to read all of our comments.

Correspondence ID: 19936

Free the Elk and protect Point Reyes for wildlife and the ecosystem - not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying the ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 19938

The best and only option should be Plan B.

The current mismanagement of this area is causing the near extinction of the Tule Elk. Our public lands should not be exploited by private businesses.

Here are some steps that may alleviate the current crisis.

1} Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

2}Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

3}Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against the expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19941

The National Park Service should choose 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.

Sincerely, Matthew Anderson

Correspondence ID: 19944

Please put wildlife first, for once. These elk deserve to roam free and meet their basic necessities, food and water. As the country becomes more densely populated and we spread out over the remaining natural land, wildlife pays the ultimate price. We have to conserve nature for wildlife and natural areas, and it's best for our grandchildren and their children. They deserve to see nature at its grandest.

Correspondence ID: 19947

Dear NPS,

Living in Northern California near the Redwood National Park we here are fortunate to be able to see our local Elk which, by the way, roam free. I'm sad and concerned however for the Tule Elk! Sad that they, a Beautiful Native Species, have been treated so poorly at Point Reyes! Please do all you can to change that by opting for Alternative B which would remove the fence and allow Tule Elk to roam freely as they have for centuries! Please do not use pesticides and please get rid of cattle grazing!

Thanks for listening,

Bonnie

Correspondence ID: 19948

Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19950

The effect of having the "elk fences" has been devastating to these majestic animals. With the changing climate the droughts will continue. The elk are native to the area, the cattle are not. The elk are of no threat to the cattle. Take the fences down. Allow these animals access to water and food. Work with the indigenous people to preserve and restore the land so that all may enjoy these spaces for generations to come.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19953

Wildlife need to be free and wild to survive.

Correspondence ID: 19954

Please let me start by saying that I grew up in Marin County and spent many days in the Point Reyes area. The Tule elk have suffered far too long under the current "management" strategy. Everything possible must be done to provide a healthy, safe environment for these beautiful animals to thrive.

- 1) I believe the best option is Alternative B. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. Providing a wider range for elk to roam would be beneficial for them.
- 2) Removing water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means to minimize negative impacts, such as stirring up sediment, damaging banks of streams, leaking toxic liquids (fuel, oil, etc.) into streams and on land; exhaust/carbon dust, compacting soils, crushing flora, etc. The structures are small and can easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. Removing manually would also provide a great learning/training opportunity for students and those who are interested in learning how to re-establish natural habitats after human intervention/destruction.
- 3) Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. They are extremely detrimental to the environment and should be removed. Frankly, IMO, cattle should not be allowed on ANY public lands anywhere in this country.
- 4) Do NOT use any herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants. Also, re-establishing native grasses and plants would help constrict growth of non-native vegetation. If invasive vegetation cannot be mitigated by the elk or native plants, then perhaps goats (female only) could be considered - if they would not create any issues with the elk, such as introducing disease.
- 5) It has become painfully clear that decades-long fire management policies of our forests have created huge problems with fires (climate change has exacerbated the problem as well). Please allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape. The too-frequent use of "managed" fires has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants. Again, re-establishing native grasses and plants where possible might also help reduce fire risk and provide more food for the Tule elk, along with supporting native animal and bird species in the area with food and shelter.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

Correspondence ID: 19956

My family has spent many hours hiking Point Reyes over the last 30 years, and I ask that you please consider these comments on the proposed alternatives.

I strongly support the protection of the Tule elk, and the natural environment required for these majestic animals to thrive. I do not support the continued impact caused by cattle ranching to this area.

I concur with Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the best approach and consistent with the Wilderness designation.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk.

Some other changes to Alternative B should be included:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles. This approach is consistent with the Wilderness designation.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness moving forward as designated in the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants, as can be seen in areas that have been subjected to managed fires.

thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 19957

Hello,

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 19961

I support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Syuzanna Alexander

Correspondence ID: 19962

Choosing Alternative B, the NPS preferred option, is the best course of action. It's essential to remove the structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of it. Alternatives A and C

must be rejected as they harm the Wilderness and put rare Tule elk at risk. However, there are some crucial adjustments needed within Alternative B:

1. Remove the unlawfully built water structures within the Wilderness using non-motorized methods. These structures are small and easily removable without motor vehicles.
2. Cease cattle grazing entirely in Point Reyes and the Wilderness, as initially agreed upon.
3. Avoid using herbicides within the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence will enable better Tule elk distribution and curb invasive plant expansion.
4. Permit natural fires to shape the wilderness landscape, instead of frequently using manager-ignited fires that favor non-native invasive plants.

By embracing these changes within Alternative B, we can ensure the preservation of the Wilderness and the safety of the Tule elk population. Let's make choices that protect the environment and its inhabitants for generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 19963

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I ENDORSE 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.

Please also LEAVE the WATER tanks for 2 years once fences are removed to give the elk time and opportunity to re-establish a natural relationship to their expanded habitat. It will take some time. Please be patient.

PLEASE REMOVE all CATTLE operations from this public land. Cattle are an INVASIVE SPECIES that damage and pollute the environment to the danger of us ALL! Elk belong here, NOT COWS!

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. Karin Lease

Correspondence ID: 19964

Stop taking habitats away from the animals!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 19966

*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.

I would also like the park service to consider removal of the historic cattle ranches. On my visit to the park, I am always shocked and dismayed that cattle are allowed to Tron through watersheds, poop, and P, and otherwise damage the natural ecosystem of such an extraordinary place, I understand that these ranches have long did a part of point Reyes, but enough is enough. Now is the time to halt these inappropriate agricultural practices in such a sensitive and rare place.

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.

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

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19969

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement. Removing cattle and associated fencing would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19970

Its my opinion that the best option is Alternative B, which is also the NPS preferred option and that removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice.

Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered:

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per already recognized in the original agreement.

DO NOT use herbicides in the Wilderness.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions since too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants over native plants and species.

Correspondence ID: 19972

The plan is to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries.

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

END THIS SICK, TWISTED, DEPRAVED CRUELTY ALREADY!!! WHAT' WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE???!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 19973

Remove the fence please. The elk are hungry and thirsty.

Correspondence ID: 19974

Please use public lands to support the wildlife that live there instead of bowing down to ranchers who want to graze their livestock there

Correspondence ID: 19975

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.

Correspondence ID: 19977

Please remove the fence and crazing cattle. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19979

Dear Sirs:

Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area will REMOVE THE FATAL FENCE and allow elk to naturally roam free; there's overwhelming public support for this. Allowing confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition (in a national park!) is a disgrace.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19983

The best option is Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

Correspondence ID: 19984

I wholeheartedly support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and fervently urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park. Please save these beautiful, iconic animals from an agonizing death. They were here long before the dairy industry and deserve an inviolable space to freely roam and raise their young so that future generations may enjoy their beauty. Too many of our woodlands have been turned over to commercial enterprises to the detriment of native species. Let's act while we can to preserve the presence of our native species.

Thank you for your attention to the plight of these innocent animals.

Correspondence ID: 19986

National Park Service,

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

About one-third of Tomales Point's elk herd — or a reported 152 elk — died during California's 2020 drought, reportedly from dehydration and starvation. Free-roaming elk outside the fenced area did not experience the same population fluctuations or declines.

Elk must be protected "in a manner that protects that population's health, safety and ecological integrity."

Thank you, Terry Friedman

Correspondence ID: 19987

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

Correspondence ID: 19988

Even though the elk are protected by law, the National Park Service (NPS) seems to be prioritizing the interests of commercial ranching operations who lease a portion of this public land for grazing cows — over the well-being of the elk by keeping them confined behind a fence. Prevented by the fence from traveling further in search of food and water, more than 150 elk died in 2020 alone during drought conditions.

The NPS has a responsibility to conserve and care for protected wild species but is instead prioritizing commercial animal agriculture interests over the needs of wildlife and public lands. I want you to please support Alternative B to remove the fence confining the Tule elk herd and urge the removal of all commercial cow grazing from Point Reyes National Seashore to protect the park.

Thank you for considering my views.

Correspondence ID: 19989

Remove the fence so the tule elk can roam free and live the lives they deserve. Many of the elk are currently starving to death. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems.

Correspondence ID: 19990

I am commenting in support of Option B. The Park Service should be supporting wilderness areas and not confining wild animals which need to be able to roam to be able to deal with their environment. Our parks should not exist to support cattle.

Correspondence ID: 19991

I'm in favor of removing the fencing from the Tomales Point seashore and allowing the elk to graze freely. Also remove grazing cattle from this national park area.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19992

I grew up in Marin Co. 1959 until 1978. It took ten years to save Pt. Reyes Peninsula from devfrom developers. The place needs to be a refuge for the natural world and the Tule Elk are part of that. Livestock can be other places and needs to change with the times. I urge you to save teh Elk!

Correspondence ID: 19997

Thank you for proposing a new direction for the Tule elk. The plan to remove the fence and allow Tule elk to naturally roam in the Wilderness and across Tomales Point as they previously did for centuries is a good one.

- Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.
- Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.
- Eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the original agreement.

- Don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.
- Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING.

Correspondence ID: 19998

PLEASE STOP THE CATTLE GRAZING! IT DECIMATES ECOSYSTEMS, CONTAMINATES WATER SUPPLY WITH THEIR FECAL BACTERIA, SPREADS INVASIVE SPECIES AND DISEASE, AND WASTES MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF WATER.

THANK YOU!

Correspondence ID: 20000

I support taking down the 8ft fence in order to give the tule elk more room! It is a National Park and it is beyond time that the ranchers leave. Many elk have died to lack of food and water in their very confined space!