

Staff Summary for April 17-18, 2024

13. Annual Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area (PLM) Plans and Licenses (consent)**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Consider approving annual PLM plans for 2024-25.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)**Background**

California Fish and Game Code sections 3400-3408 and Title 14 Section 601 prescribe conditions for a PLM program that provides incentives for landholders to manage their property for the benefit of fish and wildlife in exchange for access to increased recreational opportunities, such as hunting tags or extended seasons ("harvest program"). In return for a harvest program, the landholder must prepare a biologically-sound wildlife management plan and complete specific wildlife habitat improvements on the PLM property.

The Department has reviewed the annual reports for 52 properties in 14 counties, consisting of approximately 550,079 acres.

The Department recommends that the Commission approve the wildlife management plans, license renewal applications, and each 2024-25 harvest program under conditions specified in Exhibit 2. Habitat improvements accomplished under these plans will enhance and maintain wildlife resources on and around the PLM areas. The goals and objectives stated in the management plans are compatible with Department management plans for appropriate species in these areas and the Department finds them compliant with Commission regulations and policies for PLM licenses and plans.

At the June 2024 Commission meeting, the Department will give a presentation on its PLM Program, as requested by the Commission.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

Commission staff: Approve continuing PLM licenses and approve the annual seasons, harvests, and habitat improvements for 2024-2025 as recommended by the Department for 52 properties, under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

Department: Approve continuing the PLM licenses and approve the annual seasons, harvests, and habitat improvements for 52 properties, under the conditions specified in Exhibit 2.

Exhibits

1. [Department memo, received March 29, 2024](#)
2. [PLM Area License Annual Renewals, 2024-2025, Proposed Seasons, Harvests, and Habitat Improvements, received March 29, 2024](#)

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Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 11-15 on the consent calendar.

Memorandum

Date: March 25, 2024

To: Melissa Miller- Henson
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **Agenda Item for the April 17-18, 2024 Fish and Game Commission Meeting
Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Area
Licenses**

California Fish and Game Code Section 3406(c) requires that the activities conducted pursuant to each Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Plan (PLM) shall be reviewed annually by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) and by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) at a public hearing. Licenses for such areas may be granted by the Commission for a period of five (5) years following department review and approval of the management plan (Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 601(a)).

The Department has reviewed the initial management plan for one new property in one county consisting of approximately 4,988 acres and the 5-year renewals for nine properties in six counties consisting of approximately 112,818 acres. Additionally, the Department has reviewed the annual reports for 52 properties in 14 counties consisting of approximately 550,079 acres.

The Department recommends that the Commission approve the wildlife management plans, applications, and each 2024/25 harvest program under conditions specified in the attached tables. Habitat improvements accomplished under these plans will enhance and maintain wildlife resources on and around the PLM areas. The goals and objectives stated in the management plans are compatible with Department management plans for appropriate species in these areas.

The remaining PLM areas will be submitted to the Commission for approval at the June 19-20, 2024 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at (916) 203-0567 or by email at Victoria.barr@wildlife.ca.gov.

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NORTHERN REGION

PLM Area	2024 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p>3D Ranch Deer Zone B5 Tehama 2,052 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 8 forked-horn or better buck deer, 7 bear and 75 quail</p> <p>Issue 8 buck deer tags for the period of August 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 5 buck deer may be harvested after October 27, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 7 bear tags for the period of August 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, or when the season closes because the Department has determined that 1,700 bears have been harvested. No cubs or females with cubs will be harvested. Cubs are defined as bears less than one year of age or bears weighing less than 50 pounds.</p> <p>Issue 75 quail seals for the period of September 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025</p>	<p>Mechanically crush 18 acres of decadent brush to improve forage for wildlife. These areas may also be burned dependent upon CalFire, all environmental evaluations have been completed.</p> <p>Cattle grazing has been planned on a rest and utilization rotation that considers forage availability for wildlife.</p> <p>Maintain a minimum of 7 acres of forage plots planted with legumes by replanting as necessary and irrigating.</p> <p>Plots 6 and 7 will be managed to promote turkey mullein through chiseling to remove competition from pasture grasses.</p> <p>Maintain 5 water sources to provide water for wildlife by checking for broken pipes and repairing as necessary.</p> <p>Remove at least 0.50 mile of unnecessary interior fencing to prevent wildlife entanglement.</p> <p>Deepening and sealing all water sources to a depth of at least 5 feet to maintain available water for wildlife during the year.</p>
<p>Ackerman-Southy Daugherty WMA Deer Zone A Mendocino 10,831 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 18 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 18 buck deer tags for the period of July 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 9 buck deer tags may be harvested after September 15, 2024</p>	<p>All habitat projects have been completed for this 5-year management plan.</p>

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Ackerman-Southy Daugherty WMA Cont.	<p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 10 additional buck tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p> <p>In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest.</p> <p>The number of tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of deer available to harvest.</p>	
<p>Alexandre Dairy PLM</p> <p>Del Norte</p> <p>1,728 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk and 4 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024</p> <p>Issue 4 antlerless elk tags for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Finalized removal of a fish passage barrier on Tryon Creek.</p> <p>Finalize installation of the 20 water troughs for this 5-year management plan. All water troughs will be maintained and have wildlife escape ramps.</p> <p>30 Sitka spruce will be planted and protected with elk exclusion fencing to allow proper propagation of the trees.</p> <p>Seasonal grazing of 30 acres of wetlands will be excluded from January 1 through July 15.</p>
<p>Amann Ranch</p> <p>Mendocino</p> <p>375 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk and 1 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of August 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p>	<p>Irrigate and sub-irrigate at least 225 acres of pasture for use by wildlife.</p> <p>Install 2 new elk friendly fence crossing and repair 2 damaged elk friendly fence crossings.</p> <p>Maintain 100 cattle to reduce competition with elk for forage. Cattle and horses will be removed from the pastures in October and allow for wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain 16 water troughs and water tanker by ensuring they are holding</p>

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Amann Ranch Cont.		<p>adequate water for wildlife and install escape ramps.</p> <p>Mow, disc and reseed 25 acres in the yellow star-thistle treatment area.</p> <p>Leave unharvested the second cutting of hay on 342 acres. This will retain approximately 500 tons of forage accessible to elk.</p> <p>Preserve the tri-colored blackbird habitat.</p>
Antler Hill Ranch Deer Zone A Mendocino 900 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 5 buck deer tags for the period July 7, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 3 buck deer may be taken after September 15, 2024.</p>	<p>Remove at least 2 acres of coyote brush that is encroaching into grasslands.</p> <p>Remove final 200 feet of woven wire fencing in deer travel corridors.</p> <p>Clear at least 1.50 acres of chamise by hand, mechanically or burning.</p> <p>Remove at least 75% of the overstory on 1.50 acres of timberland, to allow the growth of new browse.</p> <p>Remove at least 200 conifer trees up to 16 inches DBH encroaching into grasslands.</p>
Big Lagoon Humboldt 113,933 acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 bull elk and 2 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 5 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024</p> <p>On or before October 1, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 additional bull elk tag to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p>	<p>All habitat projects have been completed for this 5-year management plan.</p>

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Big Lagoon Cont.	<p>In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest.</p> <p>The number of tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of elk available to harvest.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 4, 2024 through November 15, 2024</p>	
Bridges Ranch Deer Zone A Mendocino 1,144 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 10 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 10 buck deer tags for the period of August 13, 2022 through November 30, 2022</p> <p>No more than 5 buck deer may be harvested after September 25, 2022.</p>	<p>All burning has been completed for the 5-year management plan.</p> <p>Remove 3 acres of conifer trees 12 inches DBH or less in oak woodland areas.</p> <p>Create at least 5 brush piles measuring at least 15 feet in diameter and 6 feet high.</p> <p>Install 1 wood duck nesting box near the lake.</p> <p>Remove 1 abandoned structure of at least 150 square feet.</p> <p>Remove 30 yards of woven wire fencing.</p>
Carley Ranch Deer Zone B1 Mendocino 1,660 acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 15 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 8 buck deer may be harvested after October 27, 2024.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 9 additional buck</p>	<p>20 acres of controlled burn in the annual grasslands and chaparral. If this burning cannot be accomplished, brush rake removal of at least 5 acres of montane chaparral will occur.</p> <p>Maintain all previously developed water sources (3 springs, 6 guzzlers, and six associated water tanks) to provide water for wildlife. Maintenance includes repairing broken and deteriorating pipes and other components.</p>

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Carley Ranch Cont.	deer tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.	<p>Maintain wildlife-friendly livestock exclusion fencing around developed springs and repairing any damage.</p> <p>Irrigate the 1-acre alfalfa food plot during the dry season. The plot is fenced with wildlife-friendly fencing to exclude livestock.</p> <p>Maintenance of 30 fruit trees have been planted and protected with wire fencing to provide a wildlife food source.</p> <p>Plant at least 3 acres of dryland forage mix for wildlife.</p> <p>Road maintenance and erosion control practices will be completed on roads.</p> <p>No livestock grazing on the ranch as it is used for wildlife habitat only.</p>
Christensen Ranch Deer Zone B1 Mendocino 1,061 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 22 deer of which no more than 15 may be forked-horn or better buck deer and 7 may be antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 22 either-sex deer tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2024.</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 27, 2024.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 12 additional either-sex tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p>	<p>Erosion control on ranch roads to reduce chances of sediment run off into nearby watercourses.</p> <p>Continue to promote bald eagle nesting through the retention of snags and large trees.</p> <p>Annual maintenance on 8 previously developed springs and repair any broken water pipes.</p> <p>Plant <i>Brassica</i> seed in the fall by manually seeding and raking in fresh pig rooting areas. The extent of this activity will depend on pig activity but is expected to represent at least 3 sites this year, scattered throughout the ranch.</p> <p>Exclude cattle from the ranch; no cattle leases are proposed under the PLM 5-year management plan.</p>

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Christensen Ranch Cont.	<p>The number of tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of deer available to harvest.</p> <p>In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest.</p>	<p>Remove conifers up to 12 inches DBH from oak woodlands on 2 acres.</p> <p>Install 2 escape ramps into water troughs.</p> <p>Maintain Star thistle control project using appropriate herbicide treatments on 2 acres.</p> <p>Create 3 slash piles that are at least 6 feet high and 10 feet wide at the base.</p>
<p>Diamond C Outfitters</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Humboldt</p> <p>3,200 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 17 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 17 buck deer tags for the period of July 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 27, 2024.</p>	<p>Remove or replace (with wildlife friendly fencing) at least 522 yards of wildlife unfriendly fencing.</p> <p>Maintain at least 125 acres of previously treated oak woodlands by removing all conifers.</p> <p>Remove all conifers from at least 10 acres of oak woodlands in new areas.</p> <p>Treat at least 8 acres and 2.25 linear miles of star thistle through hand pulling or herbicide.</p> <p>Create at least 1 brush pile measuring at least 15 feet by 6 feet.</p>
<p>Eden Valley Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Mendocino</p> <p>20,789 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 8 bull elk, 7 antlerless elk, 20 forked-horn or better buck deer, and 5 antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 8 bull elk tags for the period of July 13, 2024 through December 15, 2024</p> <p>Issue 7 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024 through December 15, 2024</p>	<p>Maintain 23 water sources by repairing any damaged parts.</p> <p>To improve wildlife forage plant, fertilize and irrigate a 100-acre area with oats, legumes, and grasses in pivot #1, pivot #2, and the canon field.</p> <p>Reseed at least 100 acres of pastures used by wildlife.</p> <p>Exclude livestock from 10,000 acres on the east side of Eden Valley to improve wildlife forage.</p> <p>Monitor and maintain the 4 existing rail-</p>

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Eden Valley Ranch Cont.	<p>Issue 20 buck deer tags for the period of July 13, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be taken after October 27, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 5 antlerless deer tags for the period of September 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p>	<p>type elk crossings and add 5 per year to fences outside the valley.</p> <p>To improve wildlife forage, manage livestock grazing in the 4 pastures on a rest-rotation basis, with cattle primarily spending spring/summer in the upland pastures and fall/winter in the lowland pastures.</p> <p>Remove 0.25 miles of woven wire fencing.</p> <p>Maintain road surfaces and culverts to reduce sedimentation of waterways.</p> <p>Maintain exterior and interior wildlife friendly fences.</p> <p>Treat with herbicide at least 25 acres of yellow starthistle per year.</p> <p>Burn at least 30 acres of yellow star thistle per year.</p> <p>Plant all burned brush piles in M&M mix #2.</p> <p>Create 10 brush piles per year for wildlife at least 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet high.</p> <p>Plant 25 willow shoots near impoundments excluded from livestock to shade and help maintain cooler temperatures.</p> <p>Develop or redevelop and add one water tank if required in at least one pasture per year.</p> <p>Install 6 wood duck boxes.</p> <p>Develop and create at least a 0.25-acre plot planted in M&M seed mix in the Jarbo Pasture.</p>

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		Add escape ramps in water troughs in Paradise Mountain pasture.
<p>Hunter Ranch Deer Zone B1 Humboldt 16,103 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 20 forked-horn or better buck deer and 2 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 20 buck deer tags for the period of July 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 27, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tag for the period September 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024</p>	<p>Remove encroaching conifers from at least 60 acres of oak woodland. A total of 414 acres have been identified to provide flexibility to meet this 300-acre requirement:</p> <p>Treatment Group 1 consists of approximately 74 acres. These woodlands are encroached by pre-emergent Douglas-fir. Restoration activities shall include removal of all conifers \leq 12 inches DBH.</p> <p>Treatment Group 2 consists of approximately 200 acres. These woodlands have emergent Douglas-fir and will be treated under a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) currently in development. These areas are to be treated using a combination of special prescriptions; White and Black Oak Woodland Management and Meadow Restoration silviculture. Restoration activities shall include removal of conifers \geq 12 inches DBH. Larger Douglas-fir may be retained as wildlife trees as per the THP where they exist. Further treatments for conifers \leq 12 inches DBH will be considered in the next PLM 5-year management plan.</p> <p>Treatment Group 3 consists of approximately 140 acres. These woodlands are encroached by pre-emergent and emergent Douglas-fir. Restoration activities shall include removal of all conifers \leq 10 inches DBH where noncommercial treatments are implemented, and removal of all conifers between 10 feet and 24 feet in diameter</p>

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		under an Oak Woodland Management Exemption.
<p>Klamath PLM Humboldt 32,594 acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk and 2 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024</p> <p>On or before October 1, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 additional bull elk tag to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p> <p>In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest.</p> <p>The number of tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of elk available to harvest.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 7, 2024 through November 15, 2024</p>	<p>All habitat projects have been completed for this 5-year management plan.</p>
<p>Miller-Eriksen Ranch Deer Zone B1 Mendocino 983 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 16 deer of which no more than 14 may be forked-horn or better buck and 2 may be antlerless deer and 1 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 10 either-sex tag for the period of July 13, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p>	<p>Plant 100 pounds of commercial pasture seed mix in the areas of feral hog rooting to provide food and cover for wildlife.</p> <p>Maintain 0.50 mile of low elk crossing fences.</p> <p>Timber thinning on at least 0.50 acre to create new browse.</p> <p>Build 100 brush piles throughout the property to provide wildlife cover.</p>

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Miller-Eriksen Ranch Cont.	<p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 14 buck deer tags for the period of July 8, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless deer tags tag for the period of September 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 27, 2024.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 7 additional either-sex tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tags for the period of July 10, 2024 through November 9, 2024</p>	<p>Maintain the reduced number of livestock, not to exceed 25 cow/calf pairs.</p> <p>Herbicide treatment of at least 1 acre of yellow star thistle.</p> <p>Burn 125 brush piles created in previous years.</p> <p>Maintain livestock exclusion pasture totaling at least 33 acres.</p> <p>Maintain 15 water developments.</p> <p>Burn at least 8 acres of oak woodlands.</p> <p>Burn or thin at least 2 acres of decadent chaparral.</p>
R-R Ranch Mendocino 1,470 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull and 6 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of July 18, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>Issue 4 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 5, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 2 additional antlerless elk tags to</p>	<p>Irrigate a 7-acre alfalfa pasture. If the alfalfa production falls below a total cover of 50% in the fall, rip, replant and roll the pasture at a rate of 20 lbs./acre the following March or April with a clover and alfalfa seed mix to provide high quality forage for wildlife. The first cutting of hay will be removed and all subsequent growth will be left for wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain the existing 100-acre dryland plot with a rye grass/clover mix by harvesting and thatching every summer.</p> <p>Maintain 2 ponds, 3 springs, and 2 water troughs for wildlife use.</p>

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	accomplish the authorized harvest.	<p>Exclude livestock from the ranch to improve forage and cover for wildlife.</p> <p>Create at least 4 wood piles at least 15 feet in diameter and 6 feet high for wildlife. Recycle 50% of existing decadent wood piles by burning.</p> <p>Finalize a control burning plan for the ranch with the goal of burning at least 15 acres per year.</p> <p>Evaluate invasive species on at least 100 acres each year. Initiate treatment on at least 10 acres if invasive species reach 25% cover.</p>
<p>Rainbow Ridge PLM</p> <p>Humboldt</p> <p>Deer Zone B4</p> <p>21,300 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 15 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 15 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 8 buck deer may be harvested after September 29, 2024.</p>	<p>Finalize treatment of at least 6 acres of conifer removal less than or equal to 12 inches DBH from oak woodlands and prairies in unit E.</p> <p>All other habitat projects have been completed for this 5-year management plan.</p>
<p>R Wild Horse Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B5</p> <p>Tehama</p> <p>4,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 4 buck deer tags for the period of November 19, 2024 through November 22, 2024</p>	<p>Mechanically treat at least 10 acres of decadent brush to promote new growth and create wildlife travel corridors.</p> <p>Create a 0.50-acre dugout water catchment basin to provide a water source for wildlife.</p> <p>Build at least 10 brush piles (each 20 feet in diameter) to provide escape cover for wildlife.</p> <p>Burn brush piles created in 2019.</p>

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<p>Seven Springs Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Mendocino</p> <p>2,250 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 9 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 9 buck deer tags for the period of July 13, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p> <p>No more than 4 buck deer may be harvested after September 15, 2024.</p>	<p>Exclude livestock grazing from the PLM area to increase habitat quality for wildlife.</p> <p>Remove 0.20 miles of dilapidated woven wire fencing.</p> <p>Plant 0.125 acres of clover and vetch seed on washouts along roads and slides.</p> <p>Cut and mechanically treat, by uprooting, approximately 1 acre of young Douglas fir which are growing on ridges within the oak woodland area.</p> <p>Mechanically treat at least 1.25 acres, with heavy equipment, by removing and crushing decadent brush above the root crown (chaparral areas).</p> <p>Will cut the decadent branch growth off willows that were planted in springs and washouts in prior years.</p>
<p>Shamrock Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Mendocino</p> <p>16,400 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 8 bull elk, 10 antlerless elk, 50 deer of which no more than 30 may be forked-horn or better buck deer, and 20 may be antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 8 bull elk tags for the period of July 12, 2024 through December 12, 2024</p> <p>Issue 10 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024 through December 12, 2024</p> <p>Issue 35 either-sex deer tags for the period of July 12, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2024.</p>	<p>Continued removal and/or treatment of invasive scotch broom in the Anderson pasture near the springs.</p> <p>Fertilize and irrigate 15 acres of hay meadow from mid-July through mid-September to provide forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Rebuild the fencing at the 6-acre Meyer pasture livestock enclosure.</p> <p>Initiate a high intensity/ short duration cattle grazing treatment in the Meyers enclosure to remove accumulated mature, decadent forage.</p> <p>Remove and/or treat 4 acres of invasive scotch broom and restore and protect 2 springs.</p> <p>Create 3 new brush piles in the Meyer Pasture sub-area. 3 mature brush piles will be burned and reseeded.</p>

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<p>Shamrock Ranch Cont.</p>	<p>No more than 15 buck deer may be taken after October 27, 2024.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 15 additional either-sex deer tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p>	<p>Leave approximately 10.5 acres of hay meadow in the North Meadow and 30 feet wide by approximately 1,900 feet long buffer strip along Long Valley Creek in the South Meadow during haying to provide mature forage for elk and cover for the calves.</p> <p>Limit cattle grazing in the hay meadows and surrounding area which encompasses approximately 200 acres to mid-October through mid-December.</p> <p>Remove 660 feet of old woven wire fencing in the Meyers Pasture sub-area to reduce wildlife entanglement.</p> <p>Check and maintain 21 ponds and 8 springs. Repair an existing spring box which feeds an off-channel pond (Sawmill Pond and spring). The pond will be fenced to provide water and habitat for wildlife.</p>
<p>Six Point Ranch Deer Zone A Mendocino 3,960 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 12 forked-horned or better deer, 3 bull elk and 5 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 12 buck deer tags for the period of July 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 4 buck deer may be harvested after September 27, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 20, 2024 through December 1, 2024</p> <p>Issue 5 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024 through November 1, 2024</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 bull elk tag and 3 additional antlerless elk tags</p>	<p>Maintain 7 miles of roads and water bars where slopes are greater than 15% to reduce sediment entering waterways.</p> <p>Seed along 7 miles roads for wildlife forages and erosion control.</p> <p>Create 15 wildlife brush piles at least 8 feet high and 30 feet in diameter.</p> <p>Place tree stems and brush in the head cuts in at least 5 locations to decrease soil erosion on the upland areas.</p> <p>There will be no cattle grazing on the ranch this year in accordance with the rest period outlined in the management plan.</p> <p>Maintain exclusion fencing around Matthews Ranch Lake and riparian.</p>

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<p>Six Point Ranch Cont.</p>	<p>to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p> <p>In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest.</p> <p>The number of tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of elk available to harvest.</p>	<p>Remove at least 50 feet of fence barriers and replace with elk crossings of wildlife friendly fencing.</p> <p>Maintain all the water developments, name and map them all for better management in the future.</p> <p>Plant 10 acres of forage plots for deer utilization.</p> <p>Establish a 2-acre exclusion plot for deer fawning area.</p> <p>Treat at least 10 acres of yellow star thistle.</p>
<p>Spring Valley Ranch Deer Zone A Mendocino 4,860 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 24 forked-horn or better buck deer, 4 bull elk and 1 antlerless elk tag</p> <p>Issue 24 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 8 buck deer may be harvested after September 15, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 4 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 additional bull elk tag to complete the authorized harvest.</p> <p>In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest.</p> <p>The number of tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of elk available to harvest.</p>	<p>Remove at least 10 acres of conifer removal in oak woodlands.</p> <p>Maintain 10 previous water development projects.</p> <p>Create at least 10 brush piles at least 6 feet tall and 10 feet in diameter at the base.</p> <p>Remove and manipulate at least 5 acres of brush manipulation by tractor, hand, and/or herbicide to control scotch broom and coyote brush to improve wildlife forage.</p> <p>Mechanical removal of at least 1 acre of blackberries to create clearings for wildlife.</p> <p>Mechanical removal of at least 2 acres of manzanita to create clearings for wildlife.</p> <p>Repair existing elk crossings as necessary and construct 1 new elk crossing.</p> <p>Remove at least 1,000 feet of woven wire cross fencing to reduce wildlife entanglement.</p>

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	<p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p>	<p>Maintain 2 ponds (1-large 5-acre pond with 1-smaller pond) for use by migratory birds and other wildlife, including large mammals. The pond provides year-round water, as well as roosting, feeding, and nesting habitat.</p> <p>At least 1 mile of road maintenance and erosion control measures to lessen the sedimentation in waterways.</p> <p>Burn at least 5 decadent brush piles.</p>
<p>Stackhouse Ranch</p> <p>Shasta</p> <p>Deer Zone C3</p> <p>400 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 deer of which no more than 1 may be antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 2 either-sex deer tags for the period of September 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2024.</p>	<p>Conduct at least a 5-acre prescribed burn under the mature oak stands.</p> <p>Allow regrowth of important brush species to 3 feet in the 100 acres of thinned plantations.</p> <p>Plant black oak seedlings.</p> <p>Complete 20 acre thinning and fuels management project.</p> <p>Control invasive blackberries on 15 acres at the pond and restored meadows through spraying with appropriate herbicide.</p> <p>Maintain 6 wood duck nesting boxes.</p> <p>Complete 20 acre thinning and fuels management project.</p>
<p>Stewart Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Trinity</p> <p>11,006 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 36 forked-horn or better buck deer and 5 antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 36 buck deer tags for the period of July 20, 2024, through November 30, 2024. 10 of those tags shall be provided to apprentice or first-time hunters, and 1 shall be donated to a Hunter Education Instructor.</p>	<p>Rebuild wildlife friendly fencing and rebuild irrigation for all wildlife food plots that burned. Replant 4 irrigated food plots (10 acres total) with clover, chicory, and brassica to provide forage for wildlife at least every 4 years.</p> <p>Replant at least 11 acres of dryland food plots with barley, wheat, oats, plantain, and grains.</p> <p>Maintain 8 water sources (ponds and springs) with cattle exclusion fencing by</p>

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<p>Stewart Ranch Cont.</p>	<p>Issue 3 antlerless deer tags for the period of September 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 18 buck deer may be harvested after October 23, 2024.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 5 additional either-sex deer tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p> <p>In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest.</p> <p>The number of tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of deer available to harvest.</p>	<p>inspecting and repairing any damaged parts.</p> <p>Maintain the 200-yard buffer Golden Eagle nesting site protection area below "TinaMarie's Rock"</p> <p>Maintain all 15 wood duck nesting boxes by repairing and replacing damaged boxes and checking annually for nesting activity.</p> <p>Retreat conifer removal projects that have regrown.</p>
<p>Stover Ranch Humboldt 7,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 bull elk and 2 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 4 bull elk tags for the period September 1, 2024, through November 15, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period September 4, 2024 through November 15, 2024</p> <p>One of the antlerless elk tags will be made available for DFW to distribute to an Apprentice Hunter through the SHARE Program. The SHARE program will reimburse the PLM for the tag fee, but the PLM will otherwise provide the hunt free of charge.</p>	<p>Treat at least 33 acres of oak woodland/ prairie margin. Removing all conifer trees less than or equal to 12 inches DBH.</p> <p>Treat at least 50 acres of Grassland core treatment. Removing all conifer trees less than or equal to 18 inches DBH.</p>

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<p>Summer Camp Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Mendocino</p> <p>38,502 Acres</p> <p>Summer Camp Ranch Cont.</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 80 forked-horn or better buck deer and 1 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 80 buck deer tags for the period of July 13, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>No more than 40 buck deer may be taken after October 27, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of July 13, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 20 additional buck deer tags and 1 additional bull elk tag to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p> <p>In no case shall the number of tags issued be used to exceed the authorized harvest.</p> <p>The number of deer or elk tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of deer or elk available to harvest.</p>	<p>Maintain 3 irrigated wildlife forage areas, totaling 12.50 acres.</p> <p>Maintain RE2 riparian exclusion areas totaling 0.50 acre by repairing any damaged fencing and willows will be monitored for survival.</p> <p>Maintain 14 developed springs by checking and repairing any damage.</p> <p>Exclude livestock grazing from July through October.</p> <p>Improved grazing management on the 9-acre Garcey Unit to leave a minimum of 1000 pound per acre RDM.</p> <p>Create a 25-acre shaded fuel break throughout this 5-year period (5 acres each year). The fuel break will be up to 100 feet in width along both sides of approximately 1 mile of existing permanent roadway.</p> <p>Create at least 20 slash piles that are a minimum of 10 feet in diameter.</p> <p>Remove planted conifers in 5 acres of grassland areas to improve forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Cattle will be removed from the PLM from July through October.</p> <p>Maintain approximately 7 miles of riparian fencing on the Eel River and repair any damage.</p> <p>Maintain a minimum of 10 miles of road to prevent sedimentation into the Eel River system. Road maintenance will generally include grading roads, pulling inside ditches where they exist, shaping the road surface to promote proper drainage,</p>
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<p>Summer Camp Ranch Cont.</p>		<p>and inspection/repair of drainage facilities such as cross drains and culverts.</p> <p>Burn 100 acres of brush and grasslands in coordination with CalFire Vegetation Management Program to rejuvenate vegetation and control conifers invading oak woodlands.</p> <p>Burns throughout the 5-year period with the CAL FIRE Vegetation Management Program are dependent upon conditions, if burning cannot be conducted during the five-year project, 25 acres of planted ponderosa pine in grassland areas will be treated for conifer removal as an alternative.</p>
<p>Travis Ranch Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Trinity 11,907 Acres</p> <p>Travis Ranch Cont.</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 15 deer of which no more than 5 may be antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 15 either-sex deer tags for the period of July 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024</p> <p>Buck deer must be forked-horn or better.</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2024.</p> <p>No more than 8 buck deer may be harvested after October 27, 2024.</p>	<p>Remove all dead plant material less than or equal to 10 inches DBH from at least 20 acres of oak woodlands.</p> <p>Create 5 brush piles at least 6 feet tall and 10 feet in diameter at the base.</p>
<p>Wiggins Ranch Humboldt 16,657 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk and 2 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 4,</p>	<p>Remove encroaching conifers less than or equal to 12 inches DBH from at least 50 acres of oak woodland and adjacent grasslands.</p> <p>Within the treatment area at least 20 conifers greater than 12 inches DBH will be girdled.</p>

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	<p>2024 through November 15, 2024</p> <p>On or before October 1, 2024, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 additional bull elk tag to complete the authorized harvest.</p> <p>One of the antlerless elk tags will be made available for DFW to distribute to an Apprentice Hunter through the SHARE</p> <p>Program. The SHARE program will reimburse the PLM for the tag fee, but the PLM will otherwise provide the hunt free of charge.</p>	
<p>Wilkinson Hunting Club</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Humboldt/ Trinity</p> <p>5,376 acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 14 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 14 buck tags for the period of August 19, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 27, 2024.</p>	<p>Remove 10 acres of conifer trees 12 inches DBH or less in oak woodland areas.</p> <p>Remove at least 2,200 feet of abandoned fencing.</p> <p>Create at least 2 brush piles measuring at least 15 feet in diameter and 6 feet high.</p> <p>Create a 1 acre planted food plot enclosed by 3-foot electric fencing to keep wild pigs and cattle out but allow deer passage.</p> <p>Develop or rehabilitate 2 springs.</p>

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BAY DELTA REGION

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<p>Corral Hollow Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>San Joaquin County</p> <p>2,772 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the periods of July 15, 2024 through September 15, 2024 and November 15, 2024 through December 15, 2024.</p>	<p>Provide 480 acres of grasslands for exclusive use by elk.</p> <p>Continue to implement a rotational cattle grazing regime to provide adequate forage for elk.</p> <p>Leave downed and standing dead trees, including those that are a result of the SCU Lightning Complex and Corral Fires.</p> <p>Fence off a 30-acre section to establish elk forage plots. Five-acre plots are to be disked and planted each year for the next 5 years, resulting in 25 acres of planted forage. Seed mixes should contain a mixture of native grasses and forbs.</p> <p>Build and install 5 peeler-core elk crossings over the next 5 years. Two of these crossings will be located on the forage plot boundary fence and should be completed during the first year of this plan.</p>
<p>Coon Creek Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Santa Clara County</p> <p>1,650 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 8 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 8 buck deer tags to take for the periods of July 11, 2024 through November 30, 2024.</p>	<p>Brush approximately 10 new acres of chaparral.</p> <p>Pile brush and burn.</p> <p>Maintain springs and pond.</p> <p>Limit cattle grazing to 80 acres of ranch.</p>

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CENTRAL REGION		
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<p>Alexander Ranch Deer Zone A Monterey 786 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk, 2 antlerless elk and 1 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of July 2, 2024, through December 31, 2024</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024</p> <p>Issue 1 buck deer tag for the period of July 2, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p>	<p>Maintain existing springs, troughs and reservoirs to provide water for wildlife.</p> <p>Conduct 2 elk counts per year (count deer when possible, too).</p> <p>Create 5 brush piles for use by wildlife.</p> <p>Mechanically crush or manipulate 5 acres of decadent brush to improve forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Limit cattle stocking rate to 75 animals to enhance and provide habitat and feed for wildlife.</p>
<p>Avenales Ranch San Luis Obispo County 11,300 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 bull elk and 3 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 1, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 3 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Repair, maintain, and upgrade wildlife projects which were built in 2019.</p> <p>Install a 5,000-gallon water tank, rain catch cover, fencing, and Wildlife friendly water trough for wildlife usage on the lower Power line road.</p> <p>Install an extra 5000-gallon water tank for extra water storage.</p> <p>Install 1 wildlife friendly water trough.</p> <p>Work with local college students on research on the mountain king snake. This would consist of allowing them to access the ranch, helping with access to remote back county and recording any sighting we come across.</p> <p> </p>

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<p>Bardin Ranch Deer Zone A</p> <p>Monterey 8,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk tags (<i>every other year</i>), and 1 antlerless elk tag (<i>annually</i>)</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tag for the period of October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 4 antlerless elk tags for the period of October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Plant forage in the Gabilan elk and two hay fields.</p> <p>Mechanically clear and pile brush to improve grazing and enhance bird nesting habitat.</p> <p>Maintain all water supplies, springs, water troughs, and dams and remove brush in springs.</p> <p>Continue livestock grazing rotation and construct elk crossings.</p> <p>Implement improvements to storage reservoirs.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW chronic wasting disease surveillance by providing samples from harvested elk.</p>
<p>Camp 5 Outfitters – Roth Ranch Deer Zone A</p> <p>Monterey/San Luis Obispo 5,800 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk, 1 antlerless elk, 6 forked-horn or better buck deer, and 3 either-sex deer</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of July 2, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of July 2, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 3 either- sex deer tags for the period of September 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024 for antlerless deer.</p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed.</p> <p>Plant 100 acres of grain for wildlife.</p> <p>Plant 20 acres safflower for wildlife</p> <p>Build a 20 foot x 20 foot brush pile.</p> <p>Continue to keep cattle grazing at 20% of carrying capacity.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW chronic wasting disease surveillance by providing samples from harvested elk.</p>

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<p>Carnaza Ranch</p> <p>San Luis Obispo County</p> <p>8,475 acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk and 3 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 3 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Plant 100 acres of barley for wildlife.</p> <p>Plant 10 trees.</p> <p>Keep water troughs full year-round.</p>
<p>Chimney Rock Ranch</p> <p>San Luis Obispo County</p> <p>6,500 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk and 10 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 16 buck deer tags for the period beginning July 15, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p> <p>At the request of the licensee on or before October 25th, the licensee may request an addition of 4 deer tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p>	<p>Construct 10+ brush piles for wildlife cover. Will burn old, collapsed piles, weather/burn days permitting.</p> <p>Defer cattle from Lake Pasture from early spring thru mid-fall.</p> <p>Continue to monitor/repair and/or improve all water sources.</p> <p>Spray yellow star thistle, medusa head, thistles, etc. in Lake Pasture and on San Marcos Dam.</p>
<p>Clark & White Ranch</p> <p>San Luis Obispo County</p> <p>5,660 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk and 2 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 15, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 15, 2024.</p>	<p>Plant 1,000 acres of barley for use by elk and other wildlife.</p> <p>Repair 1 dam to increase standing water and enhance riparian/marsh habitats.</p>

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<p>D- Rafter L Ranch</p> <p>San Luis Obispo County</p> <p>3,156 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk, 1 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Maintain existing brush piles by adding new brush to the tops/edges of the brush piles.</p> <p>Create brush pile #11 near Pond 2 for bird and small animal cover.</p> <p>Maintain duck boxes at Ponds 1-8.</p> <p>Maintain goose/turtle platforms at Ponds 2 and 3.</p> <p>Maintain pond turtle basking structures at Ponds 4 and 10.</p> <p>Maintain oak trees for mast production by preserving existing oak trees and woodlands, and preventing brush encroachment through livestock grazing.</p> <p>Leave downed woody material for wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain operational status of two existing water projects.</p> <p>Plant 5 valley oak trees from acorns collected on site.</p>
<p>DeFrancesco/ Eaton Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone: A</p> <p>Merced</p> <p>4,149 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 10 forked-horn or better buck deer, 3 bull elk, and 3 cow elk</p> <p>Issue 10 buck deer tags for the period of July 13, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 13, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 3 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 14, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p>	<p>Plant and maintain 5 acres of winter forage in area where juniper removal took place.</p> <p>Eliminate cattle grazing on APNs 087-070-011 and 087-070-013 between June 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Maintain water supply troughs at Main spring, Deer Camp, Laurel spring, Squirrel Spring, & Hay Barn.</p>

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<p>Hartnell Ranch Deer Zone A Monterey 4,600 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk, 2 antlerless elk and 2 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of July 2, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024, to December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 forked horn or better buck deer tags for the period of July 2, 2024, to November 30, 2024.</p>	<p>Maintain existing springs, troughs and reservoirs to provide water for wildlife.</p> <p>Conduct 3 elk counts per year (count deer, when possible, too).</p> <p>Create 8 brush piles for use by wildlife.</p> <p>Mechanically crush or manipulate 10 acres of decadent brush to improve forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Limit Cattle stocking rate to 250 animals to maintain reserve habitats for wildlife.</p>
<p>Indian Valley Cattle Company (IVCC) – Lombardo Ranch Deer Zone A Monterey 12,500 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk, 2 antlerless elk and 4 forked-horn or better bucks</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 4 buck deer tags for the period of July 2, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p>	<p>Burn or brush crush 3-5 acres of chaparral.</p> <p>Create 4-6 brush piles for use by wildlife.</p> <p>Maintain cattle stocking rate of approximately 300 animals to provide feed and reduce competition with wildlife.</p> <p>Plant 350 acres of barley.</p> <p>Rotationally graze all pastures and rest others to increase wildlife access. No grazing in the Big Sandy Creek.</p> <p>Rotate cattle grazing of volunteer barley to facilitate wildlife use.</p> <p>Rehabilitate 25-50 acres of abandoned farmland to improve habitat value.</p>
<p>Lewis Ranch Deer Zone A San Benito 512 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: Issue 1 bull elk tag (<i>every other year</i>), and 1 antlerless elk tag (<i>annually</i>)</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and repair collection devices and troughs as needed.</p> <p>Clean and repair 4 existing owl boxes.</p> <p>Check 4 bat boxes.</p> <p>Create 12 brush piles for use by wildlife.</p>

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Lewis Ranch Cont.	Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024, to December 31, 2024.	Disc/plant/fertilize 8 fields with barley. No grazing of livestock on 512 acres.
Lone Ranch Deer Zone A San Benito 12,500 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk, 2 antlerless elk and 4 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024, to December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 4 forked horned or better buck deer tags for the period of July 2, 2024, through November 30, 2024.</p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and repair collection devices and troughs as needed.</p> <p>Repair and improve Red Mountain Pond Spring to provide clean drinking water for wildlife.</p> <p>Rest Lower McCoy Pasture (1,500 acres), Cabin Pasture (300 acres), Loco Flat Pasture (200 acres) and Johnson Pasture (1,200 acres).</p> <p>Install 3 elk crossings in McCoy.</p> <p>Treat noxious weeds, such as yellow-star thistle, with herbicide in Driveway and Devil's Canyon.</p>
Morisoli Ranch Deer Zone A Monterey and San Benito Counties 14,700 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 bull elk and 4 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 4 bull elk tags for the period of July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 4 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed – develop one new water source for wildlife.</p> <p>Mechanically clear 5 acres of old growth brush to stimulate new forage growth for use by wildlife.</p> <p>Upgrade/improve old elk crossings and install one additional crossing.</p> <p>Construct and install 1 owl nest box.</p> <p>Construct additional water storage tank, lines and troughs.</p> <p>Plant a minimum of 10 acres of dryland forage mix to provide wildlife forage.</p>

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Peachtree Ranch Deer Zone A Monterey 32,104 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 7 bull elk and 4 antlerless elk Issue 7 bull elk tags for the period of July 2, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Issue 4 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024. <i>*This represents an increase in tag allocation (2 additional bull elk tag and 1 additional antlerless tag)</i>	Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed. Build 1 elk crossing. Conduct 10-12 elk counts. Report the vegetation height by pasture after the steers have shipped. Install 15 escape ramps in water troughs. Contribute to CDFW chronic wasting disease surveillance by providing samples from harvested elk.
Pine Mountain Ranch Deer Zone A San Benito County 1,621 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 4 forked-horn or better buck deer Issue 4 buck deer tags for the period of July 2, 2024, through November 20, 2024.	Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed – develop 1 new water source for wildlife. Continue to mechanically clear or brush crush decadent to stimulate new forage growth for use by wildlife. Plant a minimum of additional dryland forage mix to provide wildlife forage. Repair and maintain fencing as needed – continue to remove interior fencing to encourage wildlife to traverse the property.

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<p>Rancho La Cuesta</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>San Benito</p> <p>4,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk, 1 antlerless elk, and 4 forked-horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 buck deer tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through November 30, 2024</p> <p><i>Rancho La Cuesta is not requesting their full allocation of deer tags.</i></p>	<p>Clean and maintain water points on the ranch to provide water for wildlife.</p> <p>Provide water for the upper ranch.</p> <p>Continue to repair pond damage that occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Plant 5 acres of grass and legumes to provide high quality food for elk and deer.</p> <p>Maintain 2,350-acre cattle free refuge on the upper portion of the ranch for exclusive use by wildlife.</p> <p>Burn or mechanically manipulate 5 acres of decadent chaparral to stimulate growth of quality browse for wildlife.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW chronic wasting disease surveillance by providing samples from harvested elk.</p>
<p>Rooster Comb Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone: A</p> <p>Stanislaus</p> <p>4,862 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 6 forked-horn or better buck deer and 2 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of August 10, 2024, through November 24, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of September 6, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Plant 20 acres with rye/vetch/sudan mix in Area A.</p> <p>Clear 5 acres of decadent chaparral and use cuttings to make quail habitat.</p> <p>Maintain and/or repair all water sources.</p> <p>Maintain and/or repair all elk crossings.</p>

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<p>San Bartolome Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Monterey</p> <p>3,500 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk, 1 antlerless elk, 3 forked-horn or better buck deer, and 3 either- sex deer</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of July 2, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 2 buck deer tags for the period of July 2, 2024, through November 30, 2024</p> <p><i>San Bartolome Ranch is not requesting their full allocation of tags.</i></p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed.</p> <p>Build 1 elk crossing in the back pasture.</p> <p>Mow or disk a 3-mile fire break.</p> <p>Provide water in the back pasture for wildlife access.</p> <p>Build a 20 foot x 20 foot brush pile.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW chronic wasting disease surveillance by providing samples from harvested elk.</p>
<p>Sky Rose Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Monterey</p> <p>14,039 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 7 forked-horn or better buck deer, 2 antlerless deer, and 2 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 7 buck deer tags for the period of July 1, 2024, through November 30, 2023.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless deer tags for the period of July 1, 2024, through November 30, 2023.</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.</p>	<p>Plant 10 acres of barley and grass mix to provide forage and cover for wildlife.</p> <p>Remove and dispose of mature tree of heaven; seed with site-appropriate native seed mix.</p> <p>Open dense juniper stands by trimming lower branches to create refuge and shaded sites.</p> <p>Install any combination of blue bird nesting boxes or bat roosting boxes totaling 10 units at locations to be determined on the ranch.</p> <p>Construct 10 brush piles in appropriate areas to enhance wildlife habitat.</p> <p>Maintain existing wildlife watering sources.</p>

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<p>Temblor Ranch 30,000 Acres Kern/San Luis Obispo Counties</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 9 bull elk and 10 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 9 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Issue 10 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Plant 100 acres of barley.</p> <p>Plant 5 shade trees and 5 fruit trees.</p> <p>Install 1 water trough.</p>
<p>Trinchero Ranch Deer Zone A San Benito 4,452 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk and 1 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.</p> <p><i>Trinchero Ranch is not requesting their full allocation of tags.</i></p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed.</p> <p>Control invasive tamarisk along San Benito River adjacent to house pasture.</p> <p>Plant dryland range mix in brush cleared areas.</p> <p>Construct 4-6 brush piles for wildlife use.</p> <p>Limit cattle grazing on approximately 4000 acres in Black Mountain and Red Mountain pastures from December through May.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW chronic wasting disease surveillance by providing samples from harvested elk.</p>