

Staff Summary for June 17-18, 2026

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

Consider approving annual PLM plans.

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

California Fish and Game Code Section 3402 subdivision (a) states that an application for a wildlife habitat enhancement and management area license may be issued by the Department upon approval by the Commission; 3406 subdivision (c) requires that the activities conducted pursuant to each Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Plan shall be reviewed annually by the Department and by the Commission at a public hearing. Licenses for such areas may be granted by the Commission for a period of five years following department review and approval of the management plan (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Subsection 601(a)).

The PLM program 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 management plans for 51 properties in 15 counties consisting of approximately 303,913 acres.

Habitat improvements accomplished under the management 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 they comply with Commission regulations and policies for PLM licenses and plans.

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

Commission staff: Approve the PLM area licenses, proposed annual renewals for 2026-2027 seasons, harvests and habitat improvements as recommended by the Department for 51 properties under a motion to adopt the consent calendar

Department: Approve the annual PLM licenses, management plans, and proposed season harvests and habitat improvements under the conditions specified in Exhibit 2

Exhibits

1. [Department memo, received June 8, 2026](#)
2. [PLM Area License Annual Renewals, 2026-2027, received June 8, 2026](#)

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Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 12-17 on the consent calendar.

Memorandum

Date: June 8, 2026

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

From: Meghan Hertel
Director

Subject: **Agenda Item for the June 17-18, 2026 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 plans for 10 new properties in 6 counties consisting of approximately 38,863 acres. These new properties cover a variety of habitats including oak woodland, chaparral and riparian areas which benefit both game and non-game species. Proposed habitat improvements include oak woodland restoration, installing numerous water catchments, and improving the quality of riparian areas by removing non-native species. The Department received letters of concern from neighbors of 7 Oaks Ranch, in Tulare County, regarding hunting through the PLM Program. The Department addressed their concerns related to fire arms and are requesting their 3 PLM deer tags be archery only.

The Department has also reviewed 5-year renewals for 9 properties in 4 counties consisting of approximately 58,513 acres and the annual reports for 51 properties in 15 counties consisting of approximately 303,913 acres.

The Department recommends that the Commission approve the wildlife management plans, applications, and each 2026/27 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.

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The attached tables represent the second, and final list of PLM properties recommended for approval by the Commission in 2026. We previously recommended a first list of PLM properties for approval at the April 16, 2026, Commission meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Barr at [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Attachment

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**Annual Private Lands Management (PLM) Area
Renewals, for 2026-2027 with Proposed Seasons, Harvests, and
Habitat Improvements**

NORTHERN REGION

PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p>Ash Valley Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone X3A</p> <p>Lassen</p> <p>8,736 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 forked horn or better buck deer and 1 pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags to take 4 buck deer for the period August 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</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>Issue 1 buck pronghorn antelope tag for the period of August 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.</p>	<p>Remove noxious weeds from at least 20 acres by grubbing and/or chemical application.</p> <p>Through the use of rotational grazing prescriptions, maintain previously completed habitat restoration work.</p> <p>Maintenance on at least 40 acres of previously treated juniper removal projects.</p>
<p>Baccala Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone C4</p> <p>Tehama</p> <p>5,956 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 5 buck deer tags for the period of September 19, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Install wildlife friendly fencing around the perimeters of one natural springs.</p> <p>Install 1 guzzler to collect rainwater to provide water for wildlife during dry periods.</p> <p>Create 4 brush piles for wildlife habitat. Each pile will be at least 15 feet in diameter and 6 feet tall.</p> <p>Remove at least 0.25 miles of old unused fencing.</p>

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PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p>Basin View Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone X2</p> <p>Modoc</p> <p>8,500 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 7 forked horn or better buck deer and 1 buck pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 7 buck deer tags for the period of October 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than one buck deer annually in the X zones.</p> <p>Issue 1 buck pronghorn antelope tag for the period of August 1, 2026, through August 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Treat at least 100 acres of juniper in order to encourage shrub and forb recruitment by cutting juniper saplings.</p> <p>Leave at least 35% of crop lands fallow on a 3-year rotation.</p> <p>Continue using flushing bar on mowing machines to decrease animals being killed during harvesting.</p> <p>Inspect and, as necessary, repair and make wildlife friendly at least 10 miles of exclusionary fencing that controls livestock movement and grazing around ponds and springs.</p> <p>Exclude livestock grazing from 1 of the rotation management units (775 acres) year-round.</p>
<p>Big Bluff Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B5</p> <p>Tehama</p> <p>3,736 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 9 deer of which no more than 8 may be forked horn or better buck deer and 3 may be antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 10 either-sex deer tags for the period of August 2, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain and improve the Red Bank Restoration Project improvements (native vegetation restoration of 30 acres along 3 miles of creek) by repairing any damage to the livestock control fencing and removing the infrastructure that is no longer needed to sustain the project.</p> <p>Install 1 water troughs that allow for wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain the water development at Miller Place as needed to provide water for wildlife by repairing any damage to the system.</p> <p>Maintain the wildlife-friendly fence below Sunflower Dam to exclude livestock and allow wildlife access to wetlands.</p> <p>Utilize “Halter” virtual fence collars to control cattle movement and utilization of habitat.</p>

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PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p>Big Bluff Ranch (Continued)</p>		<p>Participate in the Sunflower Coordinated Resource Management Program, which is working, in part, to improve wildlife habitat on the surrounding 40,000 acres.</p> <p>Continue to participate in the CAL FIRE Vegetation Management Program to manage mixed chaparral fuels, enhance wildlife habitat, and reduce exotic weeds. Proposed burn will be at least 800 acres.</p>
<p>Black Ranch Shasta Deer Zone C3 1,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 forked horn or better buck deer, 2 antlerless deer, 1 bull elk, and 1 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 2 buck deer tags and 2 antlerless deer tags for the period of September 7, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag and 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 7, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No antlerless deer or elk may be harvested before September 15, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain the 145-acre wetlands project that was constructed last year to re-establish the native hydrology of the floodplain to Burney Creek.</p> <p>Establish a forest health and fire reduction project on at least 335 acres.</p> <p>Maintain 4 owl boxes and 6 goose nesting platforms by checking use and replacing nesting material as necessary.</p> <p>Maintain 12 bat boxes.</p> <p>Install 5 wood duck boxes and maintain at least 18 previously installed wood duck boxes along the creek.</p> <p>Install 5 elevated goose nests.</p> <p>Construct at least 2 brush piles measuring 6 feet high and 15 feet in diameter.</p> <p>Conduct rotational regenerative grazing on the property.</p> <p>Install 1 wildlife crossings of boundary fencing on the east side of the property.</p> <p>Establish a conservation easement on the majority of the farmland property.</p>

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<p>Blodgett Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone C3</p> <p>Shasta</p> <p>2,440 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of September 19, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Install wildlife friendly fencing around at least one natural spring annually. Fenced area around the springs will be at least 24 feet by 24 feet.</p> <p>Spray at least 14 acres of yellow star thistle</p> <p>Manage oak woodlands to maintain oaks for mast production, retain down and standing dead trees for wildlife habitat. No commercial wood cutting.</p> <p>Create at least 3 brush piles annually measuring at least 12 feet in diameter and 8 feet tall.</p> <p>Initiate a program to remove feral horses from the property.</p> <p>Remove at least 0.25 miles of old non-wildlife friendly fencing annually. Any fencing that needs to be replaced will be wildlife friendly.</p> <p>Broadcast California Native Grassland Seed Mix on at least 14 acres at a rate of 70 pounds per acre.</p> <p>Establish at least a 2-acre food plot for wildlife. Food plot establishment will encompass soil preparation, seeding, and forage establishment. Install wildlife friendly to exclude livestock grazing.</p>
<p>Clarks Valley Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone X3B</p> <p>Lassen</p> <p>2,793 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 forked horn or buck deer</p> <p>Issue 3 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p>	<p>Remove at least 0.25 miles of field fencing to reduce wildlife entanglements.</p> <p>Install at least 0.25 miles of wildlife friendly fencing.</p> <p>Install at least 500 feet of temporary fencing at Clarks Creek to protect the riparian restoration project.</p>

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PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
Clarks Valley Ranch (Continued)		Maintain beaver dam analog in Clarks Creek to assist in better hydrologic function and riparian habitat restoration.
Clover Creek Ranch Deer Zone C3 Shasta 880 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 3 forked horn or better buck deer Issue 3 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026.	Maintain at least 150 acres of thermal hiding cover area on the north facing slope south of Clover Creek. Remove at least 2 acres of dead and downed vegetation. Create at least 2 water catchment ponds to provide water for wildlife and sub irrigate and possibly pipe to areas for longer green forage availability. Maintain 25 wood duck boxes on Clover Creek. Maintain 5 ponds in an area of the ranch that does not currently have water to encourage reduced cattle use of riparian areas, at least 5 more ponds will be added. Maintain existing food plots and establish at least 5 new plots. These will be fenced off from any livestock. Continue reducing erosion and control sediment from entering Clover Creek by creating water bars on graded dirt roads and adding crushed rocks. Manage grazing intensity to less than 70 pairs and graze between December 1 through May 1 to provide forage for wildlife.
Cow Creek Ranch Deer Zone C3	Authorized Harvest: 10 forked horn or better buck deer and 5 bear	Treat at least 20 acres of decadent brush annually with a bulldozer by clearing and piling brush.

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PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p>Cow Creek Ranch (continued)</p> <p>Shasta</p> <p>4,714 Acres</p>	<p>Issue 10 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 6 buck deer may be taken after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 5 bear tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, or when the season closes because the Department has determined that 1,700 bears have been harvested per CCR, Title 14, Section 365.</p>	<p>Create at least 5 brush piles that are at least 5 feet tall and 20 feet wide.</p> <p>Retain oaks, standing snags and large woody debris that is not a safety hazard.</p> <p>Maintain at least 1 previously established spring on the property.</p>
<p>Duncan Creek Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B5</p> <p>Shasta</p> <p>1,366 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 8 buck deer tags for the period September 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</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>Burn at least 10 acres annually of decadent chamise to improve forage quality and travel corridors.</p> <p>Maintain at least 3 miles of established travel corridors throughout the property.</p> <p>Overseed areas that have been burned annually.</p>
<p>El Rancho Rio Frio</p> <p>Deer Zone B5</p> <p>Tehama</p> <p>12,682 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 24 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 24 buck deer tags for the period of August 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 12 deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain and inspect current guzzlers for damage and repair as necessary.</p> <p>Maintain all roads to ensure erosion control measures are in place to lessen the impacts to any waterways.</p> <p>Check the creek and riparian areas for erosion issues and establish preventative measures.</p>

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<p>El Rancho Rio Frio</p> <p>(continued)</p>		<p>Create at least 3 small wildlife brush piles measuring at least 15 feet in diameter and 6 feet tall.</p> <p>Plant at least 2 acres of previously disturbed areas with perennial grasses and clovers.</p> <p>Maintain at least 12 wood duck boxes along Cold Fork Creek.</p> <p>Control invasive weed species through physical removal, spraying with herbicide, or mowing/ weed eating.</p>
<p>Five Dot Ranch - Avila</p> <p>Deer Zone X3A</p> <p>Lassen</p> <p>11,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 12 buck deer tags to take 6 buck deer for the period of September 5, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</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>Continue reduced livestock use at 300 head (previously 450 head).</p> <p>Cut at least 300 juniper trees.</p> <p>Continue to exclude livestock from 7 aspen and wetland habitat enclosures by inspecting the wildlife friendly fencing and making any necessary repairs. These areas provide important deer fawning habitat.</p> <p>Maintain 6 nesting platforms for Canada geese at four reservoirs by checking use and replacing nesting material as necessary.</p> <p>Cut and disperse 100 mountain mahogany branches with ripe seeds in order to recruit young plants.</p> <p>Maintain 6 existing springs by checking for broken pipes and repairing as necessary.</p> <p>Maintain 4 existing reservoirs by inspecting spillways and dams for damage and making any necessary repairs.</p>

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<p>Five Dot Ranch - Horse Lake</p> <p>Deer Zone X5A</p> <p>Lassen</p> <p>8,025 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 forked horn or better buck deer and 1 buck pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 1 buck deer tag for the period of September 19, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p> <p>Issue 1 buck pronghorn antelope tag for the period of August 8, 2026, through September 19, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintenance of rehabilitation project to Coon Camp Springs and associated riparian vegetation on 20 acres by excluding cattle (allow grazing for 4-5 days only), and maintaining a water storage tank, solar panel, and troughs.</p> <p>Complete clearance of 25 acres of juniper trees in an 80-acre area to enhance the riparian and wildlife habitat.</p> <p>Maintain exclosures to manage livestock access to natural springs (roughly 5 acres of natural springs).</p> <p>Defer livestock grazing of the 300-acre Packard Field until after July 1 to improve duck and goose brood survival. Grazing will occur between July 1, 2026, and October 15, 2026.</p> <p>Maintain 2 water troughs and 10,000-gallon storage tank.</p> <p>Maintain 5 goose nesting platforms at Packard Reservoir and Coon Camp Reservoir as needed.</p> <p>Knock seed off bitterbrush plants so cattle can stomp them into the ground for regeneration. Bitterbrush regeneration will be monitored annually through photo monitoring and will be conducted to track growth and success of the practice.</p> <p>Cut at least 50 junipers annually outside of the Coon Camp Rehabilitation Project.</p>
<p>Five Dot Ranch – School Section</p> <p>Deer Zone X5A</p> <p>Lassen</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 forked horn or better buck</p> <p>Issue 1 buck deer tag for the period of September 19, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain wildlife friendly livestock exclusion fence around 2 aspen patches by inspecting it regularly and making any necessary repairs. Increase fenced area as the aspen patch enlarges.</p>

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<p>Five Dot Ranch – School Section</p> <p>(continued)</p> <p>640 Acres</p>	<p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p>	<p>Cut and disperse 50 mountain mahogany branches with ripe seeds to recruit young plants. Photo monitoring will be conducted to track growth and success of the practice.</p> <p>Cattle grazing will be utilized on 1 year of grazing and then 2 years of rest. There will only be 1 year of grazing in this 5 year plan (2027).</p>
<p>Five Dot Ranch - Tunnel Springs</p> <p>Deer Zone X5A</p> <p>Lassen</p> <p>2,600 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 forked horn or better buck deer and 2 buck pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 1 buck deer tag for the period of September 19, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p> <p>Issue 2 buck pronghorn antelope tags for the period of August 8, 2026, through September 19, 2026.</p>	<p>Repair damaged livestock-exclusion fencing with wildlife-friendly fencing at Tunnel Springs.</p> <p>Retain water in 2 reservoirs at 50% of the current year's water capacity for wildlife.</p> <p>Remove at least 5 acres annually of junipers for a total of 25 acres.</p> <p>Knock seeds off bitterbrush plants in the fall so cattle can stomp them into the ground for regeneration. Bitterbrush regeneration will be monitored annually photo monitoring will be conducted to track growth and success of the practice.</p> <p>Maintain the solar panel water pump system that keeps 12 water troughs full to provide water for wildlife.</p> <p>Coordinate with BLM to facilitate the gathering of wild horses on the property as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Five Dot Ranch - Willow Creek</p> <p>Deer Zone X4</p> <p>Lassen</p> <p>7,200 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 7 forked horn or better buck deer and 2 buck pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 8 buck deer tags to take 7 buck deer for the period of September 19, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Repair with wildlife-friendly fencing any damaged livestock-exclusion fencing around 4 aspen and willow stands totaling 30 acres that provide deer fawning habitat.</p>

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PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p>Five Dot Ranch - Willow Creek (continued)</p>	<p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</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>Issue 2 buck pronghorn antelope tags for the period of August 8, 2026, through September 19, 2026.</p>	<p>Retain water in reservoirs and ponds at 50% of the current year's water capacity for wildlife by filling them as needed.</p> <p>Remove at least 200 conifers annually.</p> <p>No grazing will be allowed on North Pond for waterfowl habitat.</p> <p>Leave the third cutting of alfalfa on 100 acres for deer and pronghorn antelope use.</p> <p>Maintain a 50-acre field of alfalfa and grass, providing forage for deer.</p> <p>Maintain 4 goose nesting platforms at Round Valley Reservoir.</p> <p>Leave 100 acres of bitterbrush in the Windmill Field for wildlife.</p> <p>Leave 50 acres of native vegetation in the triangle field between SR 139 and Horse Lake Road for wildlife use.</p>
<p>Fort Bidwell Ranch Deer Zone X-3B Modoc 9,460 Acres</p> <p>Fort Bidwell Ranch Cont.</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 forked horn or better buck deer Issue 3 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Mechanically treat at least 20 acres of junipers. Removal will promote native beneficial forages; these junipers will be cut and piled left for nesting, then burned later.</p> <p>Maintain aspen stand restoration efforts on two aspen stands through removal of junipers, encroaching conifers, and downed woody debris.</p> <p>Maintain the wildlife-friendly fenced aspen stand to exclude cattle.</p> <p>3 beaver dam analogs (BDAs) installed annually. This year's has been completed.</p>

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<p>Fort Bidwell Ranch (continued)</p>		<p>Type shift at least 50 acres of agricultural fields to meadow grasses that promote bedding and areas of foraging for a variety of wildlife and utilize standing buffers of grasses along roads.</p>
<p>Grasshopper Valley Ranch Deer Zone X5A Lassen 12,063 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 forked horn or better buck deer and 2 buck pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 3 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p> <p>Issue 2 buck pronghorn antelope tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Exclude cattle from the northern 1/3 of the Grasshopper Valley during greater sage grouse breeding season from December 1 through June 15 annually.</p> <p>At least 20 miles of old fencing replaced with wildlife friendly fencing has been completed.</p> <p>Install 3 float regulated water troughs with wildlife escape ramps.</p> <p>Juniper removals as needed and outlined by CDFW staff.</p>
<p>Hathaway Oak Run Ranch Deer Zone C3 Shasta 6,640 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 12 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 12 buck deer tags for the period of September 20, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 9 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Develop the 2 spring sites to provide year-round water sources for wildlife, one in the SE corner of section 3 and one in the Swede Creek basin of section 4.</p> <p>Maintain the 6-acre riparian livestock exclusion on Swede Creek by inspecting fencing and making any necessary repairs.</p> <p>Maintain existing spring developments that provide year-round water for wildlife by checking for broken pipes and repairing as necessary and clearing sediment and vegetation from the sources.</p> <p>Maintain 10 wood duck boxes.</p>

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<p>Hathaway Oak Run Ranch</p> <p>(continued)</p>		<p>Maintain existing deer forage areas by diverting spring water over the maximum area possible and along the contour through a shallow ditch system.</p> <p>Promote vernal pool flora and fauna by using cattle grazing to protect and maintain 2 vernal pools in Section 9 and 18.</p> <p>Create 1 brush pile at least 6 feet high and 10 feet wide.</p> <p>Maintain previously installed owl boxes along Oak Run Creek by checking use and replacing material as necessary.</p> <p>Maintain all previously installed bat boxes.</p>
<p>Jerusalem Creek Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B5</p> <p>Shasta</p> <p>726 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 4 buck tag for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain previous water sources that provide water for wildlife by checking for broken pipes and repairing as necessary.</p> <p>Mechanically treat a minimum of 10 acres decadent ceanothus or white leaf manzanita.</p> <p>Enhance and maintain 2 spring sources by removing invasive plants and maintaining exclusionary fencing.</p> <p>Create wildlife migratory travel routes through clearing ridges, trails, and road systems on 5 acres over the next 5 years.</p>
<p>JS Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone C3</p> <p>Shasta</p> <p>7,134 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 12 forked horn or better buck deer, 1 bull elk and 3 bears</p> <p>Issue 12 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Grazing management will be used to prevent erosion and leave browse and grass for wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain 5 riparian protected areas of at least 100 acres to provide cover for wildlife and livestock are excluded.</p>

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<p>JS Ranch (continued)</p>	<p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 3 bear tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, or when the season closes because the Department has determined that 1,700 bears have been harvested per CCR, Title 14, Section 365.</p>	<p>Maintain water in irrigation canals year-round to provide water for wildlife.</p> <p>Continue to maintain at least 82 acres of irrigated pastures for wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain at least a 50-acre irrigated pasture for elk foraging in the northeast corner of the ranch and the Rock Garden Flats.</p> <p>Mechanically control the spread of extensive blackberry thickets within a 650-acre area. Bramble margins and some interior areas will be cut or crushed to reduce blackberry water consumption and increase forage.</p> <p>Install water bars on dirt roads adjacent to Cow Creek to prevent sediment erosion flowing into the creek.</p> <p>Maintain cattle exclusion fencing and replant 50 acres within 5 wildlife food plots.</p> <p>Maintain the livestock exclusion area of 2,500 acres to provide forage for wildlife during late summer and early fall. Livestock are excluded from June 1 through October 31.</p> <p>Enhance and maintain ponds by enlarging and repairing spillways and dams and making any other necessary repairs.</p> <p>Maintain a 200-acre fenced area with no human disturbance or cattle grazing for wildlife use year-round.</p> <p>No commercial wood or rock harvesting on the entirety of the ranch.</p>

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<p>Kampmann Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone C3</p> <p>Shasta</p> <p>557 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 3 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain a livestock exclusion area encompassing at least 200 acres.</p> <p>Rotationally graze no more than 40 pair of cattle from April 1 through June 15.</p> <p>Remove 1,000 feet of woven wire fencing and replace with wildlife friendly fencing.</p> <p>Create a riparian protection area in Unit 5.</p> <p>Continued treatment of Himalayan blackberry thickets in middle spring.</p> <p>Rangeland seeding at least 1 acre.</p> <p>Maintain the previously installed erosion control structures.</p> <p>Mechanically treat at least 0.50 acre of decadent brush to create more palatable feed for wildlife.</p> <p>Install at least 1 wood duck nesting box.</p>
<p>Lookout Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone X1</p> <p>Modoc</p> <p>6,880 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer and 1 buck antelope</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of August 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p> <p>Issue 1 buck pronghorn antelope tags for the period of August 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Remove western junipers from at least 3 acres in the Moon Pasture.</p> <p>Water development project in the Moon pasture.</p> <p>Rotate 200 head of cattle through all of deeded ground. During summer, graze 75% of cattle on private lease ground, then bring cattle back to the ranch in fall to manage crop residue that restricts plant growth and development. Gather cattle and ship to winter pasture.</p> <p>Build at least 5 brush piles measuring at least 12 feet in diameter by 8 feet tall in the Moon Pasture to provide escape cover for wildlife.</p>

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Lookout Ranch (contued)		Plant at least 200 willow cuttings or started willow plants in the Reeds Canary ponds.
Mendiboure Ranch Deer Zone X5B Lassen 8,840 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 forked horn or better buck deer and 1 buck pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags to take 3 buck deer for the period of October 3, 2026, through November 15, 2026.</p> <p>No person may take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</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>Issue 1 buck pronghorn antelope tag for the period of August 22, 2026, through September 13, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain aspen and willow livestock exclosure fencing at Etchecopar Spring, Van Loan Creek, and Big Springs by checking and repairing fencing if needed.</p> <p>Removal of at least 20 junipers annually. Create at least 3 brush piles from these removed trees.</p> <p>Create at least one 20 foot X 20 foot brush pile for small wildlife. Burn one 20 foot X 20 foot old decadent brush piles for ash.</p> <p>Replant meadow grasses in at least 3 acres South of the headquarters.</p> <p>Cut and disperse mahogany limbs to help regrow new plants. These will be in the Paulsen Springs and Smith Flat areas.</p> <p>Maintain all previously developed springs and water sources.</p> <p>Maintain perimeter fences any repairs will be made to be wildlife friendly.</p> <p>Continue rotational cattle grazing so that the residual dry matter does not fall below 40% using the Double-Weight sampling technique.</p>
Deer Zone C4 Tehama 21,094 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 26 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 26 buck deer tags for the period of September 19, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Continue the large-scale feral cattle removal project from the property</p> <p>Maintain the 4 previously enhanced spring sites by maintaining the wildlife friendly fencing allowing for riparian vegetation to regrow.</p>

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Mill Creek Ranch (continued)		<p>Protect and enhance at least 1 spring site by installing wildlife friendly fencing to allow for riparian vegetation to regrow.</p> <p>Remove at least 0.50 miles of internal wildlife unfriendly fencing from the creek south of Goat Camp to South Ridge.</p>
Observation Peak Ranch Deer Zone X5B Lassen 640 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 1 buck tag for the period of September 19, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than one buck deer annually in the X zones.</p>	<p>Seed 1 acre of mountain mahogany at a rate of 0.20 lbs./acre.</p> <p>Maintain wildlife friendly fencing on the property.</p> <p>Remove at least 5 juniper trees and create small wildlife habitat piles from the slash.</p>
Red Rock Ranch Deer Zone X3B Lassen 6,887 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 7 forked horn or better buck deer, 2 buck pronghorn antelope and 1 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 7 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p> <p>Issue 2 buck pronghorn antelope tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Remove at least 0.25 miles of field fencing to reduce wildlife entanglements.</p> <p>Install at least 0.25 miles of wildlife friendly fencing.</p> <p>Cut at least 50 acres of junipers to promote native beneficial forage and vegetation types.</p> <p>Maintain previously restored springs.</p> <p>Maintain Little Boot Lake and Springs including yearly maintenance of the dam, spillway and spring.</p> <p>Install at least 2 beaver dam analogs (BDAs) to assist in better hydrologic function and riparian habitat restoration.</p>
Rickert Ranch Deer Zone C3	<p>Authorized Harvest: 10 forked horn or better buck deer and 1 bull elk</p>	<p>Oak recruitment habitat improvement in French Creek. Fertilizing and oak spiking</p>

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<p>Rickert Ranch (continued) Shasta 4,441 Acres</p>	<p>Issue 10 forked horn or better buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 20256, through November 30, 20256.</p> <p>Only 6 buck deer shall be harvested after October 25, 2026.</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>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>to increase acorn production in a 1-acre plot. (ORHI-4A)</p> <p>Repair and maintain the spring at Tule Pond. (SM-4A)</p> <p>Create at least 5 brush piles measuring at least 6 feet tall and 12 feet in diameter. (BP-4A)</p> <p>Brush crushing of mature brush along 0.50 mile of the Swede Creek north rim. (BCHI-4C)</p> <p>Install at least 4 wood duck boxes along Woodman Creek and north of Little Cow Creek. (WN-4A)</p> <p>Replant dryland forage plot in at least 1 acre. (FPD-4A)</p>
<p>SL Ranch Deer Zone X3A Modoc 7,500 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 forked horn or better buck deer and 1 buck pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 4 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p> <p>Issue 1 buck pronghorn antelope tag for the period of August 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Use a combination of chainsaws and herbicides to remove western juniper from at least 10 acres. Pile limbs to create wildlife habitat.</p> <p>Flood 455 acres of harvested wild rice fields for waterfowl use.</p> <p>Maintain the livestock exclusion fence around the spring below Likely Mill to exclude cattle and allow wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain 2 springs on Rocky Prairie and 1 pond by ensuring that fencing excludes cattle. Any damaged fences and structures will be repaired to be wildlife friendly as necessary.</p> <p>Maintain the livestock exclusion fencing along the West Side Canal where willows are present.</p>

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<p>Walton Homestead Family, LLC</p> <p>Deer Zone X3A</p> <p>Lassen</p> <p>5,980 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 either-sex deer and 1 buck pronghorn antelope</p> <p>Issue 5 either-sex deer tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer annually in the X zones.</p> <p>Issue 1 buck pronghorn antelope tag for the period of August 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Re-planting per the CSP Plan.</p> <p>Monitor water resources in Walton Meadow.</p> <p>Develop a water rights plan and filing for Walton Homestead Range.</p> <p>Cattle grazing will be restricted every third year by only grazing March through June.</p> <p>Maintain aspen enclosure fencing and continue to remove junipers and pine trees within the enclosures.</p> <p>Maintain wildlife-friendly livestock enclosure fencing around springs and basins and use solar pumping or gravity flow to give cattle and wildlife water access outside the fence.</p>
<p>Willow Creek Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone C2</p> <p>Shasta and Siskiyou</p> <p>4,016 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 5 buck deer tags for the period of September 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Develop additional areas of oak woodlands to remove encroaching conifers above what was in the plan.</p> <p>Meadow encroachment will be treated on 15 acres of seedlings using a weed eater with a blade.</p> <p>Beaver habitat improvement will be conducted in the meadow, and another beaver deceiver device will be installed in the area where beavers have inhabited through the beaver relocation program with CDFW.</p> <p>Install at least 4 wood duck boxes in the meadow.</p> <p>Create wildlife brush piles above what was in the plan.</p>

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Willow Creek Ranch (continued)		Manage at least 75 acres of mixed conifer forest to enhance openings and create wildlife habitat.

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NORTH CENTRAL REGION

PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p>360 Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Yolo</p> <p>9,493 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 8 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 10 buck deer tags for the period of July 11, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Mechanically remove with a tractor or brush ripping 8 acres of decadent brush.</p> <p>Plant 5 acres of a mix of corn, wheat, safflower, or other as test plots in the pheasant fields.</p> <p>Install 2 wood duck boxes #2 & #3 on the Pistol Range Pond.</p> <p>Install 3 water collection rain guzzlers (Petroleum Road #1 & #2, Rattlesnake) which will be between 300 – 500 gallons for wildlife.</p> <p>Remove 200 feet of old barb wire fencing and replace with wildlife friendly wire on the quail pond.</p> <p>Cattle grazing restricted to November 15 through May 15.</p> <p>Create 4 wildlife brush piles measuring at least 15 feet in diameter and 7 feet tall and maintain 8 from years 1-2.</p> <p>Maintain 3 wood duck boxes.</p> <p>Maintain 4 water collection rain guzzlers and cattle exclusion fencing.</p> <p>Maintain and provide maintenance on the 1 well that provides water year-round to the Quail Pond including cattle exclusion fencing.</p>
<p>Anderson Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone C4</p> <p>Glenn</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 forked horn or better buck deer and 5 antlerless deer</p>	<p>Establish 4 wood duck boxes.</p> <p>Plant 100 acres cover crop.</p>

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Anderson Ranch (continued) 400 Acres	Issue 5 buck deer tags for the period of August 15, 2026 through November 30, 2026. Issue 5 antlerless deer tags for the period of August 15, 2026 through November 30, 2026.	Maintain 2 brush piles of 10 feet x 10 feet x 6 feet at the edges of the walnut orchard. Maintain 3 owl nesting boxes, 5 blue bird nesting boxes, two turtle basking logs, 20 oak tree plantings and 15 coyote brush plantings. Conduct 2 deer surveys.
Angel Slough Deer Zone C4 Butte 1,053 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer, 7 antlerless deer. Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of August 15, 2026 through November 30, 2026. Issue 7 antlerless deer tags for the period of August 15, 2026 through November 30, 2026. 1 tag to be filled by a junior hunter, veteran, or donated to a non-profit.	Maintain 5 blue bird boxes around edges of walnut orchard. Keep water in East Boundary Pond. Remove 1 acre of Arundo/blackberry/wild grapes in 3B's meadow and edge. Plant 30 native shrubs/ trees/grass plugs. Maintain 5 wood duck boxes. Install 1 additional wood duck box. Remove 1 acre of blackberry on the northern area of the property. Re-plant any previous plantings that did not survive. Conduct 2 deer surveys.
Bird Haven Ranch Deer Zone D-3 Glenn 2,500 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer and 2 either-sex deer Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of August 15, 2026 through November 30, 2026. 1-2 buck tags will be donated to a non-profit or sold to generate revenue for any such non-profit.	Maintain & enhance current conditions. Plant at least 10 separate wildlife Foraging/Nesting Plots; totaling not less than 25 acres annually. Spray, cut and remove 1-2 acres of Himalayan Blackberry& other invasive species within Riparian & Meadow Habitats.

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<p>Bird Haven Ranch (continued)</p>	<p>Issue 2 either-sex deer tags for junior hunters for the period of August 15, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Retreat and cleanup Himalayan Blackberry / invasive species sites cleared in year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Spot Spray mow/disc 150 acres of noxious weeds to promote early succession forage plants</p> <p>Maintain & monitor at least 100 wildlife nest boxes</p> <p>Restore and enhance 25 acres of wetland habitat (tasks: clean/replace/contour swales(s), remove downed trees, mowing, spraying noxious weeds, burning, and discing)</p> <p>Conduct 2 deer surveys, 1 spotlight survey and 1 trail camera survey.</p>
<p>Deseret Farms Deer Zone C4 Butte 11,114 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 15 forked horn or better buck beer and 25 antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 15 buck deer tags for the period of November 2, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 25 antlerless deer tags for the period of November 2, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>1 tag to be designated for junior only.</p>	<p>Burn/disc/mow 20 acres within Soto Lake.</p> <p>Improve and maintain 6 basking mounds for pond turtles.</p> <p>Remove 2 acres of invasive weed species.</p> <p>Maintain 20 nesting features for owl, song bird, waterfowl, and upland game species.</p> <p>Plant native species: 10 individuals or seed 1 acre.</p>
<p>Honcut Hills Ranch Deer Zone D3 Butte 980 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 2 buck deer tags for the period of August 15th, 2026 through November 30th, 2026.</p>	<p>Repair not less than 0.50 acre of dredged area for wildlife habitat.</p> <p>Continue clean-up of previous tenants' marijuana grow sites (trash removal, topography restoration).</p>

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<p>Honcut Hills Ranch</p> <p>(continued)</p>		<p>Replace any coyote brush plantings that did not survive.</p> <p>Maintain 2 wood duck boxes.</p> <p>Maintain not less than 5 brush piles at a minimum of 10 feet x 10 feet x 6 feet.</p> <p>Limit grazing to 110 head of cattle or less. Grazing will occur Dec 1 through May 1.</p> <p>Place at least 2 game cameras to monitor wildlife.</p> <p>Conduct 2 deer surveys.</p>
<p>Llano Seco Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone C4</p> <p>Butte</p> <p>14,500 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 25 forked horn or better buck deer and 5 antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 25 deer tags for the period of September 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 5 antlerless deer tags for the period of September 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Treat/mow 250 acres of star and bull thistle on the west side of the ranch.</p> <p>Grow 500 acres of dry land grains and alfalfa that will benefit wildlife.</p> <p>Over seed the 2022 planting of native grasses.</p> <p>Partner with TNC on planting/maintaining 663 acres of native grass plantings.</p> <p>Maintain or replace existing 50 owl and wood duck boxes.</p> <p>Maintain or replace 6 pond turtle basking structures.</p>
<p>Magers Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone C4</p> <p>Butte</p> <p>1,400 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 2 buck deer tags for the period of August 15th, 2026 through November 30th, 2026.</p>	<p>Install 3 wood duck boxes next to Butte Creek and Butte Slough and maintain previously installed boxes.</p> <p>Install 1 and maintain 1 owl box along high line irrigation ditch.</p> <p>Install 2 turtle structures in Butte Slough and Durham Slough and maintain previously installed structures.</p>

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<p>Magers Ranch (continued)</p>		<p>Leave growth (grass and weeds) on every other check of all rice fields – 637 acres.</p> <p>>50% water control structures blocked/left-flooded until March 1 – 637 acres.</p> <p>Spray and masticate 1 acre blackberry vines in the south meadow.</p> <p>Install irrigation pump and plant 1 acre alfalfa in the north meadow.</p>
<p>M&T Chico Ranch Deer Zone C4 Butte 5,332 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 forked-horn or better buck deer and 10 antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 5 buck deer tags for the period of August 15th, 2026 through December 31st, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 5 antlerless deer tags for the period of August 15th, 2026 through December 31st, 2026.</p> <p>Due to human safety concerns, deer will not be actively hunted during the nut and fruit harvest season on the ranch, that runs from September 1 through November 1.</p>	<p>Implement fencing or other options to manage cattle grazing in riparian areas.</p> <p>Assess and maintain foraging and nesting habitat for herons and egrets in rookery and for Swainson’s hawk and peregrine falcon.</p> <p>Maintain cattle grazing levels at approximately 100 head or less.</p> <p>Treat 20 acres of yellow star thistle, cape ivy, or tree-of-heaven with herbicide.</p> <p>Plant native grasses or shrubs in star thistle control areas, plant native riparian trees in tree-of-heaven control areas.</p> <p>Maintain or replace 10 barn owl and 30 wood duck nest boxes.</p> <p>Release 200 pheasants to establish population.</p>
<p>Ordway Ranch Deer Zone D5 Calaveras 850 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer for the period of September 26, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain 3 water sources for wildlife (including 3 solar-powered wells).</p> <p>Maintain 850 acres of fencing.</p> <p>Maintain 4 brush piles 10 feet wide x 6 feet tall.</p>

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<p>Ordway Ranch (continued)</p>		<p>No cattle grazing in Pasture C.</p> <p>Maintain 53 acres of cattle exclusion fencing along riparian areas.</p> <p>Control invasive weeds through physical removal or spraying on 5-10 acres.</p> <p>Masticate 3 acres decadent brush.</p> <p>Re-plant 1 acre of perennial grasses that did not establish previous year.</p> <p>Conduct 1 deer survey.</p> <p>Annual inspection and repair of 47,250 feet of perimeter fencing.</p>
<p>O'Brien And Prairie Creek</p> <p>Deer Zone D3</p> <p>Yuba and Butte</p> <p>2,300 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of August 15, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Cattle grazing will be eliminated from Prairie Creek Ranch.</p> <p>Cattle grazing on the O'Brien Ranch will be reduced from 250 cow / calf to 150.</p> <p>Maintain the cattle ex-closure around O'Brien bass pond.</p> <p>Re-plant any acorns or willows that did not germinate (original plantings include 25 Blue oaks, 50 Valley oaks, 50 Black Arroyo willow, 50 Arroyo willow).</p> <p>Cage any plantings that did germinate.</p> <p>Plant 13 acres of corn in the John Deere Field.</p> <p>Plant 7 acres corn in the Triangle Field.</p> <p>Plant 5 acres corn in #1 teeth.</p> <p>Plant 6 acres safflower in Bass Pond ex-closure.</p> <p>Plant 5 acres sudex / milo below square pond O'Brien Ranch.</p>

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<p>O'Brien And Prairie Creek (continued)</p>		<p>Plant 1 acre of sub clover mix in O'Brien Ranch ex-closure.</p> <p>Plant 10 acres safflower in the John Deere Field.</p> <p>In the Butte County riparian zone plant 25 Blue oak acorns and 50 Valley oak acorns.</p> <p>Construct 10 new brush piles and maintain previous 10 on the Quail Hill upland (min 15 feet diameter x 6 feet tall).</p> <p>Maintain 10 brush piles in O'Brien Ranch Bass Pond area (min 15 feet diameter x 6 feet tall)</p> <p>Build 10 new brush piles north of the bass pond enclosure (min 15 feet diameter x 6 feet tall).</p> <p>Burn 5 acres inside the O'Brien Ranch enclosure.</p> <p>Thin out 2 acres of blackberry on Quail Hill.</p> <p>Disc 25 acres.</p> <p>Plant 1 acre of sub clover around the Butte County restoration area.</p>
<p>Rock Creek Deer Zone C4 Butte/Tehama 9,945 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 30 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 33 buck deer tags for the period of August 30, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain all spring sites and 2 well sites which includes repair or replacement of pumps, troughs, and fencing.</p> <p>Maintain restrictions on grazing to under 250 AUMs on the Garner Ranch</p> <p>Close 1,848 out of 5,545 acres of the Rose Ranch to grazing to aid in post fire recovery.</p>

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<p>Rock Creek (continued)</p>		<p>Close the Watson to grazing to aid in post fire recovery.</p> <p>Block cattle from accessing Pine Creek and Rock Creek on the Rose Ranch.</p> <p>Continue repairs on previously restored springs to repair fire damaged structure and fences, plus to rebuild the burned brush piles starting on the Negro and Warren Springs on the Rose Ranch. The spring fences, water troughs and other structure damage will be restored as needed. Subject to available remaining trees and brush, the new brush piles will be built with a minimum size of 6 feet high x 6 feet wide x 10 feet long.</p> <p>Construct new water storage for year-round water on the North East portion of the Watson Ranch.</p>
<p>Smith Flat Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Yolo County</p> <p>1,024 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 10 buck deer tags for the period of July 11, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>1 tag must be filled by a junior hunter.</p>	<p>Maintain the following water systems:</p> <p>Smith Flat - fill 2, 2,500-gallon tanks, repair and maintain system.</p> <p>Shooting Flat – fill 2,500-gallon tank, repair and maintain system.</p> <p>Desperation Tank – fill 2,500-gallon tank, repair and maintain system.</p> <p>Spring Box – repair and maintain system</p> <p>Reservoir Guzzler and 500-gallon tank.</p> <p>Create 2 additional brush piles and maintain 6 quail brush piles to a minimum size of 15 feet wide by 6 feet high.</p> <p>Install 3 wood duck boxes and 3 bat boxes.</p>

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<p>Smith Flat Ranch</p> <p>(continued)</p>		<p>Re-plant any of the 100 fruit trees that did not survive.</p> <p>Re-plant food plots/native grass seed at Smith Flat and Shooting Flat.</p> <p>Limit cattle grazing to 60 head in the Smith Flat area, 500 acres, for 8 weeks.</p>
<p>Sugarloaf-Bangor Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone D-3</p> <p>Yuba</p> <p>2,626 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 12 forked horn or better buck deer, 25 turkey, 200 quail, and 2 black bear</p> <p>Issue 12 buck deer tags for the period of September 19, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 25 turkey tags for the periods of October 1, 2026 through January 15, 2027 (fall season, either-sex harvest) and March 1, 2027 through May 15, 2027 (spring season, bearded turkey only harvest).</p> <p>Issue 200 quail tags for the period of September 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027. Additional orders are approved in 100 seal increments up to the authorized harvest.</p> <p>Issue 2 bear tags to take 2 bear for the period of September 19, 2026 to December 31, 2026 or when the season closes because the</p> <p>Department has determined that 1,700 bears have been harvested per CCR, Title 14, Section 365.</p>	<p>Maintain cattle stocking rate at or below 200 cow/calf pairs.</p> <p>Cattle grazing limited to December 1 to May 15.</p> <p>Maintain hot line around Round Lake to keep livestock from riparian plantings (willows and cottonwoods).</p> <p>Maintain solar-operated well to provide a consistent water source for Round Lake.</p> <p>Maintain water delivery system (piping and ditch) to Wood Duck Pond.</p> <p>Mechanically rip 1 acre of decedent brush.</p> <p>Develop well and install solar pump for wood duck lake OR develop a water source (guzzler or spring clean-out) on an area of the ranch lacking water.</p> <p>Maintain 12 brush piles of 10 feet x 10 feet x 6 feet in areas near water sources.</p> <p>Maintain 6 blue bird boxes.</p> <p>Maintain 3 wood duck boxes.</p>

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<p>Table Mountain Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone D3</p> <p>Butte</p> <p>499 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 3 buck deer tags for the period of August 15th, 2026 through November 30th, 2026.</p> <p>1 tag will be designated as junior only tag.</p>	<p>Construct 1 year-round wildlife only water hole at the E SE Spring.</p> <p>Cut/remove/masticate 1 acre of large brush to promote new growth.</p> <p>Remove fence at mid bluff side-hill/Egg Meadow</p> <p>Construct and place 2 wood duck boxes.</p> <p>Construct not less than 5 brush piles measuring at least 15 feet x 6 feet.</p> <p>Limit grazing to a maximum of 60 head of cattle. Grazing will occur between December 1 and May 1.</p> <p>Place and monitor not less than 2 game cameras to monitor wildlife.</p> <p>Conduct 2 deer surveys.</p>
<p>Turkey Track Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Colusa</p> <p>2,575 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 4 deer tags for the period of July 11, 2026 through November 30, 2026</p>	<p>Complete installation of wildlife-friendly fencing between 2 wet ponds (set t-posts and stretch wire).</p> <p>Repair failed pond near Telegraph Ridge (repair dam and spillway).</p> <p>Remove tamarisk on ~0.15 acres</p> <p>Spray approximately 110 acres to abate noxious weeds and invasive star thistle on the western boundary of the property.</p> <p>Install an additional guzzler and maintain guzzler installed in 2025 on Telegraph Ridge.</p> <p>Remove at least 100 yards of rusted barbed wire fencing to reduce wildlife entanglements.</p>

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Turkey Track Ranch (continued)		Create at least 2 brush piles measuring 8 feet x 8 feet x 6 feet and maintain 2 from previous year. Install an additional wood duck box and maintain 1 installed in 2025.

BAY DELTA REGION

PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
Corral Hollow Ranch Deer Zone A San Joaquin County 2,772 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk Issue 1 bull elk tag for the periods of July 15, 2026 through September 15, 2026 and November 15, 2026 through December 15, 2026.	Provide 480 acres of grasslands for exclusive use by elk. Continue to implement a rotational cattle grazing regime to provide adequate forage for elk. Leave downed and standing dead trees, including those that are a result of the SCU Lightning Complex and Corral Fires. 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. 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.
JG Angus Ranch Deer Zone A Marin County 692 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer Issue 2 deer tags for the period of July 11, 2026, through August 2, 2026	Implement fawning area improvements in consultation with CDFW during Year 1. Implement at least 1 fencing improvement project to improve deer movement to and from the Ranch identified in consultation with CDFW in Year 1.

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JG Angus Ranch (continued)	Issue 2 deer tags for the period of August 8, 2026, through September 20, 2026 Issue 2 deer tags for the period of September 21, 2026, through November 29, 2026	Habitat monitoring: Regularly monitor the effects of cattle management practices on deer habitat. Adjust strategies when feasible based on observed impacts and feedback from wildlife experts. An annual habitat monitoring strategy will be developed by the landowner in consultation with CDFW and may include setting up photo monitoring stations to track vegetation trends over time.

SOUTH COAST REGION

PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
Santa Catalina Island Deer Zone D15 Los Angeles 42,100 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 200 deer Issue 150 either-sex deer tags for the period of October 24, 2026 through December 18, 2026. Upon written request of the licensee on or before December 1, 2026, issue up to an additional 50 either-sex deer tags to accomplish the authorized harvest may be requested within that period. Any tags not requested during this request-period can be rolled over into and allocated during the next request period.	Continue annual Catalina Island fox recovery activities including: census, vaccination of 300 individuals against CDV/rabies, and monitoring 50 radio collared individuals. Continued monitoring of island for non-native mammals (e.g., raccoons). Continued bison herd management through contraception (maintain <150). Continue animal and plant baseline monitoring activities. Continue to optimize weather data collection and analysis. Continue invasive plant removal through contracts with the California Institute of Environmental Studies. Continue monitoring and maintenance of deer exclosures erected post-fire and for rare plant species.

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Santa Catalina Island (continued)		Continue and expand education and outreach through Naturalist Training, Kids in Nature, Island Scholars, Families in Nature, and Nature Works programs.

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INLAND DESERTS REGION

PLM Area	2026 Proposed Season and Harvest	Habitat Improvement Program
<p>Big Morongo Springs Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone D14</p> <p>San Bernardino</p> <p>6,632 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 12 forked horn or better buck deer, 1 antlerless deer, and 4 black bear</p> <p>Issue 12 buck deer tags and 1 antlerless deer tag for the period of September 12, 2026 through December 5, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 4 tags to take black bear for the period of September 12, 2026 through December 5, 2026 or when the season closes because the Department has determined that 1,700 bears have been harvested per CCR, Title 14, Section 365.</p>	<p>Continue non-use by livestock.</p> <p>Repair or replace all pipelines and tanks damaged by Sawtooth wildfire.</p> <p>Repair fire-damaged roads within PLM.</p> <p>Continue monitoring water sources with trail cameras.</p>