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Campbell Leaving GMA Over GMO Labeling, Labeling Bill Comment Period Extended

Campbell Soup Company will leave the Grocery Manufacturers Association by the end of the year over a dispute on labeling of genetically modified ingredients, according to Politico. GMA is opposed to GMO labeling, while Campbell has long been vocal about increasing transparency of its ingredients. Campbell Chief Executive Denise Morrison told investors the move was not for financial reasons but instead was "driven by purpose and principles." The move comes as the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service has extended the public comment period for the GMO disclosure rule. The deadline for input has been extended through August 25th to allow more time for stakeholders to provide feedback, according to USDA. The National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard Law was enacted by Congress on July 29, 2016. AMS has two years to establish the standard and the procedures necessary for implementation. USDA has been hopeful to wrap up the rulemaking process yet this year.

- [Actualy: Key Numbers in USDA's Mid Year Cattle Inventory Report](#)

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USDA livestock analyst, Shale Shagam, giving some of the key numbers in Friday's USDA mid year cattle inventory report. (Reporters should note that due to budget restraints, there was no 2016 report and so there are no comparisons to last year in this 2017 report.)

Settlement Reached in Point Reyes Lawsuit

Last week, the parties in *Resource Renewal Institute v. National Park Service* released the terms of a settlement agreement concerning the litigation at the Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) in Marin County.

In February of 2016, three environmental groups sued the PRNS for failure to timely update its 1980 General Management Plan (GMP) and seeking to halt a

Comprehensive Ranch Management Plan for the PRNS aimed in part at providing long-term leases for ranchers at the PRNS. The Point Reyes Seashore Ranchers Association, 24 ranching families and Marin County all intervened in the lawsuit to defend continued agriculture at the PRNS.

The terms of the settlement require the National Park Service to prepare a GMP amendment and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) within four years. The EIS must consider a no action alternative, a no ranching alternative, a reduced ranching alternative and a no dairy-ranching alternative, though the settlement does not preclude the Park Service from examining other alternatives.

Importantly, the settlement also allows the Park Service to issue five-year Interim Leases to PRNS ranchers. While the five-year leases fall far short of the 20-year leases the ranchers have sought, it is an improvement over one-year leases the PRNS issued to some ranching families beginning in 2014.

The PRNS expects to begin the planning process this fall. CCA will be heavily involved in the process and seek a GMP amendment that preserves the rich ranching history of the Point Reyes National Seashore.

For more information, contact Kirk Wilbur in the CCA office.

CDFW Collars Wolf, Confirms Lassen Pack

On July 5, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) announced the successful collaring of a female wolf in Lassen County on June 30. The female is the first wolf residing in California to be radio-collared; though wolves radio-collared by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife have previously ventured into California, such as OR-7 and OR-25, those wolves have ultimately returned to Oregon.

According to the CDFW, "The tracking collar...will collect data relative to her activity patterns, survival, reproduction and prey preferences."

Based on visual markers, CDFW believes the newly-collared wolf to be the female of the previously-identified Lassen Pair, though the Department will test DNA samples collected at the time it trapped and collared the wolf to confirm.

On July 1, CDFW sought to conduct a routine follow-up check on the female wolf. At that time, wildlife biologists encountered what appeared to be the tracks of wolf pups, and a number of photos captured on a nearby US Forest Service trail camera confirmed the presence of at least three pups belonging to what has now been dubbed the Lassen Pack.

According to a CDFW official contacted by CCA, the breeding male of the Lassen Pack has not been seen recently.

CCA is following up with CDFW to determine whether the agency intends to make

use of radio-collar data to inform livestock producers (and if so, how), and CCA will also seek to ensure that the presence of wolves does not negatively impact grazing leases on the Lassen National Forest.

For more information, see the CDFW press release [here](#) or contact Kirk Wilbur in the CCA office.

Yolo County Cattlemen's Association to Host Fall Tour Event

The Yolo County Cattlemen's Association will be hosting its annual Fall Tour Event on August 24 at the Esparto Fire Hall in Esparto. The program will begin at 5:30 pm and includes speakers and representatives from the California Cattlemen's Association, UC Extension, the Yolo County Sheriff's Department, Yolo County Ag Department, IMI Global and Western Video Market.

Following the program, a tri-tip dinner with Sid Collier's famous beans will be served. To RSVP, contact Yolo County Cattlemen's Association President, Adam Cline, at 530-723-2326 or afcline@hotmail.com.

Save the Date-CalPLC Meeting August 25 in Susanville

The California Public Lands Council will be hosting the first in a series of regional public lands meetings in Susanville on Friday, August 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Susanville Elk's Lodge at 400 Main Street in Susanville. This initial meeting will be focused on the region encompassing the Plumas, Lassen and Modoc National Forests and the Applegate and Eagle Lake field offices of the BLM, though all public lands ranchers are welcome to attend. The meeting will provide ranchers an opportunity to discuss pressing issues with other ranchers and local agency officials.

Further details and registration information will be forthcoming; in the meantime, save the date! For more information, contact Kirk Wilbur in the CCA office.

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University of California ANR wildfire experts

UC ANR wildfire experts are stationed around the state and can answer questions on a diversity of issues related to the prevention, impacts, aftermath, and generally, the science of wildfire in California. Additional wildfire resources - including wildfire-related blog stories, research articles, guides and advice - are on [UC ANR's wildfire webpage](#).

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