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Washington Dairy Farm Operating New Wastewater Cleaning System

Audio with Austin Allred, Royal Dairy Owner

Royal Dairy and the Washington State Dairy Products Commission hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony last month for their new BioFiltro wastewater treatment system.

Royal Dairy owner Austin Allred says they are accountable for every ounce of water used on their 7,000-milking cow operation...tape

Cut #1 :28 OC:...“irrigate with.”

Allred says besides the contaminants, the system also removes some big challenges...tape

Cut #2 :22 OC:...“the pipeline.”

The BioFiltro system removes an average of 93% percent of total nitrogen, 97 percent of suspended solids, and 90 percent of phosphorus from wastewater.

Sacramento, CA – During the first two weeks of September, growers of small grains around the country will receive survey forms from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2017 production and supply of small grains, which include wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

“The small grains industry is important to California agriculture and it is crucial for us to have accurate data about this key sector of the economy,” said NASS Pacific Regional Director, Chris Messer. NASS will contact more than 1,600 producers in California to accurately measure 2017 acreage, yield, and production for small grains. The data collected from this survey will also help set small grain acreage and production estimates at the county level. Messer added, “Farm programs, vital to farmers in good times and bad, rely on NASS estimates based on information that comes directly from

the farmer. The data are used for disaster payments, crop insurance, and loan programs. Moreover, local agri-businesses use it for planning, and farmers can use the data to make future marketing and planting decisions at both the national and local level.”

NASS will contact California survey participants to gather information on their 2017 production and the quantities of wheat, barley and oats stored on farm. As an alternative to mailing the survey back and to help save both time and money, growers will have the option to respond to the survey securely online. Farmers who have not responded by September 14 may receive a phone call from a NASS representative who will help them fill out the survey form.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in several reports, including the annual *Small Grains Summary* and the quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on September 29. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information call the NASS Pacific Regional Office at 1-800-851-1127.

Secretary Zinke Submits National Monument Report

Last week, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke submitted to President Trump his report reviewing the status of national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act since 1996. The report was in response to an April 26 presidential Executive Order requesting a comprehensive evaluation of such monuments.

While Secretary Zinke is not proposing the elimination of any national monuments, he is recommending that the president shrink the boundaries of a handful of monuments.

While the Department of the Interior has not yet made the report public, it did release a two-page summary of the process that guided the national monument review, which can be read [here](#).[here](#).

On July 10, CCA submitted detailed comments to the Department of the Interior calling for the elimination or reduction in size of seven national monuments within the state of California. While it is not yet clear whether California's national monuments are among those Secretary Zinke recommends for reduction, CCA will continue to inform you of any news related to Secretary Zinke's report and will continue to fight to promote grazing on public lands, including those within national monuments.

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The Public Lands Council (PLC) is the leading voice in Washington, D.C. for the West's public lands grazing permittees. CCA actively partners with PLC on a wide range of legislative, regulatory and legal issues facing California's public lands ranchers, including Endangered Species Act reform, wild horse management, forest planning, and many others.

When the federal legislature is in session, PLC sends out its *Daily Roundup*, providing daily insights into the actions of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture and other administration officials, updates on news of interest to grazing permittees, information on PLC's lobbying efforts, and more.

While the *Daily Roundup* will be most helpful to public land permittees, all CCA members are likely to find useful information in the email newsletter.

To subscribe to the Public Land Council's *Daily Update*, click [here](#).

Support EPA Proposal to Rescind 2015 WOTUS Rule

On July 27, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) formally released a proposed rule to rescind the 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule, which threatened to greatly extend the agencies' regulatory jurisdiction and impose burdensome regulatory requirements upon ranchers and other landowners.

CCA strongly supports the proposal to rescind the 2015 Rule, and will file formal comments to that effect with the EPA prior to deadline, which has been extended to September 27. Ranchers are encouraged to file comments supporting the 2015 Rule's withdrawal by clicking the "Comment Now!" button [here](#). The National Cattlemen's Beef Association has provided sample comments [here](#).

The move to rescind the 2015 WOTUS Rule comes after President Trump's February 28 Executive Order directing EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to rescind the rule and replace it with a definition of "Waters of the United States" that conforms to the more limited interpretation outlined by late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in *Rapanos v. United States*. Rescinding the 2015 Rule is the first step in that process; once the 2015 Rule is repealed, the EPA will likely give notice of a proposed rulemaking establishing a more limited interpretation of WOTUS.

In the interim, the proposed rulemaking seeks to re-codify the definition of WOTUS that existed prior to the 2015 re-definition. Because the 2015 WOTUS Rule was stayed from implementation and enforcement by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in October 2015 in response to numerous lawsuits (including one filed by CCA), the proposed rule would essentially codify the status quo.

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

BQA Training at the Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center | Sept. 23

The Tahoe County Cattlemen's Association, Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center and the Placer-Nevada-Sutter-Yuba UC Cooperative Extension Services will be hosting a Beef Quality Assurance workshop on Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. -2 p.m. The program will take place at the Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center and cover a wide variety of topics including BQA, transportation, water quality self assessment and hands-on chute side demonstration.

Those interested in attending can register [here.](#)