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our lead story is about _____ when we return

June 22nd Deadline for House Farm Bill Vote is Flexible

Audio with Louisiana Congressman and House Majority Whip Steve Scalise

Louisiana Congressman and House Majority Whip Steve Scalise says the June 22nd goal of passing the House farm bill is not set in stone...tape

Cut #1 :22 OC:... "before August."

Scalise says a lot of behind-the-scenes work is being done to make sure the farm bill has the votes to pass...tape

Cut #2 :34 OC:... "good farm bill."

Scalise says this next vote will be an up-or-down vote, without any changes or amendments

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From Headquarters

California Congressmen Call for Wolf Delisting

In a letter to Principal Deputy Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Greg Sheehan, California Congressmen Doug LaMalfa and Tom McClintock (joined by Congressmen Paul Gosar of Arizona and Rob Bishop of Utah), called for the delisting of the gray wolf, Mexican wolf and red wolf from the Federal Endangered Species List.

Citing population recovery studies, changes in the understanding of the taxonomy of some species and the complex issues surrounding wolf management, the letter urged federal delisting in favor of a more localized approach to wolf management by the individually impacted states.

To read the entire letter, click [here](#).

Register Now for CalPLC Events in Sonora and Visalia

CCA's California Public Lands Council (CalPLC) is pleased to announce two upcoming regional meetings aimed at providing venues for public lands ranchers to discuss issues of local importance with one another and with agency officials at the local and state levels.

The first of these meetings will be held Thursday, July 12 from 9:30am-3:00pm at the Sonora Opera Hall, 250 S. Washington Street in Sonora, and will focus on the Tahoe, El Dorado, and Stanislaus National Forests and the Mother Lode Field Area of BLM's Central California District. The second meeting will be held Friday, July 13 from 9:30am-3:00pm at the Wyndham Visalia, 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, and will focus on the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests and the Bakersfield and Bishop Field Areas of BLM's Central California District. Formal invites have been mailed out to all

permittees in the impacted areas.

You can register for these events [here](#). Registration is \$20, which includes a provided lunch.

Comment Now: US Roundtable for Sustainable Beef Sustainability Framework

The US Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (USRSB) has released its Sustainability Framework and is seeking producer input. USRSB has opened a 60 day public comment period and has developed an interactive comment platform, available online. Click [here](#) to visit and comment.

The USRB, formed in 2015 brings together a diverse group of stakeholders desiring to improve the sustainability of US beef production. Their mission is to advance, support and communicate continuous improvement in the sustainability of US beef production by educating and engaging the beef value-chain.

UCCE to hold AB 589 Courses Around the State

UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) will be holding various AB 589 courses throughout the state in the coming months. CCA-sponsored AB 589 allows diverters of 100 acre-feet of water or more per year to take a UCCE course and self-certify as a "qualified individual" for purposes of installing, calibrating and certifying a water diversion measurement device required by SB 88 (2015).

During these workshops, participants will learn:

- How to clarify reporting requirements for ranches

- Understand what meters are appropriate for different situations
- How to determine measurement equipment accuracy
- Develop an understanding of measurement weirs
- How to calculate and report volume from flow data

UCCE has scheduled the following slate of courses throughout this summer:

- June 29 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the Humboldt County Agriculture Center, 5630 S. Broadway, Eureka, contact Jeff Stackhouse - jwstackhouse@ucanr.edu
- June 29 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Trinity County Fairgrounds Dining Hall, 6000 Highway 3, Hayfork, contact Larry Forero - lcforero@ucanr.edu
- July 9 from Noon-3:00 p.m. at the Modoc District Fairgrounds, 1 Center Street, Cedarville, contact Laura Snell - lksnell@ucanr.edu
- July 10 from Noon-3:30 p.m. at the Best Western Miner's Inn, 122 E. Miner Street, Yreka, contact Cari Rivers - ckrivers@ucanr.edu
- July 11 from 12:30-4:00 p.m. at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland, contact Morgan Doran - mpdoran@ucanr.edu
- August 29 in Taylorsville (details to come), contact Tracy Schohr - tkshohr@ucanr.edu
- August 30 in Elk Creek (details to come), contact Josh Davy - jsdavy@ucanr.edu

For more information on these courses, diverters are encouraged to click [here](#). Registration is open about 4-5 weeks before each class begins, and diverters can register by visiting their local UCCE website or finding the relevant course on the UCCE event calendar [here](#). Registration is required, and costs \$25.

UCCE will likely offer future courses beyond this summer (for instance, UCCE agents are currently considering a future course in the Bakersfield area); if you are outside the geographic areas currently served by AB 589 courses and are interested in a future AB 589 class in your area, contact your local UCCE office or speak with Kirk Wilbur in the CCA office. If you have any questions about SB 88 or upcoming AB 589 courses, please do not hesitate to contact the CCA office.

FMCSA releases guidance on 150 air-mile exemption

On Friday June 1, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) released guidance documents instructing haulers on the use of the current 150 air-mile exemption from hours of service for those hauling agricultural products, including livestock, and the application of the federal hours of service regulation for haulers using their vehicles for "personal conveyance." Please note, both the 150 air-mile exemption for agricultural haulers and any time not attributed to hours of service because the vehicle was being used for "personal conveyance" is only for those haulers operating in interstate commerce. For a summary of regulations governing agricultural transport, click [here](#). For a summary of regulations governing personal conveyance, click [here](#). For further clarification, do not hesitate to contact Justin Oldfield in the CCA office.

CCA and livestock organizations applaud introduction of legislation addressing hours of service changes for livestock haulers

The California Cattlemen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and other livestock organizations applauded the introduction of the Transporting Livestock Across America Safely (TLAAS) Act last month. This legislation would reform federal Hours of Service rules in such a way that would ensure animal welfare, highway safety and the

wellbeing of livestock haulers.

“The current Hours of Service rules for livestock haulers present big challenges for our industry and can often jeopardize the health and well-being of livestock,” said NCBA President and fifth-generation California rancher Kevin Kester. “Hauling livestock is inherently different than hauling products like paper towels or bottles of water. Live cattle can’t simply be left unattended in a trailer – especially in very hot or cold weather – for extended periods of time, and this bill takes that into account. Senator Sasse deserves a lot of credit for his leadership on this issue, and we thank all of the original cosponsors who stepped up to show their support for livestock haulers and cattle producers across this country.”

Livestock haulers are scheduled to begin using Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) on October 1. Adjustments in the TLAAS Act take into consideration the fact that there are live animals on the trailer that must be kept moving to arrive to their destination as quickly and safely as possible.

“Given the unique nature of livestock hauling – often very long distances between cow-calf operations and feedlots or processing facilities – and the fact that we’re transporting live animals that must be treated humanely – this legislation is vitally important and I think it strikes a balance coupled with common sense for everybody involved,” Kester added. “I hope Congress will pass this bill as quickly as possible so we can have this issue resolved before the ELD mandate for livestock haulers goes into effect on October 1.”

Stay tuned for more updates as they develop.

CCA in the News

Why state needs to follow endangered species review mandate

Capital Press "In 2016, the California Cattlemen's Association, with the help of the Pacific Legal Foundation, filed a lawsuit against the CDFW to compel them to conduct the mandatory five-year reviews.." To continue reading, click [here](#).

Industry News

This Oregon tourist's visit to California is something special: She's

a rare gray wolf *The Sacramento Bee* "The wolf, a 2-year-old female, was spotted about a mile from Interstate 80 near Boreal Mountain, approximately 30 miles northwest of Lake Tahoe, The Union reported." To continue reading, click [here](#).

Make environmental regulations sensible again *The*

Hill "Unfortunately, despite the president's best intentions, many executive branch agencies have dug in their heels to protect rules that should have long since landed on the cutting room floor. These rules cost property owners and entrepreneurs millions of dollars." To continue reading, click [here](#).

Gray Wolves Could Lose Protections as 'Endangered' Status

Reconsidered *KLCC* "The federal government is reviewing the endangered species status of gray wolves in the Lower 48 states — a move that could lead to reduced protections. " To continue reading, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

CCA Midyear Meeting 6/20-6/22/2018

Redding, CA

CalPLC Sonora 7/12/2018

Sonora, CA

CalPLC Visalia 7/13/2018

Visalia, CA