

## Staff Summary for April 15-16, 2026

**10. 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 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 reports for 53 properties in 17 counties, consisting of approximately 843,262 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 continuing PLM licenses and annual seasons, harvests and habitat improvements for 2026-2027 as recommended by the Department for 53 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 53 properties, under the conditions specified in Exhibit 2.

**Exhibits**

1. [Department memo, received March 24, 2026](#)
2. [PLM Area License Annual Renewals, 2026-2027, received March 24, 2026](#)

**Motion**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 8-14 on the consent calendar.

# MEMORANDUM

Signed original on file,

Received March 24, 2026

Date: March 20, 2026

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

From: Meghan Hertel, Director

**Subject: Agenda Item for the April 15-16, 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 plan for 2 new properties in 2 counties consisting of approximately 18,733 acres and the 5-year renewals for 11 properties in 7 counties consisting of approximately 111,182 acres. Additionally, the Department has reviewed the annual reports for 53 properties in 15 counties consisting of approximately 843,262 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.

The remaining PLM areas will be submitted to the Commission for approval at the June 17-18 meeting.

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



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Attachment

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**NORTHERN REGION**

<b>PLM Area</b>	<b>2026 Proposed Season and Harvest</b>	<b>Habitat Improvement Program</b>
<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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 5 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 7 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. No cubs or females with cubs will be harvested. Cubs are defined as bears less than 1 year of age or bears weighing less than 50 pounds.</p> <p>Issue 75 quail tags for the period of September 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027.</p>	<p>Mechanically crush 15 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>Install 1 additional water source to provide year around water.</p> <p>Maintain 6 water sources to provide water for wildlife by checking for broken pipes and repairing as necessary.</p>
<p>Ackerman-South 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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 9 buck deer tags may be harvested after September 13, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 10 additional buck tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p>	<p>Treatment of at least 30 acres of oak woodlands and/or prairie will be treated during this licensee period. All firs less than 12" Diameter at breast height (DBH) will be removed. Trees over 12" DBH will be removed except in unstable areas and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zones (WLPZ).</p> <p>65 acres of yellow star thistle will be treated using herbicide.</p> <p>5 brush piles will be made from the slash.</p>

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Ackerman-South Daugherty WMA 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 deer available to harvest.</p>	
Amann Ranch Mendocino 375 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk and 1 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 additional bull elk tag to complete the authorized harvest.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 additional antlerless elk tag to complete the authorized harvest.</p>	<p>Irrigate and sub-irrigate at least 190 acres of pasture for use by wildlife.</p> <p>Disc and reseed at least 20 acres annually of pasture areas with pasture mix #2.</p> <p>Plant at least 100 willow shoots along wetland areas.</p> <p>Install 1 new elk friendly fence crossing and repair 3 damaged elk friendly fence crossings.</p> <p>Maintain 125 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 adequate water for wildlife and install escape ramps.</p> <p>Mow, disc and reseed 20 acres in the yellow star-thistle treatment area.</p> <p>Leave unharvested the second cutting of hay on 342 acres. This will retain approximately 100 tons of forage accessible to elk.</p> <p>Preserve the tri-colored blackbird habitat.</p> <p>Install 4 Western Bluebird boxes. Maintain previously installed boxes</p>

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Amann Ranch Cont.		<p>annually through monitoring and cleaning out of nest waste.</p> <p>Install 1 wood duck nest box. Annual maintenance of previously installed boxes through monitoring and cleaning out of nest waste and addition of wood shavings.</p>
Bell Ranch  Deer Zone C4  Tehama  15,000 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 15 buck deer forked horn or better</p> <p>Issue 15 buck deer tags for the period October 25, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain 16 previously developed springs by checking for broken pipes and repairing as necessary.</p> <p>Maintain 30 water sources by inspecting and making any necessary repairs to the ponds, springs, guzzlers, and water troughs.</p> <p>Removal of burnt trees in the Burroughs Pinery of the Woods Property to open up the canopy and remove burned trees and crate slash piles for small animals and birds.</p> <p>Mechanically treat (by crushing with a bulldozer or masticating) at least 15 acres of burned brush annually to encourage the growth of nutritious deer forage.</p> <p>Restrict off-road vehicle use within the recent brush treatment areas and minimize disturbance to wildlife.</p> <p>Spray invasive plants including star thistle and Italian thistle.</p> <p>Replace burned fencing with wildlife friendly fencing.</p>

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<p>Big Lagoon Humboldt 113,933 acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 5 bull elk and 2 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 5 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 1, 2026, 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 4, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>At least 50 acres of oak woodlands and adjacent grasslands will be treated to remove all encroaching conifers.</p>
<p>Bridges Ranch Deer Zone A Mendocino 1,144 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 10 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 10 buck deer tags for the period of July 12, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 5 buck deer may be harvested after September 13, 2026.</p>	<p>Burn at least 20 acres annually of decadent brush through the CalFire Vegetation Management Program (VMP).</p> <p>Remove at least 2 large conifer trees at least 80 feet in height from oak woodland areas.</p> <p>Create at least 5 brush piles annually measuring at least 15 feet in diameter and 6 feet high.</p> <p>Install 2 additional wood duck nesting boxes near the lake. Maintain all previously installed boxes through cleaning out of nest waste, replacing shavings and make any needed repairs.</p>

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<p>Capistran Ranch Deer Zone B1 Mendocino 14,510 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 20 deer of which no more than 15 may be forked horn or better buck deer and 5 may be antlerless deer, 2 bull elk, and 2 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 10 either-sex deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 10 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 10 additional either-sex tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through December 1, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 1, 2026.</p>	<p>Managed livestock grazing (no more than 350 cow/calf pairs on 13,200 acres) for the period of November 15 through June 21 annually will be used to manage invasive plant species and thatch build up.</p> <p>Masticate at least 10 acres of decadent brush annually to create browsing opportunities. Using a tractor, create a 6 foot by 300-foot trail through decadent chaparral to provide access and new palatable forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Manage invasive plants by focused high-intensity, short-term grazing.</p> <p>Maintain 24 springs/ troughs by checking the flow and wildlife escape ramps and repairing any damaged parts.</p> <p>Exclude trespass livestock from USFS and BLM grazing allotments by inspecting and repairing the boundary fence.</p> <p>Replace the nesting material in 8 bluebird nest boxes. Boxes will be relocated if not used the previous season.</p> <p>Maintain 10 previously installed wood duck nest boxes.</p> <p>Maintain 8 previously installed elk crossings.</p> <p>Construct 5 brush piles for wildlife cover and oak seedling protection. The 20-foot x 5-foot pile will be created using slash from down trees and brush and will be located near a routinely used water source.</p> <p>Maintain and monitor 2 approximately 1,000-sq. foot food plots spread out over the property and in areas where green summer browse is limited. Each food plot</p>

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Capistran Ranch Cont.		<p>is fenced from cattle and wild pigs. Each will have a motion-sensing camera to record day and night deer activity. The annual report will include a table of total number and composition of deer photographed.</p> <p>Maintain 20 previously installed mallard hen nest tubes.</p> <p>Treat 10 acres of star thistle with appropriate herbicide annually.</p> <p>At least 5 acres of elk and deer forage will be planted and irrigated through the summer months.</p>
<p>Carley Ranch Deer Zone B1 Mendocino 1,660 acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 15 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 8 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 7 additional buck deer tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p>	<p>Burn 100 acres in 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 6 associated water tanks) to provide water for wildlife. Maintenance includes repairing broken and deteriorating pipes and other components.</p> <p>Maintain wildlife-friendly livestock exclusion fencing around developed springs and repair any damage.</p> <p>Irrigate the 2 acres of food plots during the dry season. These plots are fenced with wildlife-friendly fencing to exclude livestock.</p> <p>Maintenance of 16 fruit trees have been planted and protected with wire fencing to provide a wildlife food source.</p> <p>4-acre dry land food plot will be maintained by the river. Food plot has</p>

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Carley Ranch Cont.		<p>been planted with Ca. red oats, white clover and strawberry clover.</p> <p>Road maintenance and erosion control practices will be completed on roads.</p> <p>Livestock grazing on the ranch will be limited to no more than 25 pairs from November 1 through July 1 annually.</p>
Diamond C Outfitters  Deer Zone B1  Humboldt  3,200 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 17 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 17 buck deer tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</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 40 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>
Eden Valley Ranch  Deer Zone B1  Mendocino  20,789 Acres	<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 12, 2026, through December 13, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 7 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 13, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 20 buck deer tags for the period of July 12, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</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>Plant at least 20 acres of pastures used by wildlife with Triticale, wheat and barley in the south-west airport field.</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 9 existing rail-</p>

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Eden Valley Ranch Cont.	<p>No more than 7 buck deer may be taken after October 26, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 5 antlerless deer tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>type elk crossings and add 5 more to fences outside the valley in the Jarbo mountain pasture.</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 star thistle per year.</p> <p>Burn at least 30 acres of yellow star thistle per year.</p> <p>Plant all burned brush piles in M&amp;M mix #2.</p> <p>Create 10 brush piles per year for wildlife at least 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet high in the Paradise pasture.</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>Add escape ramps in water troughs in Paradise Mountain pasture.</p>

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<p>Four Pines Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Mendocino</p> <p>2,001 Acres</p>	<p><b>Authorized Harvest:</b> 12 forked horn or better buck deer and 4 antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 12 buck deer tags and 4 antlerless deer tags for the period of July 16, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 6 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain at least 9 previously improved springs and 3 existing ponds.</p> <p>Maintain all previously established forage plots with legume mix for wildlife use.</p> <p>Develop 0.25-acre forage plot for enhanced wildlife browse opportunity.</p> <p>Treat at least 3 acres annually of invasive weeds through hand manipulation, herbicides or vegetation management plan burns with CalFire to encourage native vegetation growth.</p> <p>Remove at least 100 feet of unnecessary interior fence to enhance wildlife passage.</p> <p>Create at least a 1 acre opening through dense brush to enhance browse feeding opportunities for wildlife.</p> <p>Remove encroaching conifer seedlings and saplings in at least 3 acres of oak woodlands.</p> <p>Restrict livestock grazing to no more than 50 head of cattle during the winter and spring. In addition, manage grazing to only assigned pastures during the specific grazing season.</p> <p>Plant at least 25 willow shoots annually at existing water sources; Objective is 75% survival and if this is not accomplished after the second year then replanting will occur.</p> <p>Create at least 2 brush piles measuring at least 6 feet high and 15 feet in diameter annually. Older piles (at least 5-yrs old) will be burned.</p>

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<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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 7 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tag for the period September 1, 2026, through October 15, 2026.</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 over 5 years.</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 <math>\leq 12</math>" 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 <math>\geq 12</math>" DBH. Larger Douglas-fir may be retained as wildlife trees as per the THP where they exist. Further treatments for conifers <math>\leq 12</math>" 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 <math>\leq 10</math>" DBH where noncommercial treatments are implemented, and removal of all conifers between 10" and 24" diameter under an Oak Woodland Management Exemption.</p>

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<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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 1, 2026, 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 August 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>At least 50 acres of oak woodlands and adjacent grasslands will be treated to remove all encroaching conifers.</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 deer and 2 may be antlerless deer and 1 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 10 either-sex tag for the period of July 11, 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>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 miles of low elk crossing fences.</p> <p>Maintain the reduced number of livestock, not to exceed 25 cow/calf pairs.</p> <p>Burn 25 brush piles created in previous years.</p> <p>Maintain livestock exclusion pastures totaling at least 4 acres.</p> <p>Maintain 15 water developments.</p>

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Miller-Eriksen Ranch Cont.	<p>On or before October 15, 2026, 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 11, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	Burn or thin at least 2 acres of decadent chaparral.
<p>Pennacchio Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Mendocino</p> <p>872 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 10 deer of which no more than 8 may be forked horn or better buck deer and 2 may be antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 10 either-sex deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 5 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 5 additional either-sex tags to accomplish the authorized harvest.</p> <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>Erosion control on ranch roads to reduce chances of sediment run off into nearby watercourses and the Eel River.</p> <p>Continue to promote bald eagle nesting through the retention of snags and large trees.</p> <p>Install 2 new water troughs attached to the current water system.</p> <p>Install 3 escape ramps in all troughs.</p> <p>Annual maintenance on 7 previously developed springs and repair any broken water pipes.</p> <p>Plant in the spring and fall by seeding California Brome, Blue Wild Ryegrass, Meadow Barley, Purple Needlegrass, and Wild Plantain.</p> <p>Exclude cattle from the ranch; no cattle leases are proposed under the PLM 5-year management plan.</p> <p>Remove conifers up to 12" DBH from oak woodlands.</p> <p>Create at least 3 slash piles that are at least 6 feet high and 10 feet wide at the base.</p> <p>Install 2 new wood duck nesting boxes and maintain the 3 previously installed ones.</p>

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<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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 8 buck deer may be harvested after September 27, 2026.</p>	<p>Treatment of at least 100 acres of conifer removal less than or equal to 12" DBH from oak woodlands and prairies in units H, I, J, L, and M. These units may be burned to improved foraging habitat.</p>
<p>Redwood House Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Humboldt</p> <p>8,419 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 20 either-sex deer of which no more than 10 may be antlerless deer and 1 bull elk</p> <p>Issue 20 either-sex deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Antlerless deer may be harvested for the period of October 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</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 October 31, 2026.</p>	<p>Treat at least 40 acres of oak woodlands by removing encroaching conifers less than or equal to 12" DBH from oak woodlands and prairies.</p>
<p>Schneider Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Mendocino</p> <p>5,222 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 6 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 3 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Burn or mechanically treat at least 7 acres of decadent brush annually.</p> <p>Cultivate with equipment and irrigate the 1-acre Cabin food plot, which provides a year-round deer feeding area annually.</p> <p>Create at least 6 brush piles for wildlife cover. The piles will each be approximately 10 feet in diameter and 6 feet tall.</p>

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Schneider Ranch Cont.		Burn at least 6 brush piles. The remnant charcoal and ashes are nutrient rich. Inspect 6 previously improved springs and repair any damaged parts, clear any brush that is intruding on the collection galleries, cleaning out accumulated debris and mud, and ensure the box is structurally sound.
Seven Springs Ranch  Deer Zone A  Mendocino  2,250 Acres	Authorized Harvest: 9 forked horn or better buck deer  Issue 9 buck deer tags for the period of July 11, 2026, through November 30, 2026.  No more than 4 buck deer may be harvested after September 13, 2026.	Exclude livestock grazing from the PLM area to increase habitat quality for wildlife.  Plant 1.25 acres of clover and vetch seed on washouts along roads and slides annually.  Cut and mechanically treat, by uprooting, approximately 1.25 acre of young Douglas fir which are growing on ridges within the oak woodland area on Middle Ridge and Cow Springs.  Browse improvement on at least 1 acre of lower canopy of non-mast producing trees to produce browse.  Mechanically treat at least 1.25 acres, with heavy equipment, by removing and crushing decadent brush above the root crown (chaparral areas).  Will cut the decadent branch growth off willows that were planted in springs and washouts in prior years.

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<p>Six Point Ranch Deer Zone A</p> <p>Mendocino 3,960 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 12 forked horn or better buck deer, 3 bull elk and 5 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 12 buck deer tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 6 buck deer may be harvested after September 13, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 1, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 5 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 5, 2026, through November 1, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 bull elk tag and 3 additional antlerless elk 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 elk available to harvest.</p>	<p>Maintain 4 miles of roads and water bars where slopes are greater than 15% to reduce sediment entering waterways.</p> <p>Remove the exclusionary high fence 150-acre pasture to allow for wildlife access.</p> <p>Create 15 wildlife brush piles annually at least 6 feet high and 15 feet in diameter.</p> <p>Cattle grazing will be conducted in a rest-rotation system which will be conducted on 4 pastures and involve less than 50 pair of cattle per year.</p> <p>Maintain exclusion fencing around Matthews Ranch Lake and riparian.</p> <p>At least 3,000 feet of fence will be repaired and replaced with wildlife friendly fencing.</p> <p>There are more than 5 elk crossings along the south boundary fence will be maintained and repaired as needed.</p> <p>Maintain the 8 previously installed water developments.</p> <p>Plant and maintain 10 acres of forage plots for deer and elk utilization annually.</p> <p>Maintain the two 2-acre exclusion plot for deer fawning areas.</p> <p>Treat at least 10 acres of yellow star thistle annually by using herbicide.</p>

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<p>Smith River PLM Del Norte 25,229 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 bull elk and 6 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 4 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 additional bull tag to accomplish the harvest goal.</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 6 antlerless elk tags for the period of August 15, 2026, through October 31, 2026.</p>	<p>At least 10 acres of previously identified acres will be replanted with pollinator plants.</p> <p>3 wood duck boxes will be installed and annually monitored and maintained.</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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 8 buck deer may be harvested after September 13, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 4 bull elk tags for the period of August 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, the licensee may request (in writing) up to 1 additional bull</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 2 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 0.25 acre of Himalayan blackberries to create clearings for wildlife.</p>

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Spring Valley Ranch Cont.	<p>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>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain and repair existing elk crossings as necessary.</p> <p>Remove at least 1,000 ft. of woven wire cross fencing to reduce wildlife entanglement.</p> <p>Maintain 2 ponds (1large 5-acre pond with 1smaller 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 reduce waterway sedimentation.</p>
Stackhouse Ranch Shasta Deer Zone C3 400 Acres	<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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Conduct at least a 5-acre prescribed burn under the mature oak stands annually.</p> <p>Allow regrowth of important brush species to 3' in the 100 acres of thinned plantations.</p> <p>Maintain open park-like characteristic of 100 acres of thinned timberland.</p> <p>Plant 5 black oak seedlings.</p> <p>Complete 10 acre thinning and fuels management project.</p> <p>Control invasive Himalayan blackberries on 15 acres at the pond and restored meadows through spraying with appropriate herbicide.</p> <p>Control invasive Himalayan blackberries on 20 acres at the spring riparian area through spraying with appropriate herbicide.</p>

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<p>Stewart Ranch Deer Zone B1</p> <p>Trinity 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, 2026, through November 30, 2026. 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>Issue 3 antlerless deer tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 18 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, 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>Maintain all wildlife food plots. Replant and fertilizer 3 irrigated food plots (10 acres total) with clover, chicory, and brassica to provide forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Replant and fertilize 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 inspecting and repairing any damaged parts.</p> <p>Remove all encroaching conifers 6" DBH or less from at least 20 acres of oak woodlands.</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>Maintain previously installed Western Blue Bird boxes.</p>

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<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, 2026, through November 15, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period September 2, 2026, through November 15, 2026.</p> <p>One of the antlerless elk tags will be made available for DFW to distribute to an Apprentice Hunter through the SHARE Program.</p>	<p>Treat at least 33 acres of oak woodland/ prairie margin. Removing all conifer trees less than or equal to 12 inches diameter at breast height.</p> <p>Treat at least 50 acres of Grassland core treatment. Removing all conifer trees less than or equal to 18 inches diameter at breast height.</p>
<p>Summer Camp Ranch Deer Zone B1 Mendocino 38,502 Acres</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 11, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 40 buck deer may be taken after October 25, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of July 11, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 15, 2026, 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>Maintain 3 irrigated wildlife forage areas, totaling 12.5 acres.</p> <p>Improve 1 spring at Garcia Creek unit for wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain 18 developed springs by checking and repairing any damage.</p> <p>Maintain and repair at least 7 miles of fencing adjacent to the Eel River to exclude livestock from access to the river.</p> <p>Exclude livestock grazing from July through October.</p> <p>Maintain Western Pond Turtle basking habitat at Brushy Lake by placing at least two logs at least 12 inches in diameter and a minimum of 15 feet long.</p> <p>Remove planted conifers in 8 acres of grassland areas to improve forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Maintain a minimum of 10 miles of road to prevent sedimentation into the Eel River system. Road maintenance will generally</p>

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Summer Camp Ranch Cont.	The number of deer or elk tag holders actively hunting shall not exceed the number of deer or elk available to harvest.	<p>include grading roads, pulling inside ditches where they exist, shaping the road surface to promote proper drainage, and inspection/repair of drainage facilities such as cross drains and culverts.</p> <p>Burn at least 100 acres of brush and grasslands in coordination with CalFire VMP to rejuvenate vegetation and control conifers invading oak woodlands.</p> <p>Burns throughout the 5-year period with the CalFire VPM are dependent upon conditions, if burning cannot be conducted during the 5-year project, 40 acres of planted ponderosa pine in grassland areas will be treated for conifer removal as an alternative.</p>
Travis Ranch Deer Zone B1  Trinity 11,907 Acres	<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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Buck deer must be forked-horn or better.</p> <p>No antlerless deer shall be harvested before September 15, 2026.</p> <p>No more than 8 buck deer may be harvested after October 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Remove all dead plant material less than or equal to 10" 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>

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<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, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of August 15, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</p> <p>On or before October 1, 2026, 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 Program. The successful SHARE applicant will reimburse the PLM for the tag fee, but the PLM will otherwise provide the hunt free of charge.</p>	<p>Within the treatment area at least 20 conifers greater than 12" DBH will be girdled.</p>

**BAY DELTA REGION**

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<p>Coon Creek Ranch Deer Zone A Santa Clara 1,650 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 8 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 8 buck deer tags for the periods of July 11, 2026 through November 30, 2026</p>	<p>Plant approximately 15 acres of forage (grasses, forbs).</p> <p>Remove approximately 20 acres of brush and burn.</p> <p>Develop and Maintain 1 spring and pond.</p> <p>Limit cattle grazing to 100 Animal Unit Month (AUM) on ranch.</p>

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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, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 1 buck deer tag for the period of July 2, 2026, through November 30, 2026.</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).</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 11,300 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 bull elk and 3 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 4 bull elk tags for the period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 3 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 15, 2026.</p>	<p>Repair, maintain, and upgrade wildlife projects which were built in 2021.</p> <p>Install new water infrastructure/equipment at Pump House Well.</p> <p>Install 2 standalone rain collection systems with 5,000-gallon tanks, wildlife troughs etc.</p> <p>Install ramps on 4 water troughs and fence them off.</p>
<p>Bardin Ranch Deer Zone A Monterey 8,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 2 bull elk tags and 4 antlerless elk tags</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tag for the period of October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 4 antlerless elk tags for the period of October 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain all water supplies, springs, water troughs, and dams, remove brush in springs.</p> <p>Establish new water features as necessary.</p> <p>Plant forage crops in Gabilan Canyon.</p>

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Bardin Ranch Cont.		<p>Mechanically remove and stack brush to create wildlife cover habitat.</p> <p>Continue rotational cattle grazing.</p> <p>Construct elk crossings as needed.</p> <p>Investigate the possibilities of improving habitat for our native pollinator's populations.</p> <p>Provide either 2 bat roosts, owl boxes, or raptor perches annually.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW disease surveillance in deer and elk by providing samples to improve statewide CWD surveillance.</p> <p>Support CDFW staff access for wildlife research and management efforts (game counts, biological surveys, capture/collar efforts, etc.).</p>
Carnaza Ranch  San Luis Obispo  8,475 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk and 3 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>3 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p>	<p>Plant 100 acres of barley for wildlife.</p> <p>Plant dove and quail forage strips.</p> <p>Plant 10 trees.</p> <p>Keep water troughs full year-round.</p>
Carrizo Ranch  San Luis Obispo  27,056 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk, 2 antlerless elk, 5 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 1, 2026.</p> <p>3 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 1, 2026.</p>	<p>Increase water available to wildlife.</p> <p>Managed and appropriately timed grazing to improve habitat.</p> <p>Maintain Big Spring for Tricolored blackbirds.</p>

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Carrizo Ranch Cont.	Issue 5 buck deer tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.	
Chimney Rock Ranch  San Luis Obispo  6,500 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk, 10 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 16 buck deer tags to take no more than 10 forked horn or better buck deer for the period beginning July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</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.</p> <p>Will burn old, collapsed piles, weather/burn days permitting.</p> <p>Defer cattle from Lake Pasture from early spring through mid-fall.</p> <p>Continue to monitor/repair and/or improve all water sources.</p> <p>Spray yellow star thistle, medusa head, , etc. in Lake Pasture and on San Marcos Dam.</p> <p>Install wildlife trough at hole in the Wall Spring.</p>
Clark & White Ranch  San Luis Obispo  5,660 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk and 2 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 15, 2026.</p> <p>2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 15, 2026.</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</p> <p>3,156 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, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain existing brush piles for small animal cover by adding new brush to tops/edges of existing brush piles.</p> <p>Create 3 new brush piles for small animal cover.</p> <p>Maintain goose platforms at Ponds 2 and 3.</p> <p>Maintain oak trees for mast production.</p> <p>Leave down woody debris for wildlife use.</p> <p>Maintain operation status of wildlife water projects installed under previous PLM Management Plan.</p> <p>Place 3 salt/supplement blocks for wildlife use, replacing them annually.</p>
<p>Elk Run Ranch LLC.</p> <p>San Luis Obispo</p> <p>614 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 forked horn or better buck deer and 6 turkey</p> <p>Issue 4 buck deer for the period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 4 Turkey tags for the seasons of November 14, 2026 through December 13, 2026 and March 27, 2027 through May 2, 2027.</p>	<p>Construction and placement of waterfowl boxes to promote migratory bird and resident waterfowl populations.</p> <p>Establish initial rock piles to promote healthy arachnid and snake populations.</p> <p>Add at least 1 dozen oak seedling protections to promote oak populations.</p> <p>Continue effort to clear and maintain field and oak chaparral areas to promote blacktail deer and turkey populations.</p> <p>Perform annual maintenance on fire roads, levees and water troughs to maintain passage and water sources for livestock and wildlife populations, including transitory tule elk.</p>

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<p>Gabilan-Silacci Ranch</p> <p>Monterey</p> <p>10,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk and 1 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Gabilan Ranch is not requesting their antlerless elk tag for the 2026 season.</p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed.</p> <p>Burn 200 acres of decadent brush to improve forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Remove cattle in May to provide feed and reduce competition for wildlife.</p> <p>Treat 0.50 acres of purple star thistle to enhance and maintain habitats for wildlife.</p> <p>VMP burns, follow Smoke Management Plan with CDFW and Monterey Air Quality Control Board to improve burn scheduling flexibility.</p> <p>Continue an erosion control program to reduce sedimentation in the area creeks.</p> <p>Construct 10 brush piles.</p> <p>Maintain wood duck boxes.</p> <p>Grow out gathering field between March and May.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW CWD surveillance by providing samples from harvested elk.</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, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, to December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 2 buck deer tags for the period of July 2, 2026, to November 30, 2026.</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>Hearst Ranch San Luis Obispo 5,381 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 3 bull elk and 4 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 3 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p><i>Hearst Ranch is not requesting their full allocation of tags (bull elk).</i></p>	<p>Improve stock pond for Red-Legged frogs.</p> <p>Irrigate appx. 152 acres in the Arroyo de la Cruz drainage and, if necessary, seed with native grass to produce year-round forage for wildlife.</p> <p>Continue rotational light grazing practices.</p> <p>Burn, crush, and/or masticate at least 3-5 acres of chapparal in the PLM area.</p> <p>Will also construct 5-10 brush or slash piles for use by wildlife.</p> <p>Exclude livestock with appx. 2.5 miles of fencing from the 105-acre Arroyo De La Cruz riparian corridor during stream flow.</p> <p>Treat 1 acre for Spanish broom using hand pulling and digging. Application of 3% glyphosate or mechanical cutting as needed.</p> <p>Treat 1 acre for jubata grass with hand pulling and application of 2% glyphosate as needed.</p>

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Hearst Ranch Cont.		<p>Control flower plumes by bagging and removing or burning.</p> <p>Install 4 raptor perches.</p> <p>Monitor/repair/replace escape ramps in wildlife troughs.</p> <p>Install 2 permanent wildlife water systems.</p>
Lewis Ranch San Benito 512 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk, and 1 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of July 15, 2026, to December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2026, to December 31, 2026.</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> <p>Disc/plant/fertilize 8 fields with barley.</p> <p>No grazing of livestock on 512 acres.</p>
Morisoli Ranch Monterey and San Benito 14,700 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 bull elk tags and 4 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 4 bull elk tags for the period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 4 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, to December 31, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed – develop 1 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 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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Parrish Pozo Ranch  Deer Zone A  San Luis Obispo  1,510 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk, 1 antlerless elk, 3 forked horn or better buck deer, 3 turkey, 200 quail</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tag for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 1 antlerless elk tag for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 3 buck deer tags for the period of July 11, 2026 through November 20, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 3 either sex turkey tags for the period of November 1, 2026 through December 8, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 200 quail seals for the period of October 15, 2026 through February 28, 2027.</p> <p>Elk tags will be issued when existing PLMs do not request their full authorized harvest and tags are available.</p>	<p>Continued improvement of water resources for wild game present on the ranch in areas where the natural water resources are seasonal – to include installation of solar pumping infrastructure, storage tank(s) and underground PVC piping.</p> <p>Installation of turtle basking structure in ponds that are currently full because of the abundance of rainfall in the fall of 2025 and early January.</p> <p>Removal of interior fencing approximately 1-2 miles.</p> <p>Installation of Wildlife friendly fencing on River Road.</p> <p>Installation of additional elk crossings on River Road.</p> <p>Planting fall food plots – cereal grains and cover crops (fall 2026).</p>
Pine Mountain Ranch  Deer Zone A  San Benito  1,583 Acres	<p>Authorized Harvest: 4 forked horn or better buck deer</p> <p>Issue 4 forked horn or better buck deer tags for the period of July 2, 2026, through November 20, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed – develop 1 new water source for wildlife.</p> <p>Continue to mechanically clear or brush crush decadent to stimulate new forage growth for use by wildlife.</p>

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Pine Mountain Ranch Cont.		<p>Plant a minimum of additional dryland forage mix to provide wildlife forage.</p> <p>Repair and maintain fencing as needed – continue to remove interior fencing to encourage wildlife to traverse the property.</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: 2 bull elk tags; 6 buck deer</p> <p>Issue 2 bull elk tags for the period of September 6, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer (forked horn or better) tags for the period of August 9, 2026 through November 2026.</p>	<p>Plant 20 acres of forage.</p> <p>Clear chapparal and use it to build quail habitat.</p> <p>Maintain all elk crossings.</p> <p>Maintain springs and water sources.</p>
<p>San Bartolome Ranch</p> <p>Monterey</p> <p>3,500 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk and 2 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, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 2 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, to December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 3 forked horned bucks or better, and 3 either-sex deer tags for the period of July 2, 2026 to November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Install elk crossings.</p> <p>Planted 50 acres exclusively for wildlife forage.</p> <p>Construct two 10' x 10' brush piles.</p> <p>Attend CDFW PLM/CWD Meeting.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW disease surveillance in deer and elk by providing samples to improve statewide disease surveillance.</p>

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<p>Stevinson Ranch Merced County  4,737 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 12 forked horn or better buck deer and 8 antlerless deer</p> <p>Issue 12 buck tags for the period of July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 8 antlerless deer tags for the period of July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</p>	<p>Maintain 20 Valley oaks.</p> <p>Mow 40 acres of invasive plants.</p> <p>Disc and plant 40 acres of quality forage for deer, quail etc.</p> <p>Cut 5 travel corridors &gt;30yds.</p> <p>Install exclusion fencing around 5 Valley oak saplings.</p> <p>Install 5 wood duck boxes.</p> <p>Install 3 kestrel boxes.</p> <p>Install 3 raptor perches.</p> <p>Install 3 wildlife fence crossings.</p>
<p>Tejon Ranch Deer Zone D-10 Kern and Los Angeles  270,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 40 forked horn or better buck deer, 5 antlerless deer, 12 bull elk, 3 antlerless elk, and 20 bearded turkeys</p> <p>Issue 40 buck deer tags for the period of September 26, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 5 antlerless deer tags for the period of September 26, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Issue 12 bull elk tags and 3 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>No person shall take more than 1 buck deer, 1 bull elk, and 1 antlerless elk.</p>	<p>Treat roadside invasive weeds in Comanche, Alamo, Haul Road, and Antelope Valley.</p> <p>Treat invasive weeds at pond sites.</p> <p>Maintain 200+ wildlife water systems and wildlife escape ramps.</p> <p>Repair and maintain guzzler system, including water truck servicing.</p> <p>Add new water trough with wildlife escape ramp to Juan Yaqui system.</p> <p>Complete 200 Residual Dry Matter (RDM) surveys to inform cattle grazing and compatibility with wildlife management.</p> <p>Maintain netting covering open water tanks and large spring containments to prevent accidental wildlife drowning, particularly of California condors.</p>

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	Issue 20 bearded turkey tags for the period of March 19, 2027 through May 26, 2027.	<p>Maintain fencing to exclude cattle from riparian zones and guzzlers; maintain smooth wire pasture fences modified for pronghorn movement.</p> <p>Monitor riparian zones using Best Management Practices for wildlife management and cattle grazing.</p>
<p>Temblor Ranch Kern and San Luis Obispo 30,000 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 9 bull elk and 10 antlerless elk</p> <p>Issue 9 bull elk tags for the period of July 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>10 antlerless elk tags for the period of September 15, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p>	<p>Plant 100 acres of barley.</p> <p>Plant sections of antelope bitterbrush.</p> <p>Install 1 water trough.</p>
<p>Trinchero Ranch Deer Zone A San Benito 4,754 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, 2026, through December 31, 2026.</p> <p><i>Trinchero Ranch is not requesting their full allocation of tags (cow tag).</i></p> <p><i>Trinchero Ranch has not filled bull tags in recent years as the elk herd is on adjacent properties. Tags will be allocated elsewhere in Coastal Reg 4 until elk return.</i></p>	<p>Maintain perennial water for wildlife and water retention devices and pipes as needed.</p> <p>Rebuild wildlife escape ramps at Black Mountain Spring, upper spring and Bathtub Spring water troughs.</p> <p>Construct 4-6 brush piles for wildlife use.</p> <p>Clear 5 acres of chaparral (mow or brush crush).</p> <p>Limit cattle grazing on approximately 4,000 acres in Black Mountain and Red Mountain pastures from December through May.</p> <p>Contribute to CDFW CWD surveillance by providing samples from harvested elk.</p>

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<p>Van Boxtel Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Kings, Fresno and Monterey</p> <p>8,925 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 12 either-sex deer</p> <p>Issue 12 either-sex deer tags for the period of July 11, 2026 through November 30, 2026.</p>	<p>Inspect and plant forage plots if seed bank did not recruit from previous season. Target approximately 40 acres of forage habitat each year.</p> <p>Maintain operational status of springs, wells, troughs, and ponds.</p> <p>Manage invasive plant species across the ranch, including preventing yellow star thistle infestations, preventing Juniper monoculture establishment and controlling new populations of invasive plants as they are observed.</p> <p>Identify and rest pastures from grazing for the purpose of wildlife habitat enhancement and increased resource availability for wildlife.</p> <p>Add 2 owl boxes across the ranch.</p> <p>Initiate a relationship with CalFire to prepare for potential control burn projects in future PLM applications.</p>
<p>Work Ranch</p> <p>Deer Zone A</p> <p>Monterey</p> <p>12,242 Acres</p>	<p>Authorized Harvest: 1 bull elk, 2 antlerless elk; 6 fork horn buck and 2 either-sex deer</p> <p>Issue 1 bull elk tags for the period of July 2, 2026, through December 31, 2026</p> <p>Issue 6 buck deer tags and 2 either-sex deer tags to take no more than 6 forked horn or better buck and 2 antlerless deer for the period of July 2, 2026, to November 30, 2026.</p> <p>The Work Ranch is not requesting their antlerless elk tags for the 2026 season.</p>	<p>Maintain and improve existing water points.</p> <p>Treat noxious weeds annually to enhance and maintain habitats for wildlife.</p> <p>Planted 200 acres of barley for wildlife.</p> <p>Constructed brush piles at wood cutting sites.</p> <p>Repair stock ponds.</p> <p>Bulldozed new fire lines.</p> <p>Attendee CDFW PLM/CWD meeting.</p>