

For one time only – the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oakdale Livestock Forum is sponsoring the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition's Summit.

On January 21, 2014, please join us for a special Oakdale Livestock Forum. The location is the same: the Gene Bianchi Community Center in Oakdale and San Joaquin-Stanislaus CattleWomen will be catering. The focus will be solely on rangelands instead of a balance of animal health and rangeland issues, as has been the tradition. This year we will be hosting the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition's Annual Summit. The Summit brings together people from various backgrounds who all believe that our rangelands provide many benefits, including producing food, habitat, and clean water quality. This year's Summit will be focusing on an issue many in our area have seen happening; the increase of orchards into the rangelands. Topics will range from economics of both the livestock and nut industries, to water concerns, to solutions ranchers and conservation groups have found in other states. Then, on January 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a tour hosted by three local ranchers. Act quickly if you would like to attend – the tour is limited to the first 60 people.

For those that have been faithfully attending the Forum, you will notice some differences in the format of the Summit. First, the Summit is longer overall, but the number of speakers is roughly the same. The reason for the longer length of time is not because speakers talk longer, but there are more breaks built into the day allowing for informal discussions. The Summit attracts people from a wide variety of backgrounds, all of whom want to see rangelands and the ranches associated with them, but many are from agencies or environmental groups. This is one reason we need ranchers in attendance. We need more people present with first-hand experience on working ranches to discuss issues that impact ranching.

Another difference is the social and dinner. To encourage small discussions, we hold a social and dinner after the talks are over and this year since we are in the Cowboy Capitol of the World, the Cowboy Museum has agreed to open that night for people to stroll over and explore the vast ranching history of Oakdale and the surrounding area.

The cattle industry has been very supportive of the Summit in the past, and this year some of the sponsors include California Beef Council, California Cattlemen's Association, our local San Joaquin-Stanislaus Cattlemen, as well as many local ranchers.

Ranchers are encouraged to attend so that your perspective and common sense can be used in discussions about possible solutions. We have even created a "Rancher Special" to encourage participation: when you register you get to bring a friend along for free. There is no discount for coming by yourself, so bring your spouse, your kids, or your neighbor with you.

To register, please go to <http://www.carangelands.org> or <http://ucanr.edu/2014Summit>



I look forward to seeing many of you in January.

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# 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUMMIT

California Rangeland Conservation Coalition



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## *“Keeping Rangelands and Ranches Viable for Wildlife, Wetlands and Water”*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

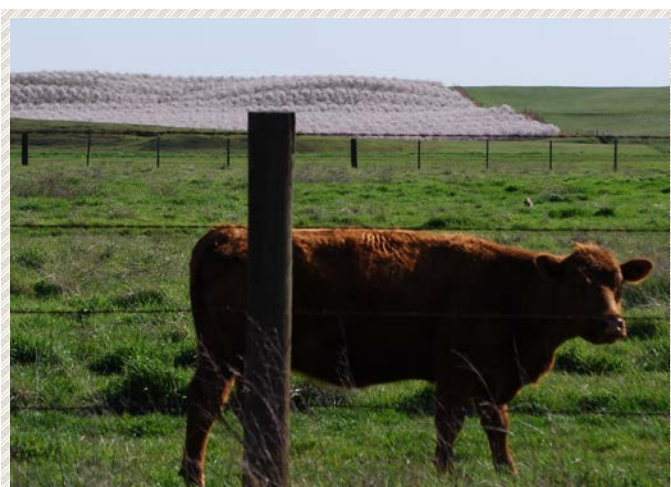
**8:30AM – 4:45PM**

Dinner/reception and Cowboy Museum 5:00pm – 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22** (Rangeland Tour)

**9:00AM – 1:00PM**

**Oakdale Community Center, 110 South Second Ave., Oakdale, CA**



With rangelands returning as little as \$1/acre per year, ranchers and grazing are being replaced not only by ranchettes and shopping malls but by tree crops, vineyards and other types of agriculture. This conversion is particularly evident in California’s San Joaquin Valley, the location of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rangeland Summit. At risk is the future of California’s ranching industry and the diverse wildlife, unique wetlands, and healthy watersheds they support.

Ranchers, researchers, land managers, conservationists and agency representatives will convene at the state’s largest rangeland stewardship forum to learn from one another and consider how to keep California’s rangeland and ranches working for livestock production and conservation.

*Join us in Oakdale for this important dialogue.*



## **PRESENTATIONS WILL INCLUDE:**

### **“Opportunities and Challenges for California’s Ranchers from Local Rangelands to Global Markets”**

Dr. Dave Daley, Chico State University

### **“Rangeland Conversion in California: Scope and Type of Land Use Change”**

John Lowrie, California Department of Conservation

### **“Where and Why will Tree Crops Replace Rangelands?”**

Roger Duncan, UC Farm Advisor

### **“Never an “Average” Year for Rangelands and Cattle Markets: Resilience Through Environmental and Economic Uncertainty”**

Larry Forero, UC Farm Advisor

### **“Habitat Values at Risk”**

Dr. Jaymee Marty, Vollmar Consulting

### **“Water at Risk”**

Alan and Lorraine Flint, US Geological Survey

### **“Colorado Habitat Exchange Program: New Incentives for Ranching and Rancher Stewardship”**

T. Wright Dickinson, Colorado Cattlemen’s Association

### **“Grass – the Conservation Currency”**

Brian Martin, The Nature Conservancy and Leo Barthelmess, Montana Rancher/Matador Ranch Grass Bank

### **“How the Mountain Plover Changed my Life on the Ranch”, Russell Davis, Colorado Rancher/Leopold Award**

“Policy Opportunities for Rangeland Conservation”, Mark Kramer, The Nature Conservancy

## **OTHER FEATURES**

Poster Session ☆Photography Contest ☆Oakdale Cowboy Museum ☆2 Ranch Visits

Ranch-style food presented by San Joaquin-Stanislaus CattleWomen, and  
the California Beef Council & California Wool Growers



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### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 8:30AM – 4:45PM**

SUMMIT REGISTRATION GENERAL	\$50.00
RANCHERS DISCOUNT (BRING A FRIEND, 2 FOR 1)	\$50.00
STUDENTS	\$30.00

Includes morning refreshments and lunch  
Dinner/reception following 5:00pm – 7:00pm

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 9:00AM – 1:00PM**

RANGELAND TOUR REGISTRATION GENERAL	\$30.00
RANCHERS DISCOUNT (BRING A FRIEND, 2 FOR 1)	\$30.00
STUDENTS	\$18.00

Includes box lunch and refreshments

***Registration Opens December 1, 2013***

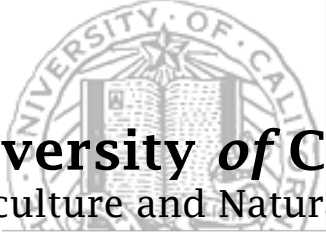
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