

An Ecologist's View: Welfare Ranching and Wildfires in California



First Unitarian Universalists of San Francisco Humanists & Non-Theists present Ecologist George Wuerthner

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George Wuerthner is an ecologist, photographer, teacher and author who has published 38 books on environmental, conservation and natural history. He has also worked as a biologist/botanist for the Bureau of Land Management, as a ranger, and university instructor. He has exposed the destruction of parts of the American West by cattle grazing, which pollutes the streams and destroys wildlife diversity. The recent decision by the National Park Service to continue and even expand beef and dairy cattle grazing at Point Reyes National Seashore will include other farm animals like pigs and chickens. This popular area just north of San Francisco is on the unceded lands of the Coast Miwok. The decision will be detrimental to the already threatened native Tule Elk herd and a variety of other species which exist on this spectacular landscape just north of San Francisco.

Mr. Wuerthner traveled extensively to view the aftermath of recent wildfires including the Dixie and Bootleg Fires, the two largest blazes this past summer, to understand how they burned. He has published two books on this subject: *Yellowstone* and *The Fires of Change*, and *Wildfire: A Century of Failed Forest Policy*.

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