



# The annual Summit

January 19-20, 2012 ♦ UC Davis Freeborn Hall

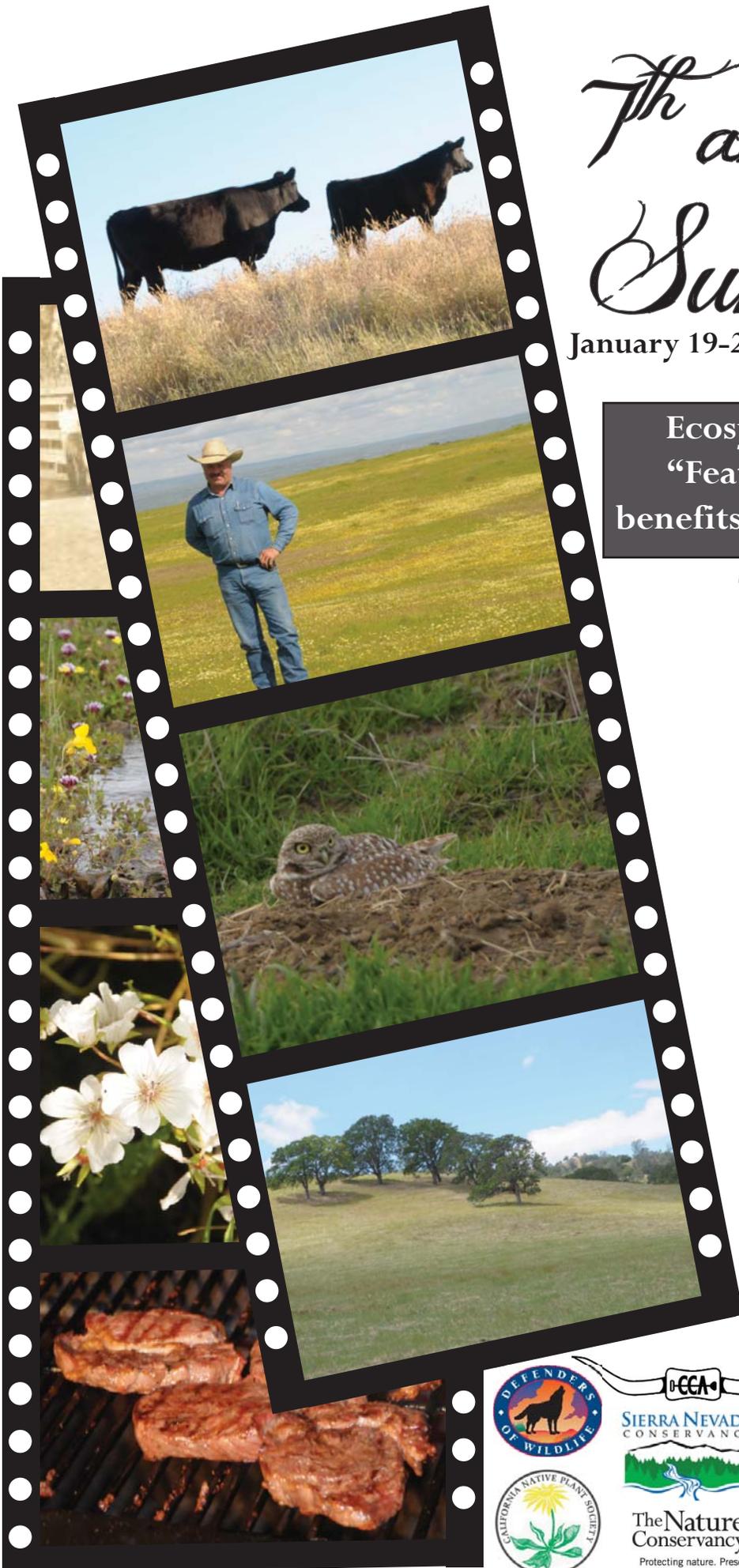
**Ecosystem Services in Practice:  
“Featuring the multiple public  
benefits we receive from rangelands”**

The California Rangeland Conservation Coalition is excited to bring together ranchers, researchers, land managers, agency representatives and conservationists for a 2-day event this year.

The first day will be devoted to science, featuring recent rangeland research from throughout California.

Day two will follow the traditional Summit format with research presentations, ranchers sharing their conservation stories and overviews of successful collaborative conservation initiatives, along with built-in networking opportunities.

For more information visit [www.CARangeland.org](http://www.CARangeland.org) or contact Tracy Schohr at (916) 716-2643 or [tracy@CaRangeland.org](mailto:tracy@CaRangeland.org)



# Featured Speakers

## Rancher Perception 101: Survey Analysis *Lynn Huntsinger, UC Berkeley*

Recent focus on the socioeconomic aspects of ranching has produced a wealth of information on how ranchers manage their lands for multiple ecosystem services as well as their perspectives on conservation, land-use policies and the values and benefits of ranching. Each survey tells its own story, but the cumulative perception of ranchers and what they do as land managers has never been analyzed. Hear from Dr. Huntsinger what we can learn from the information ranchers have shared with us.

## Cooperative Conservation in Action - A Kansas Perspective *Bill Sproul, Kansas Rancher*

Bill and his wife Peggy own and operate a Flint Hills ranch near Sedan, Kansas. Bill has held leadership positions with the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) and is a charter board member of the Ranchland Trust of Kansas...an agricultural land trust that is affiliated with KLA. Hear first hand Bill's passion for protecting the working grassland landscapes, especially the tallgrass prairie in eastern Kansas, commonly referred to as the Kansas Flint Hills. Find out about his donation of an easement that coincides with the new U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Flint Hills Legacy Conservation Area (FHLCA).

## Rangeland Science Symposium Highlights

### Bridging the Gap between the Research Plot and the Ranch

*Ken Tate, Rustici Chair, UC Davis*

### Managing Weeds to Conserve Diversity and Productivity

*Joe DiTomaso, Specialist, UC Davis*

### Managing Livestock to Deliver Safe Water to Society

*Rob Atwill, Professor and Specialist, UC Davis*

### Tradeoffs in Managing for Multiple Services

*Leslie Roche, Postdoctoral Researcher, UC Davis*

### Integrating Science, Management and Policy to Conserve Rangelands

*Rick Standiford, Specialist, UC Berkeley*

## The Relationship of Ranching on Private Lands and on Public Lands - Mission Peak Grazing Program *Jim Coelho, Coelho Ranches*

Jim leases public lands in the East Bay, including one of East Bay Regional Park District's parks, where thousands of hikers walk daily through the herd. He will provide an overview of his cattle business and conservation efforts on the urban edge and with the park and its users. He'll comment about the relationship of leased public lands with private lands, and about his partnership with Harris Ranch to raise beef – also an ecosystem service.

## Working With the Land to Produce Beef *Todd Swickard, Five Dot Ranch*

Get an in-depth view of a family ranching operation that grazes in multiple California counties in cooperation with a variety of public agencies and private landowners. Learn how Five Dot Ranch manages and monitors cattle grazing on lands that are home to species of special concern, important watersheds and recreationalists. Hear about the marketing strategies and where Five Dot Ranch beef can be found including: their own butcher shop in the Oxbow Market in Napa, restaurants and speciality markets in Sacramento, Napa and Bay Area.

## Perspective from the Next Generation *Holly Foster, Robert Foster Ranch*

From a fourth generation rancher, hear the realities of a multi-generational ranch, the perspective for the future and goals for her ranching operation to ensure that the next generation can continue. This presentation will showcase how the business goals of a ranch merge with environmental goals for mitigation and conservation.



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