

Board of Forestry Grazing Policy

0330 General Board Policies

RANGE IMPROVEMENT 0335

The Board has adopted the following policy:

The wildlands of California are important as a source of water, timber, minerals, wildlife, recreation, and forage. A portion of these wildlands consists of brush-covered lands, some of which may be adaptable to conversion from a brush range type cover to a more suitable forage cover. This conversion of brush lands may be accomplished by a number of methods, including mechanical tools, herbicides, prescribed herbivory, and fire, singly or in suitable combination, each being used in its appropriate place in the process.

0350 Forest Management Policies

State Forests 0351

SPECIAL USES OF STATE FORESTS 0351.6

Special uses of State forests will be permitted only when there is a clear benefit to the State and when such uses do not conflict with primary (uses) programs of timber management, demonstration, research, and recreation. Such concessions must be consistent with this policy and receive written permission of the Forest Manger. The Forest Manger may require mitigations to any concession to ameliorate potential impacts on the forest.

A. Use of State forests for mining and commercial concessions is discouraged without a clear management benefit. Concessions on State Forestlands means:

- The privilege of maintaining a subsidiary business within the forest, or
- The space allotted for such a business, or
- The business itself.

Examples of concessions that are discouraged:

- Those that require kiosks or other structures.
- Those that are commercial in nature, i.e. the operation is tied primarily to commercial revenue generation (e.g., vendors that sell souvenirs or food) instead of a symbiotic relationship with one of the mandated uses of the State Forests in which the main objective is not to make a profit but rather foster activities that are compatible with the mandated uses of the State Forests (youth recreation camps, recreation events).
- Mining
- Those that have no clear connection to the role of the forest in timber management, demonstration, research, and recreation.

B. Use of State forests for grazing or browsing by appropriate livestock species shall be allowed pursuant to PRC 4656. Grazing shall be allowed on state forestlands with an approved permit in the following instances:

- Grazing has been traditionally recognized on the property;

- There is an existing grazing agreement on the property;
- Grazing is in conjunction with a research project;
- Grazing provides a management benefit to the property (e.g. prescribed herbivory to manage fuels).

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STRAY ANIMAL TRESPASS 5024.2 (May 1988)

Livestock should not be permitted to range over state forestland except under some approved grazing permit. PRC §4656 provides that the use of state forestlands for grazing purposes will be permitted only under rules and regulations established by the board.

FUEL MANAGEMENT 5022 (May 1988)

The state forests present a prime opportunity for CDF to plan, implement, and demonstrate the effectiveness of a fuel management program. Fuel management is an integral and important part of fire protection and should be pursued as actively as fire prevention and fire suppression in the state forests. There is a need to manage and control accumulations of dead and living vegetation in the forests to decrease the probability of destructive, high-intensity wildfires and to plan, construct, and maintain strategically located fuelbreaks. Prescribed burning, as well as pile and burn, mechanical methods, and prescribed grazing should be considered as a tool for accomplishing fuel management.

MINING, WATER, ETC. 5052 (May 1988)

No person or party will be allowed to make use of state forestlands or products except as permitted by law. All persons making requests to use property or products in some manner not clearly prescribed will be courteously received and requested to address their request in writing to the forest manager or the region chief. Department officials will attach all available information pertinent to the request and transmit it with their recommendations to the Director. Requests for special uses of state forests must be reviewed for compatibility with other uses and purposes for which the forest was acquired. Any urgency in requests regarding mining should be discouraged inasmuch as such uses have to be governed by rules and regulations established by the Board.

LIVESTOCK GRAZING 5053

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