

## Cattle Grazing Reduces Fire Risk and Severity

Recently, I worked with several other authors to help write an article about the benefits of livestock grazing in reducing wildfire risks.

Devii Rao (UCCE) and Felix Ratcliff (LD Ford, Consultants in Rangeland Conservation Science) took the lead on this project. Other authors included Sheila Barry, Luke Macaulay, Royce Larsen, Matthew Shapero, Shane Dewees, Max Moritz, Rowan Peterson, and Larry Forero.

Please see the popular press articles below by going to these links:

Devii Rao Blog: <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=43533>

BenitoLink: <https://benitolink.com/the-benefits-of-cattle-grazing-for-reducing-fire-fuels-and-hazard/>

Western Livestock Journal: [https://www.wlj.net/top\\_headlines/benefits-of-cattle-grazing-for-reducing-fire-fuels-and-fire-hazard/article\\_f5067342-ee0f-11ea-9bc1-3b86a02abdd0.html](https://www.wlj.net/top_headlines/benefits-of-cattle-grazing-for-reducing-fire-fuels-and-fire-hazard/article_f5067342-ee0f-11ea-9bc1-3b86a02abdd0.html)

California Cattlemen magazine: will be published in their October edition.

Articles that others wrote about our project:

Ag Alert: <https://www.agalert.com/story/?id=14118>

Capital Press (in Oregon): [https://www.capitalpress.com/ag\\_sectors/livestock/new-study-cattle-grazing-significantly-reduces-wildfire-spread/article\\_4e57a21c-f2b2-11ea-bfcc-7fbfbde3935e.html](https://www.capitalpress.com/ag_sectors/livestock/new-study-cattle-grazing-significantly-reduces-wildfire-spread/article_4e57a21c-f2b2-11ea-bfcc-7fbfbde3935e.html)

Thank you

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